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PPG Foundation Awards More Than \$290,000 Through National Merit Scholarship Program

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Undergraduate scholarships in 2016 include 43 for first-year college students

PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 28, 2016-- The PPG Foundation announced today that it is sponsoring more than \$290,000 in undergraduate college scholarships for U.S. students through National Merit Scholarship Corp. in 2016, including 43 new four-year scholarships.

The new scholarships include 27 awards for PPG employees' children and 16 awards for students who live in communities near PPG facilities. Scholarship winners are selected by National Merit Scholarship Corp. based on Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores and additional criteria, and they receive awards of \$1,500 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study.

"Through the National Merit Scholarship Programs, the PPG Foundation has helped students realize their academic goals for more than 50 years," said Sue Sloan, executive director of the PPG Foundation. "We are excited to help young people pursue studies in fields that will support advanced manufacturing and many other industries in the future."

For consideration for the program, students must take the PSAT/NMSQT in their junior year of high school.

The PPG Foundation aims to bring color and brightness to PPG communities in the United States. By investing in educational opportunities, we help grow today's skilled workforce and develop tomorrow's innovators in industries related to coatings and specialty materials. Plus, we empower PPG employees to make an impact for causes that are important to them by supporting their volunteer efforts and charitable giving. Learn more at www.ppgcommunities.com and follow [@PPG_Communities](https://twitter.com/PPG_Communities) on Twitter.

About National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a private, not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was founded in 1955 specifically to conduct the NATIONAL MERIT® Scholarship Program to recognize and honor the academically talented students of the United States. The majority of scholarships offered each year are underwritten by approximately 440 independent corporate and college sponsors, including NMSC, that share the Corporation's goals of honoring scholastically talented youth and encouraging academic excellence at all levels of education. For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

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