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INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 8, 2008) – Eleven outstanding high school students emerged from a field of nearly a hundred applicants as recipients of a $20,000 Samsung-American Legion Scholarship.

Samuel I. Andersen of Brigham City, Utah; Joseph Arsenault, of Berlin, N.H.; Forrest W. Ford of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Joshua D. Habermehl of Moberly, Mo.; Jessica R. Jaeger of Mellen, Wis.; Thomas C. Mealey of Bloomington, Minn.; John R. Mitchem of Sedgwick, Kan.; Kelly R. Murphy of Glendale, Ariz.; Conner R. Pate of Dallas, Texas; Courtney Reeder of Worthington, Ohio; and Rachel E. Rominger of New Palestine, Ind. were named here following their selection by The American Legion National Committee on Education with participation from the Samsung Corporation.

The committee awarded the scholarships on the basis of academic record, involvement in school and community activities and financial need. Eligibility for scholarships requires students to be direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. All had grandfathers who served either in World War II, the Korean War, or both.

The Samsung Group, an international electronics company, endowed a scholarship fund of $5 million to be administered by The American Legion, to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War. The size and number of scholarships awarded each year is dependent upon

the amount of income derived from the fund.