

The Robertson Family Education Enrichment Award

Purpose:

The goal of the endowed scholarship will be to support students having unmet financial need of Black/African American and Latinx/Hispanic race/ethnicity at Northeastern Illinois University who have demonstrated courageous resilience in his/hers/their personal narrative. The award may be used to underwrite expenses of tuition, books, fees, or personal expenses.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must complete the Application
- Must schedule and complete the mentee interview
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Open to any major
- Must present a letter of support from faculty member
- First preference shall go to applicants who are African American; if there is no African American student that qualifies, a Latinx/Hispanic student

Scholarship Requirements:

- Meet four times (in-person or via internet) with mentor during the semester (16 weeks)
- Work with mentor on final reflection assignment that summarizes the experience
- Submit final evaluation
- (Optional) participate in ‘informational interviews’, mutually arranged by the alumni mentor and mentee, with an external third party

Award amount:

- \$500 Award. Scholarship dispersed with two installments – one at the beginning and one end of each semester.

Application Submission Deadline:

- February 28th, 2021 spring award – inaugural award

Submission of Application Materials to:

- Ashley Agron, Assistant Director
Office of Alumni Relations (Alumni Center, Building I)
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 N. St. Louis Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
Email: a-agron@neiu.edu

Questions: General Scholarship questions email to M-Morrow@neiu.edu or scholarships@neiu.edu. For program implementation or scholarship coordination questions, email alumni@neiu.edu

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Directions

To be considered for the Robertson Family Education Enrichment Award, please complete this application with completed essay to the Scholarships Office by **the deadlines above**. Scholarships will be awarded at the beginning and middle of following semester in two payments, based upon engagement in the program.

General Information

Please print:

Name _____ NEIU ID# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Birth Date _____

NEIU E-mail Address _____ E-mail Address _____

Major _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Current Total Earned Credit Hours _____

Number of hours you are currently registered for the upcoming semester _____

Required Documents

In addition to your completed application, please answer the following short essay questions. (Minimum 250 words - Typed)

- 1. Describe what type of experience you expect and specific goals you have for a mentoring opportunity.**
- 2. Describe your prior and current participation in programs at NEIU.**
- 3. What majors/minors are you considering? Why?**
- 4. Submit a letter of support from a faculty member.**
- 5. Please schedule an interview with Alumni Relations staff, email alumni@neiu.edu**

Award Form Certification

I certify that all information provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Scholarships Office to verify the information that is contained on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

NEIU MENTOR/MENTEE EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

MENTOR EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES:

- Must be Northeastern Illinois University graduate, preference is given to graduates of the Masters of Art in Community and Teacher Leader program
- The mentor will be required to meet 4 times (in-person, via e-mail or video conference) with the student during the fall or spring semester (the semester is 16 weeks long)
- Must work with the student on a final reflection assignment that summarizes the mentoring experience
- Complete and submit the Mentor application
- Schedule and complete the Mentor interview
- Submit a current resume/bio

MENTOR BASELINE GROUND RULES:

- Be willing to share information about yourself and your experiences that can assist your mentee as he or she explores career options, assist in guiding student's academic aspirations and serve as an enthusiastic professional/personal life champion
- Be willing to share industry expertise and professional resources that can assist your mentee in becoming more knowledgeable in his or her chosen area
- Be diligent with respect to communicating changes in availability and the need to reschedule mentoring sessions

MENTEE EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES:

- Be interested in establishing a alumni/student mentoring relationship
- Must have applied and been selected as the Hope Is Foundation Courageous Scholars Scholarship recipient
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher (as stated in the scholarship agreement)
- Meet 4 times (in-person, via e-mail or video conference) with mentor during the semester (the semester is 16 weeks long)
- Work with the mentor on a final reflection assignment that summarizes the mentoring experience
- Complete and submit the Mentee application
- Schedule and complete the mentee interview

MENTEE BASELINE GROUND RULES:

- Prepare in advance for all interactions with your mentor (in-person, via e-mail or video conference)
- Take responsibility for initiating contact and continuing to contact your mentor several times over the course of the next few months or longer
- Follow through on all commitments made particularly with respect to the scheduling and length of mentoring sessions

- The focus of this program is to establish a positive and mutual beneficial mentoring relationship with an NEIU graduate