

The Romualdas and Nijole Kasuba Endowed Scholarship

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarship support for students at Northern Illinois University who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering.

The Award:

The scholarship is valued at \$1,000 for one academic year and is not renewable. The award may be applied to tuition, enrollment and course-related fees, or required bookstore charges assessed to the student's university account. 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 full-time and have completed their sophomore year by the beginning of the academic year in which the award is given. Full-time is defined as a minimum of 12 semester hours of course work per semester.
- Candidates must be a declared major in Mechanical Engineering and have completed the first two years of the required engineering and math courses according to the Four Year Study Plan prescribed by the Mechanical Engineering Department.
- Candidates must have a NIU minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- 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, and recommendations received on behalf of the applicant.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared major in Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for Fall and Spring.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75.

About the donors:

Dr. Romualdas Kasuba served as the first dean for the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology. Dr. Kasuba served as dean for 17 years before retiring in 2003.

Arriving in June 1986, he inherited a program established on paper in the fall of 1985. It had some aspects of an engineering school, but was far from a full-fledged college. Working tirelessly he assembled a faculty and staff and within four years the school attained full accreditation.

The accreditation was recognized by the State of Illinois as a major accomplishment for the college and was a catalyst to obtain funding for construction of a building to house the engineering program. That building, completed in 1995, remains a source of pride for Kasuba.

He and his wife, Nijole, established this scholarship to support a mechanical engineering undergraduate student at NIU.

Biographical and professional sketch of Dr. Kasuba is available at http://www.niu.edu/ceet/about/retirees_annuitants/kasuba_retiree.pdf