

The Caterpillar and Friends Scholarship Award 2012-2013

The purpose of this fund is to promote excellence by providing financial support towards tuition and other educational related expenses for a freshman class (including first year transfer students) who are seeking an undergraduate degree in the College of Engineering & Engineering Technology (CEET) at Northern Illinois University.

The Award:

Five scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each for one academic year (\$1000 per semester) and are not renewable. The award may be applied to tuition expenses, academic fees, required text, and room/board. However, in no event shall the award exceed the “cost of education” as determined by the Student Financial Aid Office. Application deadline: application must be postmarked or hand delivered by 4:30 pm on September 14, 2012.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be freshmen or first year transfer.
- Candidates must be enrolled at NIU as full-time undergraduate students. Full-time is defined as a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work per semester.
- Candidates must be a declared major in Electrical Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Technology.
- Candidates must have a minimum ACT of 25 or GPA of 3.0 for transfer students.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for those semesters.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00.
- The recipients of this scholarship will be expected to engage in community service pertaining to participation in Open Houses, Major Fair, Admitted Students Day, Welcome Day, working with high schools under the CEET Adopt-a-High School project, engage in Student Association Committee (SAC) activities, giving college tours, etc. The obligation will not exceed more than 5 hours per week.

About the Award:

This scholarship was created as a result of a fruitful partnership between CEET and Caterpillar. CEET hosted the first “Tee Up Fore Scholarships” golf outing June 13, 2011 to support scholarships for the college, thanks in large part to the guidance, support and friendship from Caterpillar and their staff. Donors to this fund include Caterpillar as well as many other companies, friends, and alumni.

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Applicants Please Type or Print Clearly

Name:	NIU Z-ID:
Address: City/State Zip:	Phone:
Hometown Newspaper:	E-mail:
Declared Major:	ACT Score or transfer GPA:
Signature:	Date:

Return these **REQUIRED** documents: application, resume and personal statement/letter. The personal statement is the applicant's chance to tell the selection committee about themselves, things that cannot be found in a transcript or resume, topics could include: background, current situation, why applicant chose the field of engineering or technology, significant skills learned at work, extracurricular activities, plans for the future, why the scholarship is needed...it is up to the applicant what topics to include, statement should not be longer than one page. **OPTIONAL documents:** letters of recommendation (maximum of 2), copies of recent certificates or awards, and/or other support materials. Return all of these in one package (not to exceed 10 pages total if possible) to:

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