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Forty (40) Southern Baptist High School Seniors Recognized for Scholarship and Musical Achievements in National Contests \$10,500 in Scholarships Awarded to Students

Two hundred and forty-four (244) high school seniors from the Class of 2022, enrolled in 22 member schools of the **National Alliance of Christian Schools** (NACS), formerly *Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools*, were nominated to compete in a national awards program for their outstanding scholarship and/or musical achievements. Out of the 40 semifinalists selected from the field, 13 share the spotlight as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or Finalist award winners, dividing \$9,500 in college grants: \$2,150 to each 1st place winner, \$1,100 to each 2nd place winner, \$750 to each 3rd place winner, and \$250 to each Finalist.

Each fall, NACS member schools nominate candidates in two groups; scholars and musicians. Nominees must then complete an application process to compete for the scholarships. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements become finalists. In the spring, a panel of adjudicators chooses the winners in each of the two categories.

[Joshua Expeditions Outstanding NACS Scholars Awards Program](#) awards one (1) 1st place winner \$2,150, one (1) second place winner \$1,100, one (1) 3rd place winner \$750, and five (5) Finalists \$250 each. Eight (8) Christian school students from nine (9) states were selected as 2022 scholarship winners from a field of 35 scholar semifinalists. To compete for the award, seniors must:

- score at least a 1300 on SAT (combined critical reading and math score) or 28 on ACT.
- have at least a 3.5 non-weighted cumulative GPA.
- have the testimony of their faculty to their good character, service and leadership within their schools, churches and communities.

[Joshua Expeditions Outstanding NACS Musicians Awards Program](#) awards one (1) 1st place winner \$2,150, one (1) second place winner \$1,100, one (1) 3rd place winner \$750, and two (2) Finalists \$250 each. Five (5) Christian school students from four (4) states were selected as 2022 scholarship winners from a field of five musician semifinalists. To compete for the award, seniors must

- have at least a 3.0 non-weighted cumulative GPA.
- be highly involved in music and show a superior level of vocal or instrumental skill.
- demonstrate an active faith in Christ.
- audition by digital files.
- receive recommendations from music directors and teachers indicating good character, service and leadership within their schools, churches and communities.

The purpose of the *Joshua Expeditions Outstanding NACS Scholars & Musicians Awards Program* is to discover and recognize students in our Southern Baptist Christian schools across the nation with exemplary expertise and accomplishments in scholastics or music, Christian character and service to others. The extraordinary level of achievement, character and leadership evidenced by this year's participants demonstrates that our schools are producing outstanding results, young men and women of excellence who will be the salt and light that the Lord Jesus Christ expects and requires to lead his Kingdom. NACS maintains a database of over 1200 Christian schools affiliated with Southern Baptist churches, associations or conventions around the nation, over 250 of which have high schools.

The Outstanding NACS Scholars and Musicians Awards Program is funded by a generous grant from [Joshua Expeditions](#), a non-profit Christian student travel company that offers global educational and mission trips for high school students from across the nation. Through their generous commitment, Joshua Expeditions has provided scholarship funding for NACS member school students throughout the United States to receive help with the cost of higher education.

For more information about the NACS scholarship program, e-mail drwscott@nacschools.org

2022 Award Winners

1st Place Scholar Winner (\$2,150)

Celia Nail - Southwest Florida Christian Academy (*McGregor Baptist Church*) Ft. Myers, FL

1st Place Musician Winner (\$2,150)

Grace Kmet - Indian Rocks Christian School (*First Baptist Church Indian Rocks*) Largo, FL

2nd Place Scholar Winner (\$1,100)

Annalyn Henry - First Baptist Christian Academy (*First Baptist Church Pasadena*) Pasadena, TX

2nd Place Musician Winner (\$1,100)

James Chrisman - Whitefield Academy (*Highview Baptist Church*) Louisville KY

3rd Place Scholar Winner (\$750)

Lindsey Morgan - Grace Christian Academy (*Grace Baptist Church*) Knoxville, TN

3rd Place Musician Winner (\$750)

Jadyn Cook - Metrolina Christian Academy (*First Baptist Church Indian Trail*) Indian Trail, NC

Scholar Finalists (\$250)

(in rank order)

John Harding - First Baptist Christian Academy (*First Baptist Church Pasadena*) Pasadena, TX

Chloe Ausburn - High Point Christian Academy (*Green Street Baptist Church*) High Point, NC

Kade Leach - Concord Christian School (*First Baptist Church Concord*) Knoxville, TN

Anna McClellan - Whitesburg Christian Academy (*Whitesburg Baptist Church*) Huntsville, AL

Hope van der Riet - Foundation Academy (*First Baptist Church Winter Garden*) Winter Garden, FL

Musician Finalists (\$250)

(in rank order)

Ellie Milligan - Grace Christian Academy (*Grace Baptist Church*) Knoxville, TN

Ryan Littler - Calvary Christian High School (*First Baptist Church Clearwater*) Clearwater, FL