EIU PARENTS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

DEADLINE for submitting application: FEBRUARY 16, 2012 by 4:00 pm

Each year the EIU Parents Club awards a number of scholarships to eligible students currently enrolled at Eastern. The purpose of the scholarships is to enable students, needing financial assistance to continue their studies at the University. Selection of the scholarship recipients will be made by the Parents Club Scholarship Committee, based on financial need, academic achievement and community involvement.

The information below is intended to help applicants fill out the scholarship application form.

The Scholarship Committee will make awards on the basis of the following criteria:

1 Recipient(s) shall be chosen without regard to race, color, gender, religion or national origin.
2 Recipient(s) shall be a citizen of the United States.
3 Recipient shall be a full-time undergraduate student in good academic standing (2.0 or above), and must have earned 12 or more credit hours from Eastern.
4 Recipient(s) must demonstrate financial need.

Of those students who meet the criteria for the scholarships, the Scholarship Committee will consider the following:

1 **Does the student demonstrate financial need**? The Parents Club scholarships are intended to help students who have exhausted or are otherwise ineligible for other sources of financial aid.
2 **Has the student made an effort to meet his/her own financial needs as much as possible as judged, for example, by their employment record? (Please state in letter.)**
3 **Has the student demonstrated success in his/her academic work as judged, for example, by overall GPA and/or GPA in his/her major and the difficulty of the academic program?**
4 **Has the student made contributions to the quality of life at Eastern Illinois University and/or the local community as judged, for example, by participation in organizations and volunteer work?** The Scholarship Committee understands that many applicants will be unable to engage in such activities because of the demands on his/her time for maintaining a high GPA and/or after-school employment, or family obligations.

Should any recipient fail to complete registration and class enrollment for the term immediately following the award announcement, that recipient forfeits his/her right to any financial award. That particular award shall be given instead to the alternate, providing the alternate has completed registration and enrollment in classes for that term.

APPLICANTS FOR THE PARENTS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE COMPLETED ONLINE APPLICATION, ONE-PAGE ESSAY AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (SEE BELOW) TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT PROGRAMS-STUDENT LIFE BY FEBRUARY 16TH, 2012 NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM:

1 **Completed online application form.**
2 **One-page essay explaining financial need;** other information that will be helpful to the Scholarship committee.
3 **Letter of recommendation supporting your application** (e.g., from a pastor, employer, etc., who is knowledgeable about your personal, financial and/or academic circumstances**).**

PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION BY FEBRUARY 16, 2012 by 4:00 pm

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