



# TIME FOR GIFTING

The season for gifts is upon us! We should take the time to understand and appreciate some of the gift aid that we are given. Gift aid is the various financial aid that does not need to be repaid (free Money).

Those with the most financial need can receive over \$6,000 in **Federal PELL Grant**.

Finishing your FAFSA early may qualify student for over \$4,000 of **Illinois MAP Grant**.

**Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)** offer up to \$750 to early FAFSA applicants with exceptional financial need.

**Teacher Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant** provides grants up to \$4,000 a year to students who are planning to become teachers in a high-need field in low-income areas

**Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship** and **Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW)** are also available to qualifying education students. Learn more about these at [isac.org](http://isac.org).

**Federal Veterans Grants** are also available for qualifying students, such as The Montgomery G. I. Bill Grant and the Post 9/11 Bill Grant

**Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) and Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant** offers aid to Illinois veterans, members of the Illinois National Guard, and Reserves. Learn more about these at [isac.org](http://isac.org).

**Institutional Scholarships** are the scholarships that are awarded by the university. Students are encouraged to apply for as many as they think they can qualify. Apply at <https://neiu.academicworks.com>.

**Outside Scholarships** are available everywhere. From student or parents place of employment, the businesses they frequent, or place of worship, there are scholarship opportunities abound for which they may qualify.

Students are also encouraged to use scholarship search websites such as [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com), [SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch](http://SallieMae.com/ScholarshipSearch), [ScholarshipOwl.com](http://ScholarshipOwl.com) and [myscholarly.com](http://myscholarly.com)

## TIMES IS TICKING! #EARLYFAFSA

If you have not done your 2019-2020 FAFSA yet, now is the time. To maximize your financial aid eligibility, you must complete your FAFSA as early as possible.

There are deadlines for eligibility to receive Illinois MAP Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), as well as Federal Work Study.

### DON'T STOP THERE!

Many scholarship opportunities may be contingent to having a FAFSA on file. NEIU also has priority deadlines for scholarship Applications.

### IT'S EASIER THAN EVER!

*DO NOT DELAY...  
MAKE SURE IT'S  
DONE TODAY!*

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There are many great benefits to working while attending the University.

Working a part-time job may improve your performance in school. It helps you become more organized and teaches you time management skills. You can learn to use study time more effectively and to focus on what is in front of you.

Working can certainly help you minimize the amount that you borrow and help you pay the debt you already have.

Employment helps you learn career skills. Even if you take a job that is not in your field of study, you will still learn practical skills that you will use well beyond graduation. Having skills in problem solving, communicating effectively, being a professional, and working on a team can get you places.

Having a job gives you a chance to network. Having professional connections can open up opportunities that you may have never had. You may meet someone in your college job that can help you get in the door to the dream job after you graduate.

Work experience can give you an edge on your resume. Potential employers will know you are ready, willing and able, because you have demonstrated you are driven and have a strong work ethic by working through college.

Entering the workforce can teach you much about yourself, as well. Before you dive in to a professional career, you may want to stick your toes in the water and learn how you feel about working in different environments and situations. Work experience strengthens your self esteem and confidence. Imagine, it is much easier convincing a potential employer that you could do the job when you already proved to yourself that you can. More information is available at <http://neiu-csm.symplicity.com>.



## SPRING BOOK VOUCHER

December 17—January 22, 2019

### TO QUALIFY:

Financial Aid package must be reflected under 2018-2019 Financial Aid Awards

Financial Aid Awards must exceed your University balance. (Must have a credit balance.)

### TO ORDER ONLINE:

Visit [eFollett.com](http://eFollett.com) website [www.bkstr.com/northeasternillinoisstore/home](http://www.bkstr.com/northeasternillinoisstore/home) or download the mobile application on your phone.

Present your NEIU ID to the bookstore cashier and request to pick up your order.

### TO SHOP IN PERSON:

Visit eFollett Bookstore on campus (adjacent to the Student Union) and select your books.

Show your NEIU ID to the cashier at time of checkout.

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## UNIVERSITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Federal Work Study** is a campus-based financial aid program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of the program at NEIU is to provide students in need to work in worthwhile jobs on and off campus, while providing assistance to specific departments at the University or non-for-profit organizations off campus. Opportunity is provided to students in positions which may be related to their career goals to enhance their educational experience.

All students who complete their FAFSA early, demonstrate sufficient financial need, are enrolled in at least 6 credit hours, and are in a degree seeking program can be eligible. If you are interested, you must indicate so on your FAFSA.

**Student Aid Positions** are also available to qualifying students regardless of financial need. If you are interested in either program, we recommend that you contact the Student Employment Department for more information. Plan on coming out to the **Job Fair January 15th from 11am to 2pm at Alumni Hall** and visit NEIU's new job formation site at: <http://neiu-csm.symplicity.com>.

## CONTACT US!

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