

PSAT/NMSQT

Student Answer Sheet Instructions

This guide will help you fill out your PSAT/NMSQT® answer sheet. Be sure to record your answers to the questions on the answer sheet. Answers that are marked in this booklet will not be counted.

Your answers to the questions in Field 5 on your answer sheet allow National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) to determine whether you meet entry requirements for the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

If your school has placed a personalized label on your answer sheet, some of your information may have already been provided. You may not need to answer every question. Your instructor will read aloud and direct you to fill out the appropriate questions.

Confidentiality

Your high school, school district, and state may receive your responses to some of the questions. Institutions that receive your PSAT/NMSQT information are required to keep it confidential and to follow College Board guidelines for using information. See the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* for more details, including how to opt out of Student Search Service™ if you change your mind.

Demographic and Nontest Questions

- 1. First and Last Name** This field is required for scoring. If you use a preferred first name, don't enter it here. You can log in to your College Board account after the test to add your preferred first name.
- 2. School Code** This field is required and will be provided by your teacher or counselor on test day. It is a College Board identifier representing your school.
- 3. Testing Location** This field is required for scoring.
- 4. School** This field is required and will be used to validate your school if a processing exception occurs.
- 5. Questions to Determine Entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program** NMSC conducts the National Merit Scholarship Program, which is a nationwide scholarship competition open to all students who meet entry requirements. It is important that you complete Field 5 so that NMSC can determine whether you meet the requirements to enter the scholarship program.

Answers you give to the following questions, in addition to your Selection Index score (which will be shown on your score report), will be used by NMSC in designating high-scoring participants who will receive recognition in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Students who qualify to continue in the competition will be recognized publicly.

- A. Are you enrolled as a high school student (traditional or homeschooled)?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - B. When will you complete or leave high school and enroll full-time in college?**
 - a. 2023
 - b. 2024
 - c. 2025
 - d. After 2025
 - e. Not planning to attend college
 - C. How many total years will you spend in grades 9–12?**
 - a. 1 year
 - b. 2 years
 - c. 3 years
 - d. 4 years
 - e. 5 or more years
 - D. Make no marks in this field on your answer sheet.**
- 6. Date of Birth** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring.
 - 7. Grade Level** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring.
 - 8. Gender** This field is required to validate your answer sheet for scoring. Participation in the National Merit Scholarship Program is considered without regard to gender.
 - 9–12. Home/Mailing Address** These fields are optional but recommended. Your home or mailing address is used to assist College Board in matching your answer sheet to your College Board record. College Board may contact you regarding this test, and your address will be added to your record. If you also opt in to Student Search Service (Field 16), your address will be shared with eligible colleges, universities, and other scholarships and educational programs.

If you live on a U.S. military base, in Field 9, fill in your box number or other designation. Next, in Field 10, fill in the letters "APO" or "FPO." In Field 11, find the "U.S. Military Bases/Territories" section, and fill in the bubble for the two-letter code posted for you. In Field 12, fill in your zip code.

If you don't live on a military base, for Field 9, fill in your street address:

- Include your apartment number if you have one.

Indicate a space in your address by leaving a blank box and filling in the corresponding bubble.

- If your address has a slash mark or hyphen, write it in the box and fill in the corresponding bubble.

Use these street address abbreviations to fill in Field 9:

Apartment APT	Northwest NW
Avenue AVE	Parkway PKY
Boulevard BLVD	Place PL
Circle CIR	Post Office PO
Court CT	Road RD
Drive DR	Route RT
East E	Second 2ND
Expressway EXPY	South S
First 1ST	Southeast SE
Fort FT	Southwest SW
Fourth 4TH	Square SQ
Heights HTS	Street ST
Highway HWY	Terrace TER
Mount MT	Third 3RD
North N	West W
Northeast NE	

Next, enter your city in Field 10.

If you live in the United States or U.S. territories, fill in the state or territory bubble in Field 11 and your zip or postal code in Field 12, starting at the beginning of the field.

If you live outside the United States or its territories, leave Field 11 blank and fill in your postal code in Field 12.

- 13. Country Code** Leave this field blank unless you live outside the United States or its territories. If you live outside the United States or its territories, fill in Field 13 with the country code that your instructor has provided for you.
- 14. Student Identification** This field is your student ID number. (Do not provide your Social Security number.) Your instructor will indicate whether you need to complete this field. If required, it is used to assist in reporting your scores to your school, district, and state.
- 15. Mobile Number** This field is optional. If provided, you agree to receive text messages from College Board about test programs for which you are registered, about participating in research surveys, and/or about receiving free college planning services.

How Answering Questions 16–22 Helps You

We strongly recommend that you answer Questions 16–22, which are optional, because your answers:

- Guide your counselors in helping you plan your future.
- Help College Board ensure that the PSAT/NMSQT is fair and accurate for all students.

- 16. Student Search Service** Student Search Service is a free, voluntary program that connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities from eligible colleges, universities, and other scholarships and educational programs. These organizations pay to participate in the service, but it's

free to you. When you opt in to Student Search Service, the information that you have provided on your answer sheet, score ranges from your College Board exams, and information you provide on the College Board website may be shared with colleges, universities, and other scholarships and educational programs that are interested in students like you. This includes your responses on the answer sheet to Questions 17, 19, 22, and 23. Participating organizations may use this information to contact you via email and postal mail about their educational and scholarship opportunities. College Board does not share your telephone number or actual test score as part of this service. To opt in to Student Search Service, please mark "Yes" on your answer sheet. Would you like us to supply your information for these purposes? If you leave Question 16 blank and have previously opted to participate in Student Search Service, we will continue providing your information until you opt out.

Instructions for Questions 17–19 Your instructor will tell you when to begin Question 17. Use these instructions and options to answer each question. These fields are optional.

- 17. Racial/Ethnic Group** *If you have a personalized label on your answer sheet that includes this information, please review and confirm that the information is correct. If you believe there is an error, you can update your answer sheet with the correct information.*

Answer both questions about Hispanic origin and about race. For these questions, Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins are separate from race.

- A.** Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? (You may mark all that apply.)
- a.** No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (A-A)
 - b.** Yes, Cuban (A-B)
 - c.** Yes, Mexican (A-C)
 - d.** Yes, Puerto Rican (A-D)
 - e.** Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (A-E)
- B.** What is your race? (You may mark all that apply.)
- a.** American Indian or Alaska Native (B-A)
 - b.** Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines origin) (B-B)
 - c.** Black or African American (including African and Afro-Caribbean origin) (B-C)
 - d.** Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (B-D)
 - e.** White (including Middle Eastern origin) (B-E)

- 18. Language Background** Answer both questions about your language background.

- A.** What language did you learn to speak first? (Mark only one.)
- a.** English
 - b.** English and another language
 - c.** Another language
- B.** What language do you know best? (Mark only one.)
- a.** English
 - b.** English and another language
 - c.** Another language

19. Grade Point Average Indicate your cumulative grade point average for all academic subjects in high school. If you don't know your exact grade point average, give your best estimate.

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| A. A+ (97–100) | G. C+ (77–79) |
| B. A (93–96) | H. C (73–76) |
| C. A– (90–92) | I. C– (70–72) |
| D. B+ (87–89) | J. D+ (67–69) |
| E. B (83–86) | K. D (65–66) |
| F. B– (80–82) | L. E or F (below 65) |

Special Questions (20–21) Use these instructions and options to answer each question. Questions 20 and 21 are optional.

20. Parents'/Guardians' Level of Education Indicate the highest level of education of your parent/guardian. If you have two parents/guardians, indicate the level of education of your other parent/guardian in the bubbles that correspond with "B."

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| A. Parent/Guardian 1 |
| a. Grade school |
| b. Some high school |
| c. High school diploma or equivalent |
| d. Vocational or trade school |
| e. Some college |
| f. Associate or 2-year degree |
| g. Bachelor's or 4-year degree |
| h. Some graduate or professional school |
| i. Graduate or professional degree |
| B. Parent/Guardian 2 |
| a. Grade school |
| b. Some high school |
| c. High school diploma or equivalent |
| d. Vocational or trade school |
| e. Some college |
| f. Associate or 2-year degree |
| g. Bachelor's or 4-year degree |
| h. Some graduate or professional school |
| i. Graduate or professional degree |

21. Military Relation Please indicate if you have a parent or guardian in the military. Mark all that apply.

- A.** I have a parent/guardian who is on active duty in the U.S. military.
- B.** I have a parent/guardian who is in the National Guard or the Reserves.
- C.** I have a parent/guardian who was in the U.S. military but is not serving now.
- D.** Neither of my parents/guardians has a current military connection.

22. College Major You don't need to know what your college major will be—just indicate the major or area of study that interests you. Use the College Majors by Academic Area of Study list that follows to fill in the code number and corresponding bubbles. If you're not sure, please fill in 999 (Undecided). This field is optional.

23. Email Address Email address is optional. If you have already created your College Board account, use the email address you used when creating your account. If you decide to provide an email address, fill in the bubble to indicate whether the email address is yours or a parent's/guardian's. College Board will use the email address to send information such as when your scores are ready. As cosponsor of the PSAT/NMSQT, National Merit Scholarship Corporation will receive it. If you opted in to Student Search Service, the email address you provided will be added to your Student Search Service record.

Fields A–D and Certification Statement Leave these fields blank until your instructor directs you to complete them.

Field A (Form Code) and B (Test ID) are required on test day in order to score your test. Your teacher or counselor will tell you if you need to fill in Field C (Test Book Serial Number). Field D (Testing Room Code) is optional, and your teacher or counselor will indicate if it should be completed.

Certification Statement: Your signature demonstrates that you are the person providing the information and you agree to the PSAT/NMSQT Terms and Conditions at cb.org/pn-terms and in the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide*.

College Majors by Academic Area of Study (for Field 22)

Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, and Related Sciences 100

- Agricultural business and management 101
- Animal sciences 103

Architecture and Related Services 120

- Architecture 121
- City/urban, community, and regional planning 123
- Landscape architecture 125

Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies 140

- Area studies 141
- Ethnic, cultural minority, gender, and group studies 142

Biological and Biomedical Sciences 160

- Biochemistry 162
- Biology/biological sciences, general 161
- Biophysics 163
- Biotechnology 164
- Cell/cellular biology and anatomical sciences 166
- Ecology 167
- Genetics 168
- Marine biology and biological oceanography 169
- Microbiological Sciences and Immunology 170
- Molecular biology 171
- Neuroscience 185
- Zoology/animal biology 175

Business Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services 200

- Accounting and related services 201
- Actuarial science 202
- Business administration, management, and operations 204
- Fashion merchandising 208
- Finance and financial management services 209
- Hospitality administration/management 211
- Hotel, motel, and restaurant management 225
- Human resources management and services 212

- International business 214
- Management information systems/services 217
- Marketing/marketing management 218
- Meeting and event planning 230

Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs 250

- Communication and media studies 252
- Digital communication and media/multimedia 253
- Journalism 254
- Public relations, advertising, and applied communication 270
- Radio and television 257

Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services 300

- Artificial intelligence 301
- Computer programming 302
- Computer game programming 311
- Computer science 303
- Computer systems networking and telecommunications 306
- Information sciences/studies 308

Education 400

- Early childhood education and teaching 407
- Early childhood and family studies 436
- Elementary education and teaching 417
- English as a second language 437
- Second language learning 438
- Secondary education and teaching 430
- Special education and teaching 432

Engineering 450

- Aerospace, aeronautical, and space engineering 451
- Agricultural engineering 452
- Architectural engineering 453
- Bioengineering and biomedical engineering 454
- Chemical engineering 455
- Civil engineering 456
- Computer engineering, general 457
- Electrical and electronics engineering 459
- Engineering physics/applied physics 461
- Engineering science 462
- Environmental/environmental health engineering 463
- Geological/geophysical engineering 464
- Industrial engineering 465
- Materials engineering 466
- Mechanical engineering 467
- Mining and mineral engineering 468
- Nuclear engineering 470
- Petroleum engineering 472
- Polymer/plastics engineering 475

Engineering Technologies 500

- Computer engineering technology 501
- Drafting/design engineering technologies 502
- Energy systems technologies 517
- Telecommunications technology 509

English Language and Literature/Letters 520

- Creative writing 522

Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences 540

- Foods, nutrition, and wellness studies 542

Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics 550

- Classics and classical languages, literatures, and linguistics 553
- Comparative literature 554
- East Asian languages, literatures, and linguistics 555
- French language and literature 556
- German language and literature 557
- Linguistics 559
- Russian language and literature 560
- Spanish language and literature 561

Health Professions and Related Programs 600

- Allied health diagnostic, intervention, and treatment professions 602
- Athletic training/trainer 603
- Clinical/medical laboratory science/research and allied professions 605
- Communication sciences and disorders 606
- Dental hygiene/hygienist 607
- Dietetics and clinical nutrition services 610
- Nursing 619
- Pre dentistry studies 627
- Premedicine/premedical studies 628
- Preoccupational therapy studies 678
- Prepharmacy studies 629
- Prephysical therapy studies 682
- Preveterinary studies 630

History 700**Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting, and Related Protective Services** 890

- Criminal justice/law enforcement administration 892
- Forensic science and technology 894
- Homeland security 897

Legal Professions and Studies 710

- Prelaw studies 712

Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities 720

- Humanities/humanistic studies 722
- Liberal arts and sciences/liberal studies 723

Mathematics and Statistics 740

- Applied mathematics 741
- Mathematics 742
- Statistics 743

Military Technologies and Applied Sciences 360**Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies** 770

- Biological and physical sciences 771
- Business analytics 788
- Data science 789
- International/global studies 772
- Mathematics and computer science 773

Natural Resources and Conservation 790

- Environmental science 791
- Environmental studies 792
- Fishing and fisheries sciences and management 793
- Forestry 794
- Wildlife, fish, wildlands science/management 796

Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies 800

- Parks and recreation facilities management 802
- Sport and fitness administration/management 803
- Personal and Culinary Services 810

Philosophy and Religious Studies 820

- Philosophy 821
- Religion/religious studies 822

Physical Sciences 830

- Astronomy 832
- Astrophysics 833
- Atmospheric sciences and meteorology 834
- Chemistry 836
- Geological and Earth sciences/geosciences 837
- Materials science 854
- Physics 843

Psychology 870**Public Administration and Social Services** 880

- Human services, general 881
- Public administration 882
- Public policy analysis 883
- Social work 884

Social Sciences 900

- Anthropology 901
- Archaeology 902
- Criminology 903
- Economics 904
- Geography 905
- International relations and affairs 906
- Political science and government 907
- Sociology 908

Theology and Religious Vocations 920

- Religious music and worship 923

Visual and Performing Arts 940

- Art history, criticism, and conservation 941
- Arts, entertainment, and media management 960
- Dance 942
- Drama and theater arts 943
- Fashion/apparel design 945
- Film/video and photographic arts 946
- Fine and studio art 947
- Game and interactive media design 970
- Graphic design 948
- Interior design 949
- Music 950
- Photography 954
- Technical theater/theater design and technology 955

Other 990**Undecided** 999