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(http://www.carlisle.army.mil/banner/mediagallery/bannerVideo.cfm?video=1_9.flv) Amelia McConnell, a 17-year old Carlisle High School senior, has been named the winner of the Army Operation Homefront for the Military Child of the Year Award. Operation Homefront is a nonprofit organization that supports military families.

McConnell is the youngest child of Col. Scott McConnell, director of Army Planning, Department of Military Plans, Strategy and Operations.

For the second year in a row, the award was given to an outstanding military child from each branch of Service – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

McConnell and the other 9 semi-finalists were interviewed by Operation Homefront staff, and award recipients were chosen by a committee including active duty military personnel, Family Readiness Support Assistants, teachers, military mothers, and community members.

Each award recipient receives \$5,000 and will be flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C. for a special recognition ceremony on April 5, 2012.

Ideal candidates for the Military Child of the Year® Award demonstrate resilience and strength of character, and thrive in the face of the challenges of military life. They demonstrate leadership within their families and within their communities.

“The sons and daughters of America’s service members learn what patriotism is at a very young age,” said Jim Knotts, President & CEO of Operation Homefront. “Children in military families understand sacrifice and live with the concept of service. This is what the Military Child of the Year® Award honors.”

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