

The Caterpillar and Friends Scholarship Award

The purpose of this fund is to promote excellence by providing financial support towards tuition and other educational related expenses for a freshman class (including first year transfer students) who are seeking an undergraduate degree in the College of Engineering & Engineering Technology (CEET) at Northern Illinois University.

The Award:

Five scholarships are valued at \$2,000 each for one academic year (\$1000 per semester) 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 freshmen or first year transfer.
- 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, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or Technology.
- Candidates must have a minimum ACT of 25 or GPA of 3.0 for transfer students.

Requirements:

- Recipients must remain a declared major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for those semesters.
- Recipients must maintain a NIU cumulative GPA of 3.00.
- The recipients of this scholarship will be expected to engage in community service to the college as part of the CEET Ambassadors Club. This includes attending regular Ambassadors Club meetings and training sessions, and assisting as needed with college events (Open Houses, Admitted Students Day, college tours, working with high schools under the CEET Adopt-A-High-School Project, etc.). The obligation will not exceed more than 5 hours a week.

About the Award:

This scholarship was created as a result of a fruitful partnership between CEET and Caterpillar. CEET hosted the first “Tee Up Fore Scholarships” golf outing June 13, 2011 to support scholarships for the college, thanks in large part to the guidance, support and friendship from Caterpillar and their staff. Donors to this fund include Caterpillar as well as many other companies, friends, and alumni.