

## Local student wins Energy Solutions scholarship

**SALT LAKE CITY--** In the initial year of the EnergySolutions Foundation Scholarship Program the Foundation received an impressive 1,032 scholarship applications from 118 high schools across Utah.

From North Sanpete High School, Benjamin Everitt, son of Randy and Renae Everitt, Spring City, was named one of the winners.

In addition applications were also received from students in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Idaho, and Washington. The deadline for this year's application was Jan. 31.

Students selected will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to students interested in earning a bachelor's degree in math, science, or engineering.

The scholarship was open to one tenth grade student from all of Utah's 207 high schools. The scholarship recipient from each school

is then eligible for an additional scholarship.

The grand prize scholarships are worth \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$25,000 and a laptop upon entering college.

"The long term goal of the 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," Fraser Bullock, Chairman of the Foundation Board. "We recognize the need our nation has for a well trained workforce and this is a great vehicle to promote that," said Bullock.

The scholarship recipients will be honored at a banquet during April in Salt Lake City. The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Michael Benson, President of Southern Utah University. He was

appointed to this position in January of this year. His prior position was as President of Snow College and at the age of 36 he was the youngest college or university president in the history of the Utah System of Higher Education.

The scholarship program began in October 2006. The application period for 2008 applicants will be available starting in October 2007.

The EnergySolutions Foundation also grants money for environmental clean-up in Utah. The Foundation was established to fund projects dedicated to cleaning up and enhancing Utah's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

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