

The PSAT and National Merit® Scholarship Opportunities

Your high school junior will take the PSAT Test in October, 2011. The following September, about 320 students from California will be notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists for the National Merit® Scholarship competition. These Semifinalists are the top PSAT scorers in California, and they will receive notification through their high school counselors. To advance to Finalist standing, students will be chosen based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments, including GPA, one SAT score in addition to the PSAT, their high school's recommendation, and an essay. More than half of all finalists win a scholarship!

There are three types of scholarships awarded to Finalists: National Merit® Achievement **\$2500** Scholarships, corporate sponsored Merit Scholarships, and college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. For more detailed information, go to the following websites: General National Merit Scholarship Information: <http://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php> and Requirements for Finalists: http://www.nationalmerit.org/Ach_R&I_Leaflet.pdf.

As you may know, the PSAT is a practice SAT test, shorter in time than the SAT and without the Essay. Your student must score in the top 10% of all California high school juniors to qualify as a Semifinalist. **The Brown Learning Center excels in preparing students for PSAT, SAT, and ACT Tests**, and we can help your students achieve their highest possible score, rather than settling for a lower score resulting from no preparation. Spending time preparing for the PSAT in August and September will pay off on the October test.

Preparation at The Brown Learning Center includes the following:

Pre-Test, eight hours of one-on-one instruction in all test subjects, and Post-Test

Cost: \$450. Your fee includes preparation book and all instruction materials. Checks, Credit Cards, and Cash are accepted.

Call or email The Brown Learning Center ASAP to schedule your appointments.

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