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## **Southern Illinois Students Eligible for Huch Scholarships**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will be selecting candidates for the Erwin and Melba Huch Scholarship, which was established in 2000 by Scott E. Huch, IWU Class of 1986, in honor of his parents, Melba Huch of Steeleville and the late Erwin Huch, who passed away on January 2. Now in its tenth year, the scholarship funds have always been reserved for students from Southern Illinois, home to the Huch family for several generations.

“It was mainly because of his own education that my father had so many of the opportunities that made his life what it was,” Huch said recently. “And my dad never missed a chance to tell the many young people he mentored over the years: ‘If you want to better your life, start by getting your education.’ It’s good advice for anyone, and it certainly has benefited me. I’m very pleased to be able to honor my father’s memory through the Huch Scholarship at Illinois Wesleyan. With his recent death, it’s such a fitting tribute to my dad and his values.”

Currently, each academic year, two Huch Scholars are selected for awards of \$1,250 each. Previous scholarship recipients have been from Carbondale, Benton, and Mount Vernon. Candidates for the 2010-11 Huch Scholarships must be Illinois Wesleyan University students who have graduated from high school or reside in Southern Illinois counties south of Interstate 64 with preference given to graduates of Chester High School in Randolph County. Students will be selected using the policies and guidelines established by the University through the Financial Aid Office and will be selected on the basis of financial need and/or merit. The Huch Scholarship is part of any merit award or grant assistance a student may be receiving.

“I miss my dad, but it’s a comfort to know there are ‘Huch Scholars’ making their way out there in the world who will always carry a little bit of my father’s values with them everywhere they go, and in all the other lives they touch,” added Huch, who now resides in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1850 in Bloomington, Ill., Illinois Wesleyan University is recognized by the Princeton Review and is a member of the Annapolis Group, a consortium of leading national liberal arts institutions. To learn more about Illinois Wesleyan go to [www.iwu.edu](http://www.iwu.edu).

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