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For Immediate Release:

APPLICATION DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR FOR EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- Education majors at Eastern Illinois University may apply this spring for 21 scholarships collectively worth more than \$20,000.

The scholarships are to be awarded to students in EIU's Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education.

The deadline for submission of applications is 4 p.m. March 1. Recipients will be honored at a ceremony on April 21.

Application forms are available on campus in the Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education Office, Buzzard Hall, Room 2220, and online at <http://www.eiu.edu/~eemedu/resources.html>.

Available scholarships and their requirements are listed below. Class status (freshman, etc.) refers to a student's status as of December 2005.

For information, call 581-5728 or e-mail cfdjic@eiu.edu.

- The **Carol Schnick Coyle Scholarship** is awarded to a full-time elementary education major with a 3.0 grade point average. Financial need is a consideration.
- The **Nelle C. Hutchason Scholarship** is awarded to an elementary education major who is dedicated to teaching and has high spiritual values. Financial need is considered.
- The **Minnie Alice Phillips Scholarship** is awarded to a junior early childhood or elementary education major who plans to teach kindergarten through fourth grades.
- The **Reading Council Scholarship** is awarded to a junior or senior early childhood, elementary or middle level education major who is dedicated to teaching and has demonstrated outstanding character. The recipient must show financial need, have a GPA of at least 3.0, be a member of the council and be present to receive the award at the Reading Council meeting.

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- The **Telefund Scholarships** are awarded to junior early childhood, elementary and middle level education majors with a GPA of at least 3.0. Financial need must be shown.
- The **Errett and Mazie Warner Scholarships** are awarded to junior or senior elementary or middle level education majors who demonstrate outstanding character and who hold a GPA of at least 3.0. Financial need is considered.
- The **Mary K. Moore Scholarship** is awarded to an early childhood education major who demonstrates good character and has proven outstanding academic achievement.
- The **Ronald A. Wilson Scholarship** is awarded to an early childhood, elementary or middle level education major who resides in Illinois.
- The **Waunetah D. Buckler Scholarship** is awarded to a full-time freshman elementary education major. Academic performance and/or financial need are primary considerations. The recipient will receive the award in three equal installments in the fall of his/her sophomore, junior and senior years; good academic standing is required each year.
- The **Mary Lou Gaskill Scholarship** is awarded to a junior or senior early childhood, elementary or middle level education major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Financial need is a consideration.
- The **John Kelley Scholarship** is awarded to a full-time freshman elementary education major with a GPA of at least 2.0 and who plans to teach art. Financial need must be shown.
- The **Joseph E. and Gloria S. Seiler Scholarship** is awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior early childhood, elementary or middle level education major with a GPA of at least 2.75. Evidence of community or church volunteer work must be shown. Preference will be given to the child of a minister.

The following scholarships give preference to, or are limited to, residents of specific areas or graduates of specific schools.

- The **Coles-Douglas Scholarship** is awarded to an elementary education major, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who is a resident of Coles or Douglas counties.
- The **Martha and Vernice Clark Scholarship** is awarded to a full-time sophomore, junior or senior elementary education major who resides in Crawford County.
- The **Ellen Cutright Decker Scholarship** is awarded to a junior elementary education major who is a resident of the Cumberland or Casey-Westfield high school districts.

- The **Thomas and Gail Higgins Scholarship** is awarded to a junior elementary or middle level education major who is a graduate of Charleston High School.
- The **Lottie Leach Leeds Scholarship** is awarded to a junior early childhood/elementary education major, dedicated to teaching kindergarten through fourth grade, and who has demonstrated outstanding character and conduct. The recipient must be an Illinois resident. Financial need is a consideration.
- The **William and Waneta Sedgwick Catey Scholarships** are awarded to junior or senior early childhood, elementary or middle level education majors with a GPA of at least 3.0. Each recipient must be a graduate of Cumberland or Clark County high schools; preference will be given to graduates of Casey-Westfield High School. Recipients must show financial need and evidence of community service or volunteer activities. A letter of recommendation supporting the moral character of the applicant must be submitted.
- The **Charles and Barbara Clark Scholarship** is awarded to a full-time early education, elementary or middle level education major. Financial need is considered. Preference is given to graduates of Decatur High School and then to students from Macon County.
- The **Bryan and Adra Heise Scholarship** is awarded to an early childhood, elementary or middle level education major. Financial need is considered. Preference is given to graduates of Decatur High School and then to students from Macon County.
- The **Bertha G. Hoedebecke Scholarships** are awarded to a full-time elementary education major with a 3.0 or higher GPA. Preference is given first to graduates of Hillsboro Community High School and then to students from Montgomery County.

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