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SPURLOCK RECEIVES ESBECK AWARD AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Chelsea A. Spurlock has been awarded the Ruth Miller Esbeck Scholarship through Eastern Illinois University's School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Esbeck grew up in rural central Illinois, the fourth child in a family that didn't have much money but was rich in faith and educational appreciation. She graduated from Casey High School in 1932, and received an academic scholarship to Eastern, where she majored in home economics.

Esbeck died after a brief illness in 1995. Her husband Howard established the Ruth Miller Esbeck Scholarship as a tribute to his late wife and to help students pursue a career in family and consumer sciences.

Spurlock, the daughter of Steven Spurlock of Ridge Farm and Patti Spurlock of Georgetown, is a senior at EIU. She is a 2002 graduate of Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School.