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## **Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship Fund Announced**

Springfield – Joan Casper and family, along with Springfield High School and the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, are pleased to announce the establishment of the Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship Fund.

A scholarship grant of \$10,000 will be awarded annually in April of each year to a graduating senior of Springfield High School who excels in academics and sports. The scholarship will be disbursed \$2500 per year to the recipient over a maximum of four years. Applications for this scholarship and more than 30 others offered through the Community Foundation will be accepted beginning January 1 through March 1, 2018.

“Springfield High School is honored to have its students benefit from the Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship,” Springfield High Principal Lisa Leardi said. “This scholarship embodies Don’s character and sportsmanship as a student athlete and salutes his legacy at Springfield High School. Don was a true Senator and his spirit lives on at Springfield High School.”

“It is exciting to see another opportunity available for students in Central Illinois interested in higher education,” said Kim Eck, Community Foundation’s scholarship coordinator. “To have Don Casper’s legacy live on through newly graduated Senators is a fantastic development.”

Don, known as “Cas” by his friends, graduated from Springfield High in 1952. He was a standout in football, basketball and baseball at Springfield High and went on to play football in college. Cas was one of the first inductees into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame in 1992 and stressed the importance of teamwork.

Full details and criteria for each scholarship are posted on the Community Foundation’s website at [www.CFLL.org](http://www.CFLL.org) under “How to Apply for a Scholarship.” Students with questions or limited computer access should contact the Community Foundation.

High school students may also contact their school guidance counselors for details on the scholarship awards available. For more information or questions about the online application system, contact the Community Foundation at [scholarships@cfll.org](mailto:scholarships@cfll.org).

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