



## News release

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#### **Cascade and Everett students named National Merit semifinalists**

*Semifinalists can further compete for finalist recognition and college scholarships*



Ethan Kuntz  
Cascade High School

Two outstanding Everett Public Schools seniors have been named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Cascade High School's Ethan Kuntz and Everett High School's Reed Fowler join about 16,000 other students across the nation who also qualified for this prestigious honor.

Semifinalists represent less than one percent of U. S. high school seniors who achieved the highest scores on the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying Test (PSAT).

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application that includes information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official and write an essay.

Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a United States scholarship competition for recognition and university scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a privately funded, not-for-profit organization based in Evanston, Illinois.



Reed Fowler  
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