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William G. Patton Receives Award

ASIS Central Illinois Chapter 158 member William G. Patton received a monetary scholarship award of \$500 from the chapter, at the monthly chapter meeting of November 2007, in Champaign, Illinois. Will is the Security Coordinator for Shop N Save located at 1501 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield, Illinois. This automatically qualified him for the ASIS Foundation's "Chapter Matching Scholarship", if eligible according to other Foundation selection criteria. This scholarship supports ASIS International chapters by providing matching funds for an education award to a chapter member, student member, or student nonmember who seeks a security career. If a scholarship is awarded to a chapter member, ASIS International contributes twice as much as the chapter, up to \$1,000. If a scholarship is awarded to a student member or a student nonmember, ASIS International matches the amount up to \$500. ASIS International funds 50 Chapter Matching Scholarships per calendar year, limited to one per chapter. Will was eligible and received the \$1,000 scholarship at the monthly chapter meeting of March 2008, in Springfield, Illinois.

A scholarship may be awarded to an ASIS International member, to a part-time student, or to a full-time student who has completed one year of study at an accredited college, university, or community college, and seeks a career in the security profession. The chapter sets the grade-point-average required for an undergraduate student award. A graduate student must earn at least a 3.0 out of a possible 4.0, according to ASIS International. Chapter Matching Scholarship awardees also are eligible for the Regional Vice Presidents' (RVP) Award. Each RVP selects one \$500 scholarship winner from the Chapter Matching Scholarship awardees annually. It is the chapter's responsibility to submit the winning application to the RVP. The ASIS Foundation funds the award, with no matching grant required.

Students must submit an application, a school transcript, including their cumulative grade point average, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. Also submitted by the student is a 250-word narrative that describes their plan for a career in the security profession, including degrees and/or professional development courses, applicable memberships, and specific areas of interest. Chapters must complete a “Chapter Statement,” in their request for matching funds to the ASIS Foundation.

The ASIS Foundation desires to encourage mid-career security professionals to complete undergraduate degrees, and to pursue part-time graduate programs or professional development courses. Financial need is not a factor in the selection process; rather, the award is meant to recognize achievement and ability.

In order for chapters to participate in this scholarship program, all scholarship contributions must be made through the ASIS Foundation, Inc. The Foundation will return a check made out to the chapter award winner.