

**Arthur D. and Florence S. Graffam  
Engineering Technology Scholarship Fund  
2012-2013**

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarship support for students at Northern Illinois University who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering Technology or Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

**The Award:**

The scholarship is valued at \$1,000 for one academic year to be administered Fall 2012 and is not renewable. The award may be applied to tuition, enrollment and course-related fees, or required bookstore charges assessed to the student's university account. Application deadline: September 14, 2012.

**Eligibility:**

- Candidate must be admitted to NIU's College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall 2012 semester as either a:
  - a) First semester freshmen, possessing a minimum grade point average of 3.00/4.00
  - b) OR, a transfer student, possessing a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00/4.00 at the secondary level and in undergraduate coursework completed prior to transferring to Northern Illinois University.
- Candidates must be a declared major in Electrical Engineering Technology or Manufacturing Engineering Technology.

**Requirements:**

- Recipients must remain a declared Engineering Technology major.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.

**About the Donor and Honoree**

Arthur D. Graffam, born and raised in DeKalb, Illinois, graduated in 1941 from Northern Illinois State Teachers College, as Northern Illinois University was then known. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and then taught at Morris High School in Morris, Illinois from 1941-42. Following this first year of teaching, Mr. Graffam went to work for the Civil Service in Norman, Oklahoma teaching metal fabrication skills to military personnel, then went on to serve his nation as a commissioned Ensign in the United States Navy from 1943-44.

While he was still serving in the Navy, Arthur's cousin, Stella Hummel, introduced him to Mr. Nehring, owner of Nehring Electrical in DeKalb, Illinois where she was employed. During that visit Arthur observed Miss Florence Shemansky, a native of DeKalb, who was also employed in the office. He did not speak to her that day, but after he left the service he contacted Florence and they began a courtship which led to their marriage on January 17, 1948.

Before her employment at the Nehring Company, Florence attended the Bryant Stratton Business College in Chicago, Illinois. Arthur described his late wife as very conscientious in her work; she believed in doing things the right way, not half-way. She was diligent about getting a good education and completing what she set out to do. She was very generous and "would give you the shirt off her back."

In 1946 Arthur began attending Colorado State College of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) in Greeley, Colorado during the summer. He earned his Master of Arts degree in Education in 1950. Because Florence was such an excellent typist — over 60 words per minute — she was an invaluable aid to Arthur during the last three years of his study. Arthur also attended summer courses at the University of Iowa and Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

Arthur taught at Elgin High School in Elgin, Illinois for 39 years. Among the courses he taught, were wood-working and drafting. Florence worked in the offices at Block and Kuhl's Department Store and became a homemaker in 1952 when their son David was born.

As a faithful alumnus of Northern Illinois University, Arthur Graffam has been an active member of the Engineering and Technology Alumni Association (ETAS) and has often promoted NIU to various high school students. As a member of ETAS, Arthur was selected to serve on its Board for six years.

Florence Graffam died on December 31, 2002. Arthur and David remember, with great love, her kindness, warmth, sincerity, empathetic nature, and compassion. This scholarship is meant to hold her memory, and honor the life, marriage and family that she shared with her husband and son.

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Applicants Please Type or Print Clearly

Name:	NIU Z-ID#:
Address:	Local Phone:
City, State, Zip:	E-mail:
Declared Major <u>must</u> be:  <b>Electrical Engineering Technology</b> <b>or</b> <b>Manufacturing Engineering Technology</b> (In the Department of Technology)	Home Town Newspaper:
Transfer Undergraduate Cumulative GPA out of 4.00 and # of credit hours:	High School Cumulative GPA out of 4.00:
Signature:	Date:

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions

1. Briefly describe yourself, as you would like to be five years from now.
2. What attracted you to NIU?
3. Briefly state how you will be involved in university life (sports, organizations, etc.)
4. Briefly describe what you hope to contribute to your future place of employment and to society in general.
5. Include any information that will tell us more about your accomplishments or interest in engineering or technology (list honors received, current memberships, etc.)
6. Include any information about extra curricular activities and awards received.

Return application, answers, unofficial high school and college transcripts, and letters of recommendation and/or other support materials to:

Office of the Associate Dean, EB 331 or the Technology Dept, Attn: Stacey Deegan, SG 203  
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology  
Graffam Scholarship  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb IL 60115  
Fax: 815.753.0362

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