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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University alumnus Errett Warner, Lawrenceville, will fund two more academic scholarships increasing the total to 17 awarded annually in his name to EIU students.

At the EIU Foundation Board's Winter meeting recently, the Errett Warner & Stanley G. Rives Presidential Award in Higher Education and the Warner-Daniel E. Thornburgh Presidential Award in Journalism were approved.

Warner's financial support of Eastern's scholarship brought praise from Dr. Stanley G. Rives, EIU President. "Mr. Warner is an alumnus dedicated to making his alma mater a top institution of the state.

"His scholarships provide a continuing endowment of excellence," Rives said.

In the past ten years Warner's gifts to the EIU Foundation are nearing \$90,000 for scholarships.

The Warner-Rives scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student majoring in a field leading to a higher education career. The student must maintain at least a 3.5 (4.0 scale) grade point average.

The Warner-Thornburgh scholarship will be presented to a junior majoring in a field leading to a journalism career; and who has at least a 3.0 GPA.

A 1925 graduate of EIU, Warner served as superintendent of schools in Lawrence County from 1955-63. He is a recipient of Eastern's Distinguished Alumnus Award, a past president of the EIU Foundation and charter member of the President's Club, and was named last fall to the Panther Athletic Hall of Fame.