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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University junior Rhonda Bigham daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bigham of DuQuoin, Ill., has received a \$500 Vocational Education Scholarship annually provided by the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Miss Bigham, who was chosen from a field of 12 applicants, won the award on the basis of her scholastic achievements, leadership, and commitment to teaching vocational education, said Dr. Richard Hofstrand, Director of Occupational Education at Eastern.

Dr. Mary Lou Hubbard, Chairman of the Occupational Teacher Education Committee, the group which presents the award, said, "I was proud to present the scholarship to Rhonda. No one deserved it more."

Miss Bigham is a home economics education major and plans to teach either junior high or high school.

"I was surprised and honored to win the scholarship," she said. "I want to continue promoting the importance of vocational programs."