



MAYFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

MHS Student Named as National Merit Scholar Semifinalist

Mayfield High School's Riley Sheridan has been named as a semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program. According to a press release from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), the program "honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies."



The humble MHS senior says he is grateful to be selected as a National Scholar semifinalist, "I still can't wrap my head around the probability of receiving this honor," Sheridan said. However, I won't question it and will do my best to make my school and community proud."

Mayfield High School Guidance Counselor Lynn Henderson says it is great to see Sheridan recognized. "He is a great all-around student that deserves this, not just because of his tremendous academic achievements, but because of what he also

does outside of the classroom." As a member of the MHS academic team, Sheridan has won numerous Governor's Cup Awards. He is active in Beta Club and FBLA, and is the Mayfield Rotary Club Student of the Month for September. He can also be found helping out at high school plays as the audio engineer.

To get to this round, Sheridan had to score among the highest entrants in Kentucky on the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Next, Sheridan and school officials must complete a detailed scholarship application in hopes of him moving on as a finalist. That application must include his "academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and other awards achieved." Letters of recommendation and an essay are also required. Henderson will be working with Sheridan to complete all the requirements. "Riley excels in each of these areas. What is great, though, is that he does not consider himself as excelling. To him, this is just what he is supposed to do," said Henderson.

Riley Sheridan is the son of Dr. Donise Sheridan, Adam Elliott, and the late Dr. Jim Sheridan.