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**The deadline to submit a completed application form along with an essay:  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 11:59 PM CST.**

**By mail or hand-delivery:**

Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs  
c/o: Michael Partipilo  
Northeastern Illinois University  
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Chicago, IL 60625

**-OR-**

**By email:**

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*Please consider utilizing campus resources such as the Learning Support Center to review your essay before you submit your application.*

**Murrell J. Higgins Duster Scholarship**

Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs  
Northeastern Illinois University

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**Purpose**

The Murrell J. Higgins Duster Scholarship was established in 2012 to assist students with costs associated with attending Northeastern Illinois University, including tuition, books, or fees. There are **three** \$450 scholarships available to students for the **Fall 2020** semester.

**Origin**

Ms. Duster served as Founding Dean and Associate Vice President of the Angelina Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs. She was a member of the Northeastern Illinois University community for more than 35 years, serving in multiple teaching, administrative and leadership positions within the institution.

**Criteria**

1. All applicants must be currently enrolled Northeastern Illinois University students.
2. Scholarships are open to both undergraduate and graduate students.
3. Students currently enrolled in their last semester **cannot** apply.

Recipients will be selected and notified by Thursday, April 30, 2020.  
Scholarships will be applied to recipients' tuition accounts after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Each recipient is required to submit a donor "Thank You" letter upon notification of the scholarship award.