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For Immediate Release:

EIU WOMEN'S ADVOCACY COUNCIL OFFERS 13TH ANNUAL WRITING AWARD

CHARLESTON -- As part of Women's History and Awareness Month in March, the Women's Advocacy Council at Eastern Illinois University will again offer its annual writing award.

All interested students are invited to submit essays or scholarly papers to the competition. A collection of short essays or journalistic pieces may be submitted as a single entry. Entries may be on any subject, but must incorporate a feminist perspective as defined in the contest rules. Eligibility includes papers written during the calendar year 1998 and spring semester 1999.

Instructors who know of students who are working on appropriate topics are urged to bring this competition to the attention of their students and encourage submissions to the contest.

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Examples of past essays are available for students to read in the Women's Resource Center, located in Eastern's University Union, Room 209.

A cash award will be presented to the winning author at the Women's Advocacy Council's annual awards reception in March. Awards of honorable mention may be given as appropriate.

Deadline for submissions is 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Entries should be delivered or sent to the Women's Resource Center.

For further information and/or a complete set of rules, contact the center, 581-5947, or Marilyn Coles at 581-2723.