

**The Joseph Bittorf Memorial Expendable Scholarship Fund
in Industrial and Systems Engineering
2012-2013**

The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarship support toward tuition for a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at the freshman or sophomore level (as currently defined by the university), with preference given to a sophomore-level student, majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering at Northern Illinois University.

The Award:

One scholarship valued at \$1,000 for one academic year to be administered Fall 2012.
Application deadline: April 2, 2012.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be a full-time or part-time student at the sophomore level or a first semester admitted freshman in the 2012-2013 school year (as currently defined by the university), with preference given to a sophomore-level student.
- Candidates must be a declared major in Industrial and Systems Engineering.
- Candidates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared major in Industrial and Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology at NIU for the Fall 2012.
- Recipients must enroll in a minimum of 12 semester hours for Fall 2012.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.8.

About the donor:

The scholarship is given in remembrance of Professor Joseph L. Bittorf's father, Joseph D. Bittorf, who was instrumental in guiding Professor Bittorf into the field of study of Industrial Engineering. Both men were part of the privately held family business, National Manufacturing Company in Sterling, Illinois, started by Professor Bittorf's great-grandfather in 1901. The company produced home and builders' hardware, including hundreds of manufacturing processes. Joseph D. Bittorf was the vice president of operations and understood the value Industrial Engineering played in such a manufacturing enterprise. He encouraged Professor Bittorf to investigate the engineering discipline prior to enrolling in college, where he ultimately selected to study that discipline. Upon graduation, Professor Bittorf worked as an Industrial Engineer for Weyerhaeuser in Seattle, Washington and Honeywell in Freeport, Illinois. He returned to the family business and participated in various engineering and management positions for 25 years. Professor Bittorf attributes his professional success to the advice of his father—to pursue the field of Industrial Engineering—which was the foundation for the engineering and business acumen needed to succeed in his career.

It is through the generosity of his son, Joseph L. Bittorf, that this memorial scholarship is established.

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Name:	NIU ID:		
Local Address:	Local Phone:		
City/State/Zip:	E-mail:		
Permanent Address:	Anticipated graduation date:		
City/State/Zip:	Transfer Hrs:	NIU Hrs (include current classes):	Total Hrs:
Declared Major <u>must be</u> : Industrial and Systems Engineering	Most recently earned Cumulative/Overall GPA (indicate GPA and term earned):		
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 industrial engineering, significant skills learned at work, extra curricular 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
Bittorf Family Scholarship
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb IL 60115
Fax: 815.753.0362 erin@niu.edu

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