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Energy Solutions awards math, science, engineering scholarships

The EnergySolutions Foundation awarded 124 scholarships to tenth-grade students from every high school in the state. The program is also offered in Canada, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

"A strong workforce in math, science, and engineering is the key to keeping America competitive during the next century," said Val Christensen, chief executive officer of EnergySolutions. "Unfortunately, we have fallen behind, but the EnergySolutions Foundation is working to help solve this problem."

Scholarship recipients were chosen by a prestigious selection committee with representatives from all states participating in the program. Selection committee members include professionals in science, math, engineering, and from academia. They evaluate each application for academic achievement, community involvement, and career goals.

Students selected will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to pursue a bachelor's degree in math, science, or engineering. The scholarship recipient from each school is then eligible for a Distinguished Award scholarship for an additional \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$25,000 upon entering college. Students can choose what school they attend, as long as they plan to seek a degree in bio-

chemistry, biology, chemistry, ecology, engineering, environmental science, geology, geophysics, mathematics, meteorology, or physics.

The goal of the scholarship program is to help create the next generation of mathematicians, scientists, and engineers for America's future.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the Foundation to act locally and get results on a global scale," said Jordan Clements, Chairman of the Board for the EnergySolutions Foundation. "We recognize the need our nation has for a well trained workforce and this is a great vehicle to promote that," said Clements.

Utah's scholarship recipients were honored at a banquet on May 15 at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City. The keynote speaker for the banquet was Dr. Richard Brown, Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Utah.

Local Scholarship Recipients 2010 were:

Malcom Easton - Cyprus High School
Breedh Bringham - East Hollywood High School
Kiranbir Kaur - Granger High School
Taylor Bagshaw - Hunter High School