



LCISD's Lamar Consolidated High School student Leslie Montes, along with Foster High School students Dorothy Bateman and Florencia Ghinaglia, are proud Finalists in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

This is an impressive accomplishment for Lamar Consolidated I.S.D., as only 15,000 high school students in the nation achieve this rank and less than one percent of high school seniors in the nation are named as Finalists.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is dedicated to three goals: - to identify and honor academically talented U.S. high school students; - to stimulate increased support for their education; and - to provide efficient and effective scholarship program management for organizations that wish to sponsor college undergraduate scholarships.

In order to receive recognition, students must achieve the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) . Once finalists are selected and recognized, the winners are chosen from the Finalist group based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments - without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin or religious preference. Information such as academic records, the Finalist's school's curricula and grading system, test scores, school official's written recommendation, academic leadership and activities, and the Finalist's own essay are taken into consideration when selecting National Merit® Winners.

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