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EIU STUDENT TO WORK ON CAPITOL HILL

Sue Cutsforth, a junior at Eastern Illinois University, is one of 25 students from the United States spending next summer in Washington, D.C.

Cutsforth, a journalism major, has been awarded a Sears Congressional internship for spring semester 1988. She said she applied for the internship in February and was accepted in July.

Students are chosen in a national competition judged by a panel of journalists, academicians and former interns. Selection is based on academic performance, writing ability and interest in legislative affairs reporting.

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Each journalism student receives a stipend to cover living expenses, plus a travel allowance, and is assigned to work three months in a Congressional office.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. co-sponsors this program along with the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication as part of its continuing commitment to higher education.

Upon her arrival in Washington, Cutsforth will be given a week-long orientation before reporting to her respective Congressional office. She said she does not know what office she will be assigned.

She will also participate in academic enrichment seminars conducted by Louis M. Kohlmeier, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington correspondent while working with The Wall Street Journal. The seminars include visits with Jack Anderson of The Washington Post, Eric Sevareid of CBS, and participation in news briefings at The White House, Supreme Court and State Department.

Cutsforth is a co-anchorperson for Newscan 51, Eastern's television news program. She is also president of Student Illinois News Broadcasters Association and secretary/treasurer for Women in Communications, Inc.

She is the daughter of Lowell and Mary Ann Cutsforth of Fox River Grove, Ill., and is a 1985 graduate of Cary-Grove High School.