

Summer/Fall 2024 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 Summer/Fall 2024 English Department Undergraduate Tuition Merit Scholarships.

To be eligible for these scholarships, 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.
- Enrolled in at least **one** Summer course (if applying for the Summer award)

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 **Summer 2023, Fall 2023, or Spring 2024**. 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 Brad Greenburg (b-greenburg@neiu.edu) or Hilary Jirka (h-jirka2@neiu.edu).

The deadline for award consideration is March 31, 2024.

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

