

Six students earn National Merit honors

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Five Kalispell high school students and one Polson student were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Semifinalists are Harrison Atlas of Flathead High School; Graham Friedman and Silas Schwarz, both of Glacier High School; Aggie Putnam, a home-schooled student; Haleigh Schwartz of Stillwater Christian School and Katelyn Toland of Polson High School.

They are among approximately 16,000 high school seniors around the United States competing for about \$33 million in scholarships offered next spring, according to a press release.

About 1.6 million juniors entered the scholarship program by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

To become finalists, semifinalists must submit applications that provide information about their academic record, activity participation, leadership abilities, employment and awards received.

About 15,000 students are expected to advance as finalists competing for scholarships.