



## ***The NEIU Class Gift Scholarship Application for Fall 2026/Spring 2027***

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### **Purpose:**

Since 1996, graduating students have made it a tradition to support the Class Gift Fund, one of Northeastern's largest scholarship funds. In this NEIU tradition of graduates making a parting gift, it ensures that they leave behind a lasting impact and give other students the opportunity to succeed. Leave your legacy today.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Open to any major
- Must be a degree seeking undergraduate or graduate student
- Must be full-time (12) or half-time (6) hours
- Must volunteer 10 hours with the NEIU Alumni Association
- Consideration will be given to financial need
- Consideration will be given to outstanding scholastic achievement (3.0 GPA or higher)

### **Award amount:**

- A maximum of four scholarships are awarded per academic year – two 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:**

- The application deadline for Fall 2026 is September 1, 2026.
- The application deadline for Spring 2027 is November 1, 2026.

### **Submission of Application Materials to:**

- 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](mailto:l-lenartproctor@neiu.edu)

**Questions:** For questions regarding scholarships from the Office of Alumni Relations, email [l-lenartproctor@neiu.edu](mailto:l-lenartproctor@neiu.edu). For general scholarship questions, email [M-Morrow@neiu.edu](mailto:M-Morrow@neiu.edu) or [scholarships@neiu.edu](mailto:scholarships@neiu.edu). For program implementation or scholarship coordination questions, email [alumni@neiu.edu](mailto:alumni@neiu.edu).



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To be considered for the NEIU Class Gift Scholarship, please submit this application with an academic resumé and completed essay questions 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 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Total Earned Credit Hours \_\_\_\_\_

### **Required Documents**

In addition to your completed application and an academic resume, please answer the following short essay questions (Minimum of 250 words - Typed)

- 1. Describe your prior and current participation in Alumni Relations and/or Student Leadership Development activities.**
- 2. Please explain why this scholarship would help you complete your degree.**
- 3. Upon graduation, what will it mean to you to be a NEIU alumnus/a?**
- 4. Describe what it means to leave a legacy at your soon to be alma mater Northeastern Illinois University.**

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_



## **The NEIU Class Gift 2026-2027 Volunteer Opportunities**

*Please select any of the following volunteer opportunities you are interested in to complete the required ten (10) volunteer hours with the NEIU Alumni Association.*

### **Fall 2026 Semester Opportunities:**

- Fall 2026 NEIU Career Fair - TBD
- Volunteering at [NEIU Homecoming](#) with our office (Sept. 17-19, events vary)
- Giving Tuesday promotions on Dec. 1, 2026

### **Spring 2027 Semester Opportunities:**

- Spring 2027 NEIU Commencement Resource Fair - Dates are TBD
- Spring 2027 NEIU Commencement Ceremony at the UIC Pavilion - TBD
- Spring 2027 NEIU Career Fair - TBD

### **Misc. volunteer opportunities for both Fall 2026 and Spring 2027:**

- Class Gift Scholarship tabling (TBD, depending on your availability)
- NEIU Alumni Association Membership program tabling (TBD, depending on your availability)
- Phone calls to prospective members of the NEIU Alumni Association Membership Program
- Other miscellaneous phone calls for Alumni Events taking place for Fall 2026/Spring 2027