



Bay Arenac Student Receives SkillsUSA Scholarship

Miranda Sweet, a Small Engines Technology student at Bay Arenac ISD Career Center in Bay City, has received one of four nationwide SkillsUSA Student Leadership Development Scholarships to attend the SkillsUSA Washington Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) in Washington, DC on September 18-22, 2010. Miranda is a senior at Standish-Sterling Central High School and currently serves as the 2010-2011 SkillsUSA Michigan State Vice President. Her advisors at Bay Arenac are David Urlaub and Larry Bowker.

The SkillsUSA Student Leadership Development Scholarship was established in 2007 with financial support from Robert L. Flint, former Caterpillar executive and SkillsUSA board president (1998-99). SkillsUSA administers the scholarship fund, with advisory support from Mr. Flint and a panel comprised of scholarship fund donors. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide support for top students to participate in national level SkillsUSA leadership training.

In 2010, the scholarship will provide financial support for four students who are recognized for having strong leadership potential and who would greatly benefit from national leadership training. The \$800 Scholarship supports expenses for WLTi and covers registration, lodging, all meals, bus transportation to all conference activities (including two trips to Capitol Hill and one trip to the SkillsUSA National Leadership Center) and \$50 spending money.



The SkillsUSA Washington Leadership Training Institute is for students and advisors and focuses on the skills individuals need to be champions at work, in their communities and in their personal lives. The highlight of the trip is congressional appointments with several Michigan senators and representatives on Capitol Hill on September 21, 2010 to discuss and promote the need for Career and Technical Education. “Miranda is extremely deserving of this leadership scholarship,” said Tammy Brown, SkillsUSA Michigan State Director. “She has shown excellent leadership potential and I am really looking forward to her participation at WLTi.”

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ABOUT SKILLSUSA

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. SkillsUSA helps high school and college students enrolled in career and technical education programs to excel by teaching employability skills such as communication, problem solving and leadership in conjunction with their trade, technical and service occupations skills. The association's annual membership exceeds 307,000 students and instructors in more than 4,200 schools and colleges in every state, three territories and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.skillsusa.org.

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