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American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State Samsung Scholarship Recipient Announced

(Lincoln) June 14, 2018 – Grant R. Donovan of Lincoln has been selected as the 2018 Nebraska Cornhusker Boys' State Samsung recipient.

Nearly 400 high school juniors from across Nebraska participated in the 78th Session of The American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State, June 3-9 at the University of Nebraska Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate. Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants campaigned for offices, held primary and general elections, and were involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Worldwide electronics leader Samsung endowed a scholarship fund of \$5 million to be administered by The American Legion in 1996. Meant to show appreciation for U.S. veterans who came to Korea's aid during its struggle against communist forces in the Korean War, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program established a series of scholarships derived from interest and other income from the principal amount. In 2017, ten \$20,000 scholarships and eighty-eight \$750 scholarships were awarded. To date, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship has awarded more than \$5.2 million to nearly 1,800 applicants.

Scholarship applications are restricted to high school juniors who attend the current session of either The American Legion Boys' State or Auxiliary Girls' State program and are a direct descendant - i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. - or a legally adopted child of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership.

Donovan's application has been submitted to the National American Legion to be considered for one of the \$20,000 scholarships that are given.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong nation defense with focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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