

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:

- o Must complete the Application
- o Must schedule and complete the mentee interview
- o Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- o Open to any major
- o Must present a letter of support from faculty member
- o 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:

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

Award amount:

- o A maximum of two scholarships are awarded per academic year – one per semester. Award amount is subject to change pending applicant pool and eligibility. Award given out in two installments during the semester based upon engagement in the program.

Application Submission Deadline:

- o The application deadline for Fall 2024 is September 1, 2024. The application deadline for Spring 2025 is December 1, 2024.

Submission of Application Materials to:

- o Lauren Lenart-Proctor, Assistant Director
Office of Alumni Relations (Alumni Center, Building I)
Northeastern Illinois University
5500 N. St. Louis Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625
Email: l-lenartproctor@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 submit this application with a resumé and completed essay to the NEIU Office of Alumni Relations by **the deadlines above**. A resumé should highlight your leadership positions, academic honors, special awards, work experiences, and community activities.

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 _____

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NEIU MENTORING PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

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)