



Siemens Merit Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

Q. My child took the PSAT exam in her sophomore year. Is she eligible for the Siemens Scholarship?

A. Eligibility requirements for the Siemens Merit Scholarship require that you must take the PSAT exam in your third year of high school (grade 11, junior year)

Q. My child missed the PSAT/NMSQT exam that was administered at their high school. Is my child eligible?

A. You will need to fax a request to National Merit for **alternate testing instructions**. Your letter should state that your child was unable to take the PSAT/NMSQT exam and to please send alternate testing instructions. Please include your home address. They will mail the instructions which will include dates that she can take the alternate exam which will be an SAT exam. Also instructions on how to have her scores reported to National Merit. All requests must be received by the **deadline March 1**. Please fax request to 847-866-5113 attn: Educational Services Department.

Q. I registered my child for the Siemens Merit Scholarship. I am however no longer employed with Siemens. Is my child still eligible for a scholarship?

A. As long as you are an employee as of 12:01 the day National Merit mails the scholarship offer your child is eligible.

Q. When are the winners announced?

A. Siemens Foundation will announce the winners the last week of May.

Q. My child is a Siemens Merit Scholar winner. Is the scholarship contingent upon my employment status with Siemens?

A. No the scholarship is not contingent upon your employment with Siemens.

Q. Are homeschooled children eligible for the scholarship?

A. Yes

Q. If I miss the application deadline can my child participate in the scholarship?

A. If your child's scores qualify them as a national merit finalist they will be eligible for a scholarship. They will not however be eligible for the additional scholarships that we award to students who do not qualify as National Merit Finalist but score very well on the PSAT exam.

Q. My child took the PSAT exam. Is there anything else that I need to do?

A. Visit the Siemens Foundation website to complete a Siemens Merit Scholarship application. Otherwise there is nothing else that needs to be done.

Q. Who will notify me if my child wins a scholarship?

A. National Merit Scholarship Corporation will contact you if your child is a scholarship recipient.

Q. My child took the PSAT exam in their junior year. How long is the process?

A. The scholarship process is 18 months. Scholarships will be awarded in the spring of the student's senior year.