

EnergySolutions Foundation Names Grand Prize Scholarship Recipient

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Oak Ridge, Tennessee – For one Knoxville-Oak Ridge Innovation Valley area student – still a high school sophomore – the future is looking especially bright.

Katherine Xue, a student at Oak Ridge High School, is the grand prize recipient of the \$25,000 EnergySolutions Foundation scholarship. She was selected from more than one thousand applicants nationwide. Katherine, who is the daughter of University of Tennessee chemistry professors Ziling Xue and Yihui Yang, lives in Knoxville but attends Oak Ridge High School as a tuition student.

In a recent poll by Expansion Management magazine, Oak Ridge High School was the only “gold star” high school in the state of Tennessee.

It’s not every day a high school sophomore wins such a scholarship.

“We consciously chose to award high school sophomores for what it says to other up and coming students,” said EnergySolutions spokeswoman Sharon Templeton.

The EnergySolutions Foundation began the scholarship program in 2006 as a way to promote math, science, and engineering studies. School winners were then entered into a competition for one of three grand prize scholarship awards worth \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$25,000, respectively.

Katherine won for her academic skills -- including Math Counts, Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Biology Olympiad – but also for her love of such extracurricular activities as piano and martial arts.

The EnergySolutions Foundation will honor the recipients at a luncheon on Friday, June 8th at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Applications for next year's scholarship will be available in October via the EnergySolutions Foundation webpage. www.energysolutionsfoundation.org. The foundation is supported by EnergySolutions, Inc., an international nuclear services and cleanup company.

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