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## LOCAL WALDORF STUDENT, ELIZABETH HUTTON, NAMED CANDIDATE IN PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**Elizabeth R. Hutton, a senior at Shining Mountain Waldorf School,** has been named one of more than 3,000 candidates in the 2010 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were **selected from nearly 3.2 million students** expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2010.

Inclusion in the Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 46th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior **academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.**

The 3,000 candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment.

Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations, and school transcripts. A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in early April.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will make final selection of the Scholars. They will select one young man

and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; 15 students at-large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and

activities with their elected representatives, educators, and other leading individuals in public life.

Elizabeth Hutton is the daughter of Robert Hutton and Jo Mitchell.

For more information about the Presidential Scholars program, parents and students can call the Presidential Scholars Office at 319/341-2PSP (341-2777), or send an e-mail to [PSP@act.org](mailto:PSP@act.org).

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A complete list of candidates is available on the program's web page: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/psp/awards.html> (case sensitive). Semifinalists will be announced in early April and Scholars in May.

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