

Helping Top Students Stand Out to Colleges

Deadline: **May 21**



College Board National Recognition Program Awards Now Open

The National Recognition Program awards academic honors to high-performing students, helping them stand out on their college and scholarship applications. Students of all backgrounds across the country will be eligible to claim one or more awards: School Recognition Award, First-Generation Recognition Award, and Rural and Small Town Recognition Award.

Students are selected for this opportunity based on their exceptional performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, or AP® Exams. It takes about five minutes to verify eligibility and all students who meet the criteria will receive an award.

“I was honored to receive a National Recognition Program Small Town Recognition Award and even put it on my college application!”

Zoe, Class of 2026, National Recognition Program Awardee

Learn more at bigfuture.org/NRP

Key 2026 Dates

February 12, 2026

2026 program launches and students are invited to claim their award on bigfuture.org/NRP.

May 21, 2026

Final deadline for all students to claim their award.

Summer 2026

BigFuture will notify students of their award status. Students can also check their status and access their award certificates by logging into bigfuture.org.