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Merit finalist from EHS awarded Gates scholarship

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The National Merit Scholarship Corp. released the names of the first group of winners in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Elizabethtown High School student and National Merit finalist Reid Lunsford received the National Merit Gates Industrial Corp. Foundation Scholarship.

Lunsford attends the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University. Lunsford said he plans to attend the University of Alabama to study chemical engineering, and then attend law school to study intellectual property law.

The release said approximately 1,000 high school seniors have won corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards financed by about 140 corporations, company foundations and other business organizations

Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met criteria of their scholarship sponsors.

Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for finalists who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the company serves or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor encourages.

Most awards are renewable up to four years of undergraduate study and provide annual stipends between \$1,000 to \$10,000 per year. Other recipients receive one-time assistance.

Lunsford said his scholarship is \$4,000 a year and recurring.

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