

The Max Zar Scholarship in Engineering

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 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.

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 semester of the academic year of the award.
- No student may be awarded the scholarship more than once. If you are a prior recipient of this scholarship you are ineligible.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared engineering major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall semester.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for Fall semester.
- 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).