

# What's your ACT or SAT score got to do with it?

Depending on the college or scholarship, a lot!

Almost all U.S. colleges and universities require an SAT or ACT score for admission. Some have set minimum scores in order to be accepted.

An increasing number of scholarships require an SAT or ACT score also. In fact the well-known PSAT, given in October of the junior year, is officially the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Its purpose is not just to give you practice for the SAT, but to serve as the primary criterion for their scholarship competition. The top 4% in each state qualify as semi-finalists.

## ***They want me!***

Scores above average (over 21 on the ACT and over about 1100 for Evidence-Based Reading & Writing, and Math combined) will usually result in a mailbox full of college admissions and scholarship information, encouraging and enticing you to apply. You'll receive personalized postcards with your name written in leaves on the campus lawn, brochures about your major interests, and emails with links to the colleges' websites.



## ***One Point!***

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An ACT or SAT point (actually, 10 points is the difference between SAT scores) can mean thousands of dollars in scholarships.

For example, see: <https://www2.howard.edu/admission/cost-of-attendance>

## ***More options***

Higher scores give you more options. YOU can choose the college of your dreams – you won't have to "settle" for your "fall-back" school. Of course you also have to keep up your grades, stay active in extra-curricular and community activities, and all those good things! But with higher ACT/SAT scores, you will insure that one test score will not hold you back.



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## How do you get those extra ACT or SAT points?

Sign up for an ACT or SAT prep course and practice the strategies you learn!

It's like a sports game – how do you excel? You learn the rules and the winning strategies, and then you practice until you're great at it! Same for these tests.

- \* Sign up at [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com) for the free SAT Question of the Day – and answer it when it arrives in your mailbox or phone! This website has other free test prep information and practice tests. For the ACT, [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) provides the same type of information!
- \* Read, read, read. It will help your vocabulary, your comprehension, and your writing.
- \* Write tweets and texts using your new vocabulary words! It will help your friends increase their vocabulary too!
- \* Practice writing persuasive essays to your parents about whatever you're trying to persuade them to let you do. Provide support for your position with examples from your readings, experience, observations, or classes. We can't guarantee that your parents will agree with your side – but at least you'll be getting great writing practice!
- \* Start freshman year and each year take a course or workshop to learn more skills.

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