

Spring 2022 English Department Undergraduate Tuition Merit Scholarship Application

In the English Department's continual effort to provide funding for our majors, we are proud to announce the Spring 2022 English Department Undergraduate Tuition Merit Scholarship.

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Declared English Major (this includes English/Secondary Education Majors) with at least 12 credits completed in the major
- GPA of 3.3 or higher within the English major
- Illinois resident
- Earning their first B.A.

In conjunction with a completed application form (see below), please also include a cover letter and a writing portfolio.

Your cover letter should detail why you merit the scholarship. While need will be taken into consideration, this scholarship is primarily merit based. Please specify your achievements within English courses (papers authors, projects completed, etc.) and beyond, including student activities (such as *Seeds Literary & Visual Arts Journal*, *Rebel Poetry*, *Rhizome*, and/or *The Independent*), internships, jobs, and any other activities you deem appropriate. In your cover letter, please specify if you are a previous recipient of this scholarship, and if so, which semester(s) you were a recipient.

For your portfolio, please include 10-20 pages of your best-written work(s) written for English courses taken in **Spring 2021, Summer 2021, or Fall 2021**. This portfolio may contain a combination of various writing forms and styles, including literary analyses, creative projects, research papers, and argumentative essays.

Please e-mail all completed applications to Chair Scherman (t-scherman@neiu.edu) or Hilary Jirka (h-jirka@neiu.edu).

The deadline for award consideration is November 1, 2021.

Please note: this tuition waiver may not be compatible with other tuition waivers. If there are any questions regarding eligibility, please contact t-scherman@neiu.edu).

