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Meriden student earns state honors

**(KAIR)--A student from Jefferson West High School is among those from across Kansas earning recognition, and scholarship funds, for their success in the 2018 Kansas Financial Scholars Essay Contest.**

**Fourth place honors were awarded to Meriden's Jordan Hawman. She received a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to her choice of a Kansas school of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year.**

**The top honor was earned by a student from Derby High School, in Derby, Kansas.**

**According to a news release issued by the Kansas Insurance Department, seniors from across the state submitted a total of 75 two-part essays for the annual contest. To be eligible, students must have participated in at least one of three financial literacy programs sponsored by the state agencies: EverFi, Stock Market Game, or the Personal Finance Challenge.**

**Kansas high schools voluntarily participate in the programs.**

**Students wrote a short essay on either their financial and lifestyle expectations twenty years from now, or the experiences and role models that have shaped their financial views and habits up to the present. In a follow-up essay, students provided an analysis of the cost of various schools of higher education, the positive and negative aspects of student loans, and the earning potential of their chosen field.**

**The contest is sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, the Kansas Insurance Department, and the Office of the State Bank Commissioner.**

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