

2022 Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship Program

For high school junior (11th grade/third year) students who will be completing or leaving high school and entering college in the fall of 2022

The Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship Program

This scholarship program was established in honor of Madelyn P. Jennings, who served as Gannett's senior human resources executive for 15 years, for sons and daughters of Gannett Co., Inc. employees. The awards are in recognition of her strong interest in education and her dedication to the Gannett employees she served.

The annual competition is conducted through the National Merit Scholarship Program by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), an independent, not-for-profit organization. NMSC's purposes are (1) to identify and honor exceptionally able high school students and (2) to provide a system of services for corporations, foundations, and other organizations that wish to sponsor college undergraduate scholarships for outstanding students who interest them. All aspects of the selection of winners and the administration of their awards are handled by NMSC.

Who is eligible?

Only high school students who are sons and daughters of regular, full-time employees of Gannett Co., Inc. or its subsidiaries on the date the offer of an award is mailed can compete for these scholarships. Such students also must meet all requirements for participation in the National Merit Scholarship Program that are published in the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* which is updated annually and distributed to students through their high schools.

To participate in the program, students must take the qualifying test, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) during the proper high school year. In general, students who spend the usual four years in grades 9 through 12 must take the PSAT/NMSQT when they are in their third year (grade 11/junior year). The *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* explains these and other requirements for the competition, gives detailed information about the test (including sample questions and a complete practice test), and describes the scholarship programs NMSC administers.

* Students who plan to leave high school a year (or more) early to enroll in college full time should refer to the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* (or contact NMSC) about when to take the qualifying test.

How does a student enter the 2022 Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship Program?

To enter the competition for Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2022:

1. A 2022 Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship Program Entry Form must be completed and submitted by **March 31, 2021**. The Entry Form for the 2022 competition is provided in Entry Step 3 (Complete Entry Form).
2. The student must take the October 2020 or January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT on the date the student's school chooses for the administration. At the beginning of the 2020 - 2021 school year, the student should obtain a copy of the *2020 PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* from the high school counselor and make arrangements with the school to take the 2020 PSAT/NMSQT.

If more than one parent is an employee of Gannett Co., Inc., each parent should submit an Entry Form for the same child.

Important information about the October 2020 and January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT

- The **PSAT/NMSQT (administered in October 2020 and January 2021) is the qualifying test for the 2022 competition**. Scores from prior PSAT/NMSQT administrations (2019 or earlier) cannot be used for participation in the 2022 program.
- The PSAT/NMSQT for participation in the 2022 program will be administered as follows:

Primary test date: Wednesday October 14, 2020

Saturday test date: Saturday, October 17, 2020

Other test date: Thursday, October 29, 2020

Additional test date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

- The 2022 Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship Program Entry Form can be submitted prior to the student taking the October 2020 or January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT and/or receiving the student's official score report.
- As a cosponsor of the examination, NMSC receives all October 2020 and January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT scores and information students provide on their answer sheets. Therefore, students do not need to report their PSAT/NMSQT scores to NMSC.
- For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT or the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit NMSC's website at www.nationalmerit.org.

Unable to take the October 2020 or January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT?

If a student does not take the October 2020 or January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT **because of illness, emergency, or other extenuating circumstances** (but meets all other participation requirements), the student may still be able to enter the 2022 competition. To request information about another route of entry, write directly to NMSC as soon as possible after the October 2020 PSAT/NMSQT administration **but no later than April 1, 2021**.

The alternate entry request should include the name and address of the student, the contact information of the person making the request, the name and address of the student's high school, and a brief explanation of why the student missed the October 2020 and January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT. **Do not delay; the earlier you write, the more options your child will have for scheduling test dates.**

Requests for alternate testing instructions may be sent by:

Email:

ae@nmerit.net

Mail:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Your email must be received or your letter postmarked on or before April 1, 2021, for your request to be considered.

How are winners selected?

Selection Index scores from the October 2020 and January 2021 administration of the PSAT/NMSQT will be used by NMSC as an initial screen of entrants in the 2022 competition. **Entrants whose PSAT/NMSQT scores qualify them to advance in the competition will be contacted through their high schools by late November 2021.** At that time, these students will receive more information about completing a detailed scholarship application. **Only those entrants who advance in the competition will be notified and receive materials from NMSC.**

Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of NMSC's professional staff who will evaluate the information candidates and their school supply on scholarship applications. Committee members will consider each student's academic record (course load and difficulty level, depth and breadth of subjects studied, and grades earned), scores on the PSAT/NMSQT, the student's essay, written recommendation and characterization of the candidate. Scholarship winners will be the candidates judged to have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies, based on their abilities, accomplishments, and personal attributes--

without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, religious preference, or family financial circumstances.

NMSC will notify winners in spring 2022. All students who advance in the competition and receive, complete, and submit a scholarship application will be notified of NMSC's decision by mid-May 2022.

What is the amount of the award?

Each Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship stipend is a one-time award of \$3,000 to be sent to the winner's college as a single payment in the fall of 2022. Other scholarship aid or an approved change in college will not affect the amount of the award.

Are there requirements that scholarship winners must meet?

Yes. The formal Gannett Foundation/Madelyn P. Jennings Scholarship offer that NMSC sends to each winner specifies Terms of the Scholarship. A winner must be granted and accept admission to college no later than the fall following the offer of the scholarship. All scholarships must be used at a college or university in the United States that holds accredited status with a regional accrediting commission on higher education. Scholarship stipends are not payable for attendance at service academies or certain institutions that are limited in purposes or training. Also, the winner must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in good academic and disciplinary standing and pursue a course of study leading to a traditional baccalaureate degree.

Who handles scholarship procedures?

All phases of the competition, including the selection of winners and payment of scholarship stipends, are handled for Gannett Foundation, Inc. by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Questions may be addressed to Gannett's People Team. Please visit the MyLife@Work Portal (<https://mylifeatwork.ehr.com>) and select the AskHR Button to submit a question to the People Team
or
National Merit Scholarship Corporation 847.866.5100.

IMPORTANT: Print and retain a copy of the submitted Entry Form Confirmation from Step 5.