

National Merit Semifinalists Qualifying Scores Class of 2020

High school students who take the PSAT in the October of their junior year and score in the 99th percentile may qualify for the National Merit Scholarships.

Not all students in the 99th percentile will be National Merit Semifinalists. Each state has a different cut off score for qualification.

The score is obtained from the total of the three sections of the PSAT: the critical reading, math, and writing scores. The highest potential score is 240 since each section of the PSAT is scored on a scale of 20 to 80 points.

QUALIFYING SCORES BY STATE					
ALABAMA	216	LOUISIANA	215	OKLAHOMA	214
ALASKA	213	MAINE	215	OREGON	220
ARIZONA	219	MARYLAND	222	PENNSYLVANIA	220
ARKANSAS	214	MASSACHUSETTS	223	RHODE ISLAND	218
CALIFORNIA	222	MICHIGAN	219	SOUTH CAROLINA	215
COLORADO	220	MINNESOTA	220	SOUTH DAKOTA	214
CONNECTICUT	221	MISSISSIPPI	214	TENNESSEE	219
DELAWARE	220	MISSOURI	217	TEXAS	221
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	223	MONTANA	214	UTAH	215
FLORIDA	219	NEBRASKA	216	VERMONT	216
GEORGIA	220	NEVADA	218	VIRGINIA	222
HAWAII	219	NEW HAMPSHIRE	218	WASHINGTON	221
IDAHO	215	NEW JERSEY	223	WEST VIRGINA	212
ILLINOIS	221	NEW MEXICO	213	WISCONSIN	216
INDIANA	218	NEW YORK	221	WYOMING	212
IOWA	215	NORTH CAROLINA	219		
KANSAS	218	NORTH DAKOTA	212	INTERNATIONAL	
KENTUCKY	217	ОНЮ	218	NEW ENGLAND BOARDING SCHOOLS	223