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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Maurice B. Johnson, a student at Eastern Illinois University from St. Louis, is the 1987 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Sponsored by Eastern's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, the award goes annually to a student "who is a living example of the ideals and values expressed by Dr. King."

A graduate of Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Johnson has a double major of speech communication and Afro-American Studies and a minor in Spanish. As a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), Johnson earned the Department of the Army Superior Cadet Award, given to the cadet who "shows superior academic and leadership qualities."

Johnson is a member of the Baptist Student Ministries, is vice president of the Unity Gospel Choir, and is active in the Black Student Union.

ROTC was one of the nominating departments. Lt. Col. Wayne M. Duke, commander, said Johnson has maintained a 4.0 (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average in ROTC and is the primary cadet instructor for the exhibition rifle team. Johnson is also a member of the Illinois National Guard.

The award includes a certificate of recognition and a cash stipend. Johnson was also nominated by Sylvan H. Knobloch, Baptist Student Ministries

Note to editors: Mr. Johnson lists his home address as 3316  
Albert Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

CAPTION

Eastern Illinois University President Stanley Rives presents  
a certificate to Maurice B. Johnson, St. Louis, symbolizing  
the Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship. At left is Capt.  
Tim Tritsch, representing the ROTC, and Kandy Baumgardner,  
American Association of University Professors, sponsor of the  
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