



PSAT10 & PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 are highly relevant to your future success because they focus on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. They'll measure:

- What you learn in high school
- What you need to succeed in college

If you think the key to a high score is memorizing words and facts you'll never use in the real world, think again. You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.

The best way to prepare for the test is to:

- Take challenging courses
- Do your homework
- Prepare for tests and quizzes
- Ask and answer lots of questions

In short, take charge of your education and learn as much as you can.

PSAT 10

- Who: 10th-graders
- Where: At school
- When: Schools choose a date between Feb. 21 and April 14, 2017
- Scholarships: Used by scholarship programs to look for eligible students, but not considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

PSAT/NMSQT

- Who: 11th- and 10th-graders
- Where: At school
- When: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. Other options are Saturday, Oct. 15 and Wednesday, Nov. 2.
- Scholarships: Used by scholarship programs, including the National Merit® Scholarship Program, to look for eligible students.

Bank on Skills

Two simple steps could mean money for college:

1. Take the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10.

2. Say “yes” to Student Search Service® when you fill out your answer sheet on test day.

National Merit Scholarship Program

When you take the PSAT/NMSQT, you’re automatically screened for the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. The PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 are not considered for entry.

For more information, visit NMSC's website or see the *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT* or the *Guide to the National Merit® Scholarship Program*(for educators). The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is a cosponsor of the PSAT/NMSQT

New Scholarships

The College Board’s new scholarship partners provide millions of dollars to qualified low-income and minority students — and they use the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 to help find them.

National Hispanic Recognition Program

The College Board recognizes academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino U.S. juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT. Learn more about the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Other Programs

These programs use PSAT/NMSQT scores to find eligible juniors.

National Scholarship Service

The National Scholarship Service offers a free college advisory and referral service for 11th-grade African American students.

Telluride Seminar Scholarships

The Telluride Association offers scholarships to gifted 11th-grade students for their six-week summer program in the humanities and social sciences.

New Scholarship Partners

- [American Indian Graduate Center](#)
- [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation](#)
- [United Negro College Fund \(UNCF\)](#)