Celebrate Academic Achievements of Underrepresented Students

The College Board National Recognition Program recognizes the hard work of top-performing students through five academic awards:

- National First-Generation Recognition Program (New in 2024)
- National African American Recognition Program
- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- National Indigenous Recognition Program
- National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program

Sophomores and juniors qualify based on their performance on eligible administrations of the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT® 10, or AP® Exams and a GPA of B+ (equal to at least 3.3 or 87%-89%) or higher. Students must attend high school in a rural area or small town, or identify as first generation, African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American/Indigenous.

Recipients of this award are often recruited by colleges and celebrated by their communities.

2024 Timeline

Early Spring
BigFuture invites eligible students to verify their eligibility for academic awards. Students can visit bigfuture.org/NRP to submit.

June 14
Deadline for all students to submit. Extensions will not be granted.

Early Fall
Award notifications received. By September BigFuture will notify students about their award status. Students can check their status or access certificates on My Profile under My BigFuture.

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Please encourage them to submit before the June 14 deadline at bigfuture.org/NRP