

Eligibility and Instructions

The **Dr. Harry N. Hild Student Writing Award for the College of Arts and Sciences** provides annual support for students in the College of Arts and Sciences. Each year, the College of Arts and Sciences will host a student writing competition to celebrate the importance of effective communication skills. To participate in the student writing competition, applicants must submit an original written work that will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Undergraduate students who have declared a major in the College of Arts and Sciences at Northeastern Illinois University are eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled full- or part-time. Senior applicants must have at least one semester remaining prior to graduation to be eligible.

The student writing submission deadline is **5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2024**.

General Information

(Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Other Information

I am majoring in a program in the College of Arts and Sciences: Yes No (check one)

I am an undergraduate student in my: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior year (check one)

I am majoring in: _____

I am enrolled full- or part- time: ___ Yes ___ No (check one)

(Applicants must have at least one semester remaining prior to graduation.)

Number of credit hours completed: _____

Cumulative NEIU G.P.A.: _____

Expected Graduation: _____

Submission Guidelines and Criteria

- i. Please submit a typed and double spaced written text addressing the following:

Northeastern Illinois University is guided by six key values, one of which is access to opportunity. According to NEIU's Statement of Values, this means:

NEIU values access to opportunity; we value a welcoming environment that provides appropriate support as well as encourages mutual responsibility for and commitment to learning.

What does "Access to Opportunity" mean to you?

- ii. Writing submissions may take a variety of forms, such as an informative or persuasive essay; a creative format (e.g., a poem, short story, short play, script or screenplay); a journalistic approach (e.g., opinion/editorial piece or news feature); an open letter (e.g., to a public/elected official); or a personal narrative.
- iii. Writing submissions will be evaluated according to the following criteria: 1) effectiveness of written communication and overall message; 2) ability to provide meaningful insights about the topic; and 3) potential impact of the message on readers.

Applicants are encouraged to interpret the writing prompt broadly and consider your own experience with access and/or your vision for a more accessible NEIU.

Scholarship Application Certification

I certify that all information provided on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Office of Institutional Advancement to verify the information that is contained on this application and to release the information provided on this application to those individuals involved in the selection process. I understand that any false statements, untruths or plagiarism will result in my forfeiture of the scholarship should I be selected as the recipient. Also, I understand that any false statements, untruths or plagiarism will result in my returning any/all monies awarded to me from the **Dr. Harry N. Hild Student Writing Award**.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submission and Contact Information

Please submit a completed (and signed) application form and writing submission to Katrina Bell-Jordan in the College of Arts and Sciences (BBH-158).

**Amanda Dykema-Engblade, Acting Associate Dean
College of Arts and Sciences**

PDF versions of completed (and signed) application forms and writing submissions may be sent to: a-dykema-engblade@neiu.edu by 5:00 pm, May 3, 2024

All materials must be received by the College of Arts and Sciences by **5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2024.**