

Jackson High students named 2025 National Merit semifinalists

Six seniors vie for finalist status and college scholarships in the prestigious program



From left to right: Principal Sechin Tower, Nidhi Krishna, Sudhir Chebiyyam, Advait Roopesh, Whittaker Perrin, Shreya Karthik, and Dhruv Deshpande.

Mill Creek, WA— Six seniors from Henry M. Jackson High School have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists: Sudhir Chebiyyam, Dhruv Deshpande, Shreya Karthik, Nidhi Krishna, Whittaker Perrin, and Advait Roopesh. They join over 16,000 students nationwide in receiving this esteemed recognition.

“I am incredibly proud of these outstanding students who represent Everett Public Schools,” said Superintendent Dr. Ian B. Saltzman. “They have shown tremendous dedication and hard work. I look forward to all they will accomplish in the future and remain committed to supporting their continued success.”

Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), the initial screening for the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. The semifinalists represent the top scorers in each state, with fewer than one percent of U.S. high school seniors achieving this status.

Approximately 1.3 million juniors from 21,000 high schools took the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship

To become finalists, students must submit a comprehensive scholarship application detailing their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, and leadership skills, along with a recommendation from a school official.

About 15,000 students are expected to advance to the finalist level, with National Merit Scholarship winners announced from this group starting in April. Scholarship opportunities include \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships, corporate-sponsored awards, and college-sponsored scholarships.

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