

Steps in the 2012 National Achievement® Scholarship Competition

160,000 Entrants. In October 2010, Black Americans who take the PSAT/NMSQT®, complete *Section 14* on the answer sheet, and meet all other participation requirements will enter the 2012 competition for recognition and National Achievement Scholarships. Nearly all participants (entrants) will be juniors planning to enter college in 2012.

High school principals will be asked to notify NMSC in the spring of 2011 of any error in their students' requests to enter the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

PARTICIPANTS WHO QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM RECOGNITION

3,100 Outstanding Participants Referred to Colleges.

In late September 2011, U.S. colleges and universities will be sent a list of National Achievement Program participants who have demonstrated potential for academic success. These Outstanding Participants will be sent certificates through their schools, but they will not continue in the competition for National Achievement Scholarships.

1,600 Semifinalists. In early September 2011, participants who qualify as Semifinalists will be notified. They will receive National Achievement Scholarship Application materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition for awards to be offered in 2012.

1,300 Finalists. In late January 2012, Semifinalists who advance to Finalist standing will be notified. All National Achievement Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists, based on information submitted about their abilities, accomplishments, and goals.

800 Achievement Scholarship® winners. Beginning in February 2012, the National Achievement Program will notify winners of:

- National Achievement® \$2500 Scholarships and
- Corporate-sponsored scholarships

In early April, the names of Achievement Scholar® designees will be released to news media for public announcement.