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CHARLESTON, IL.--The General Electric Foundation has donated \$7525 as part of its matching gift program to the Neil Cutright Scholarship Fund within the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.

This is the largest single matching gift the EIU Foundation has ever received as part of a corporate alumnus program, which matches donations by employees to qualified universities and colleges.

"The largest portion of this gift will go into the Cutright Fund," said Charles Ross, EIU director of Development.

The Neil Cutright Scholarship was established by George and Dorothy Cutright on behalf of their son, who died at age 22 in 1984, a victim of muscular dystrophy.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Cumberland High School graduate who will enroll at EIU. The first recipient will be chosen later this spring.

Neil Cutright was an accountant graduating from Eastern in 1983. He attended both elementary and junior high school in Cumberland County public schools.

General Electric was the corporation that began the matching gift program in 1953. "Their philanthropic leadership has expanded to include nearly 1100 companies nationwide who participate in similar programs for their employees," said Ross.