Seven area students are among approximately 800 outstanding Black American high school seniors nationwide who have won Achievement Scholarship awards through the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

These awards, totaling over $2 million, are financed by grants from 34 corporate organizations and professional associations, and by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Local winners of $2,500 National Achievement scholarships include:

- Winifred D. Jones of Hathaway Brown School. The Cleveland Heights resident plans to pursue a career in biomedicine.
- Adisa T. Malik of Orange High School. The Solon resident plans to pursue a career in medicine.
- Royale E. Nicholson of Early College High School in Cleveland. The Richmond Heights resident plans to pursue a career in foreign service.
- Lawrence E. Shelven of Shaker Heights High School. The Cleveland resident plans to pursue a career in biochemical engineering.
- Ini Umosen of Shaker Heights High School. The Shaker Heights resident plans to pursue a career in biomedical engineering.
- Sarah A. Young of Orange High School. The Pepper Pike resident plans to pursue a career in biochemical engineering.

In addition, Alysia L. Swint of Solon High School won a National Achievement Rockwell Automation Scholarship. The Solon resident plans to pursue a career in medicine.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition established in 1964 specifically to honor scholastically talented Black American youth and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in each annual competition.