The NECA- Northeastern Illinois Chapter Scholarship
In Memory of Peter Cattaneo, Sr.

The purpose of this award is to provide support for currently enrolled students in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology who are pursuing a degree in either Electrical Engineering or Electrical Engineering Technology at Northern Illinois University.

**The Award:**
Two scholarships valued at $2,500 each for the academic year. The award may be applied to tuition, academic fees, required text, and room/board.

**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 declared major in Electrical Engineering or Electrical Engineering Technology.
- Candidates will also be considered from other majors within College of Business who can demonstrate an interest in having a professional career in the field of electrical contracting.
- Candidates must have a NIU minimum overall GPA of 2.00.
- The quality of a student’s prior academic record will be evaluated based on such criteria as the strength of prior coursework, other academic performance, professional experience, recommendations received on behalf of the applicant and interest in a professional career in the field of electrical contracting (which should be addressed in the personal statement).

**Requirements:**
- Recipients must remain a declared major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for academic year of the award.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours each semester.
- Recipients must maintain a NIU cumulative GPA of 2.00.

**Honoree:**
Peter Cattaneo Sr. co-founded Cattaneo Electrical with his wife, Sharon Cattaneo, in 1977. Through the years, Cattaneo Electrical Company has developed a customer base that is as diverse as their individual electrical needs, and a reputation for excellence in the electrical industry.

The Northeastern Illinois Chapter, NECA Scholarship, in Memory of Peter Cattaneo, is set up for those students who are interested in a career in Electrical Engineering and/or Engineering Technology. When it came to matters of education, Peter Cattaneo believed in supporting those with ambition and determination; no matter who they were or from what walk of life. Advocacy for the whole industry was at the heart of what he truly believed in. His position called for comprehensive education and training for all who wanted to better themselves.

Peter touched the lives of so many in this industry, and represented the strength and ambition required to be successful in the electrical business. Although he is missed greatly; his legacy will live in perpetuity though this academic scholarship, and each recipient is a vital part of his memory.

It is through the generosity of Northeastern Illinois Chapter, NECA, Sharon Cattaneo, and Peter Cattaneo, Jr. that this scholarship is being established.