

The Max Zar Scholarship in Engineering 2012-2013

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarship support for senior undergraduate students majoring in an engineering degree program within the College of Engineering and 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. However, in no event shall the award exceed the "cost of education" as determined by the Student Financial Aid Office.

Application deadline: April 2, 2012

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be enrolled at NIU as full-time undergraduate students and in good standing. 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 & Systems Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.
- Candidates must have a minimum cumulative NIU GPA of 3.5, as well as a minimum GPA of 3.5 in their academic major.
- Candidates must be seniors in class ranking for the Fall 2012 semester.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared engineering major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall 2012 semester.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for Fall 2012.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

About the Honoree

Max Zar was a civil engineer from 1942 to 1979 with Sargent & Lundy, a Chicago-based firm specializing in electric power-plant engineering. By the time of his retirement, Mr. Zar was a partner in that firm and the manager of its structural department.

Mr. Zar graduated from the Armour Institute (now a part of the Illinois Institute of Technology) with a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering. During his career he became a member of several professional societies, including: the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, and the American Nuclear Society.

This scholarship is dedicated to Mr. Zar's memory and to his commitment to the support of undergraduate engineering students. He died in 2003 and is survived by four children, one of whom (Jerrold H. Zar) received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Northern Illinois University and, after receiving a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University at Urbana-Champaign, returned to NIU to serve as a biology faculty member (from 1968 until his retirement in 2002) and as Associate Provost (renamed "Vice Provost") for Graduate Studies and Research and Dean of the Graduate School (from 1984 to 2002).

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Applicants Please Type or Print Clearly

Name:		Student ID:		
Local Address: City/State, Zip		Local Phone:		
Permanent Address: City/State, Zip		E-mail:		
Declared Major (circle one): Electrical Engineering Mechanical Engineering Industrial & Systems Engineering		Transfer Hrs:	NIU Hrs (include current classes):	Total Hrs:
Cumulative Major GPA:	Cumulative Overall GPA:	Intended date of graduation:		
Signature:		Date:		

Return these **REQUIRED** documents: application, resume, unofficial transcript (from myNIU) 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, 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 (but encouraged) documents: letters of recommendation, copies of recent certificates or awards, and/or other support materials. Return all of these in one package to:

Associate Dean's Office, EB 331
 College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
 Max Zar Scholarship
 Northern Illinois University
 DeKalb IL 60115
 Fax: 815.753.0362 erin@niu.edu

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