The Caterpillar Excellence Scholarship

The purpose of this award is to strengthen company ties between Caterpillar and Northern Illinois University and to encourage students to major and excel in engineering and technology.

The Award:

Four scholarships valued at $2,500 each for one academic year ($1250 per semester) to be distributed to students with a declared major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology and are not renewable. The award may be applied to tuition expenses, academic fees, required text, and room/board. However, in no event shall the award exceed the “cost of education” as determined by the Student Financial Aid Office.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be enrolled at NIU as full-time undergraduate students. Full-time is defined as a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work per semester.
- Candidates must be a sophomore or above in the Fall semester with a declared major in one of the college’s four departments (Electrical Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Technology).
- Candidates must have a minimum NIU cumulative GPA of 2.80.
- Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding leadership and/or leadership initiative.
- Candidates must be US citizens, permanent residents, temporary residents who have applied for or been granted amnesty by INS, refugees or asylees, and able to establish employment eligibility under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall and Spring semesters of the academic year of the award.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for each semester.
- Recipients must maintain a NIU cumulative GPA of 2.80.
- Recipients are required to submit a Scholarship Report form to Caterpillar (this form will be given to the recipient at a later date for completion).