

Summer/Fall 2026 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 2026 English Department Undergraduate Tuition Merit Scholarships.

To be eligible for these scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Declared English Major with at least 12 credits **completed** in the major **at NEIU** (*this does not include ENGL 101/102, which are general University requirements*)
- 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 *La Mosca 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 2025**, **Fall 2025**, or **Spring 2026**. 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 *extended* deadline for award consideration is April 19, 2026.

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.

