

The Doris Vrooman Alumni Mentoring Scholarship for Fall 2026/Spring 2027

Purpose:

To support and recognize an NEIU student who will be involved in a mentorship opportunity at Northeastern Illinois University.

Eligibility Requirements:

- o Must complete the application
- o Must present a letter of support from a faculty member
- o Must submit an academic resume with application
- o Must schedule and complete the mentee interview (*on hold for Fall 2025*)
- o Must be a first semester sophomore (Can apply 2nd semester Freshman year)
- o Minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average
- o Open to any major (College of Arts and Science preference)

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 \$500 (4 scholarships awarded per year). The first half is awarded at the beginning of the semester and the second half is awarded at the end of the semester.

Application Submission Deadline:

- o 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:

- 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: For questions about the scholarships from the Office of Alumni Relations, email l-lenartproctor@neiu.edu. 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 Doris Vrooman Alumni Mentoring 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 _____

Number of hours you are currently registered for the current semester _____

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 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:

- Maintain contact with assigned mentor throughout the semester
 - Student will be required to meet 4 times (in-person or via Google Meets or Zoom) with mentor during the semester
 - Prepare in advance for all interactions with your mentor
 - Need help breaking the ice? Here are a few questions to get you started:
 - What was your favorite part of your experience at Northeastern?
 - What made you decide on your career path?
 - If you could go back in time, what would you do differently?
 - If you need additional questions, let the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations know and she can help you out: l-lenartproctor@neiu.edu.
 - Follow through on all commitments and respect the scheduling of mentoring sessions
 - Respond to requests for contact/information from Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
 - She won't bother you too often!
 - Assume responsibility for your own professional growth and development
 - Be receptive to constructive feedback from mentor
 - The focus of this program is professional development, not obtaining a job
 - Complete end of semester evaluation
 - This helps us do better for next semester!
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Mentor Expectations and Guidelines:

- Mentor will be required to meet 4 times (in-person or via Google Meets or Zoom) with student
- Strive to develop a good rapport with your mentee(s)
- Maintain a positive attitude and keep an open mind
- Respond in a timely manner when your mentee reaches out to you
- Encourage your mentee(s) to grow and advocate for themselves
- Provide advice and guidance within the scope of your personal experience and knowledge
- Complete end of semester evaluation, if possible and if within your capacity to do so