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Payson High School's Paden Fausett Earns One of 120 \$2,000 Scholarships Awarded from 580 Utah Applications: EnergySolutions Foundation Merit-Based Scholarship Program Emphasizes Study of Math, Science and Engineering

SALT LAKE CITY, April 18, 2008— In the second year of the EnergySolutions Foundation Scholarship Program, an impressive 580 applications from 120 high schools across Utah were received. Several hundred applications were also received from students in Georgia, Idaho, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

Payson High School's Paden Fausett is one of the scholarship winners.

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. Students can choose what school they attend, as long as they plan to seek a degree in biochemistry, chemistry, ecology, engineering, geology, geophysics, mathematics, meteorology, or physics.

The scholarship is offered to one 10th grade student from each of Utah's 145 high schools. The scholarship recipient from each school is then eligible for a Distinguished Award scholarship for an additional \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$25,000 and a laptop computer upon entering college.

Utah's scholarship recipients will be honored at a banquet in May in Salt Lake City, Utah. The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Richard Brown, Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Utah. The three Distinguished Award recipients will be announced at this banquet.

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.

"A strong workforce in math, science, and engineering is the key to keeping America competitive during the next century. Unfortunately, we are falling behind, but the EnergySolutions Foundation is working to help solve the problem," said Steve Creamer, CEO of EnergySolutions.

For more information about the scholarship program, please contact Pearl Wright at (801) 870-1505 or visit www.energysolutionsfoundation.org.