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First round of National Merit scholarships announced

The first round of National Merit Scholarships has been announced. Blue Valley North senior **Ryan Smith** received the National Merit Black & Veatch Scholarship. There will be three additional rounds of scholarship announcements.

More than 1,000 outstanding high school seniors have won Merit Scholarship awards financed by some 200 companies, foundations and other business organizations. Most corporate-sponsored scholarships are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year.

Awards can be used at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university of their choice. About 8,400 Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, will be awarded to finalists.