

## **Cambridge High School Student Named National Finalist for Samsung American Legion Scholarship**

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Cambridge (July 22, 2011) -- A senior at Cambridge High School was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist. Elyse N Lawson was selected by the staff of Badger Girls State which was held at Oshkosh on June 19-24, 2011.

In making the announcement the selection officials said Lawson was named a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist on the basis of academics, school and community involvement, and financial need.

As a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist, Elyse Lawson, will join 99 other National Finalists from around the United States each competing for one of twelve scholarships; each scholarship worth an expected \$20,000.

Elyse is the oldest daughter of Tim and Connie Lawson. An active school and community member, Elyse has assisted with her community's Red Cross Japan Relief fundraiser, Blood Drives and Earth Day Clean up. She's active in many sports and academic programs at school: Track and Field, Student Council, National Honor Society and Show Choir. She plans on attending University and studying in the field of design.

The Samsung American Legion Scholarship funds come from the earnings of a \$5-million endowment given by Samsung. Samsung, in recognition of the sacrifice and commitment of United State servicemen and women who served during the Korean War to maintain the security of the Korean peninsula, joined with The American Legion to offer an educational opportunity to the descendants of war-time veterans who have served honorably.

Lawson's grandfather, Ken Evert Lawson served with the United States Army Reserve during the Korean War.

The president and chief executive officer of Samsung North America, Dong-Jin Oh, says Samsung wants to recognize "the sacrifices and commitment of U.S. servicemen and women. We believe this is the best way to show our appreciation to the United States and to U.S. war veterans."

Members of the Badger Girls State Program selection committee said the selection process was difficult. The applicants were some of the best-qualified students in the state.