

Application Guidelines and Information About Scholarships

School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences

Northern Illinois University

CELINE NEPTUNE SCHOLARSHIP

An anonymous donor established the Celine Neptune Scholarship in 1974. The scholarship honors Celine Neptune who served as department chair from 1921 through 1948. It was initiated to promote excellence in the undergraduate study of Family, Consumer, Nutrition Sciences. One or more scholarships are awarded annually. Half of the award is distributed equally at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Variable amount.

GEORGIANA W. SIE SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Dr. Georgiana W. Sie established the Sie Scholarship in 1986. Dr. Sie is a former member of the Family, Consumer, Nutrition Sciences faculty. The scholarship is designed to promote excellence in the undergraduate study in child development. One scholarship is awarded annually. Half of the award is distributed at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Variable amount.

KAPPA OMICRON NU SCHOLARSHIP

The Kappa Omicron Nu Scholarship was established in 1986 to encourage and reward the academic achievement of its membership, at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Membership in the Beta Gamma Chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu according to the chapter standards is required for eligibility for these scholarships. The scholarship applicant (or recipient) is expected to be enrolled as a full time student at NIU in the subsequent semester. One \$500 scholarship is awarded annually. Graduate students are eligible to apply in odd numbered years and undergraduate students are eligible in even numbered years. In the event that there are no applicants from a given status during the year the award is normally made, the award will be given to a student of the other status.

To be considered for this scholarship the applicant must provide a written essay (between 1-2 pages) about a service learning experience which contributed significantly to his or her professional development and had an impact on his or her community (defined as the university community or larger community). Service learning experiences include but are not limited to the following: volunteer work at an agency or through a campus organization, assisting a professor with work related to the student's field, and internship or a coop experience. This is in addition to Section III of this scholarship application.

FASHION INDUSTRIES ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP (FIO)

The Fashion Industries Organization (FIO) Scholarship was established in 1990 to help students whose academic interests are in the field of fashion merchandising and/or apparel design. Membership in FIO and major in Textiles, Apparel and Merchandising is required for eligibility for the scholarship. In order to apply for the scholarship, a student must be an active member of FIO and provide a one-page summary of FIO related activities.

The FIO scholarship award may be used for all educational expenses including tuition, fees, books and other related expenses. Half of the award is distributed equally at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Variable amount.

WESTLAKE SCHOLARSHIP FOR FAMILY LIFE STUDIES

The Helen Gum Westlake and Donald G. Westlake Scholarship for Family Life Studies is designed to encourage students, both men and women, to become public school teachers and, in particular, to perpetuate the teaching of research-proven principles of family relationships, child development, and parenting. Applicants must be full time students who are preparing to teach in family life, child development, and/or parenting in the public schools and are enrolled as an FCNS major. The endowed scholarship provides \$1,000 per year to the recipient. Half of the award is distributed in the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Students must be admitted into the teacher certification program to be considered.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO SCHOLARSHIP (\$2000)

This scholarship is established by the Hollywood Casino in Aurora to promote excellence in the undergraduate study in hospitality administration. The scholarship will be awarded to one student in the hospitality administration emphasis with a GPA of 3.0 or above. The scholarship winner must be participating in the internship program with Hollywood Casino, Aurora. The scholarship will be applied toward academic tuition in the semester when the recipient takes the internship. Hollywood Casino provides a paid internship in the area of food and beverage management or marketing which is in addition to this scholarship money.

HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS

There are additional scholarships available for NIU Hospitality Administration students. There are three awards from Marriot and Illinois Restaurant Association Education Foundation Scholarship. There are three awards from Hyatt International and Illinois Restaurant Association Education Foundation Scholarship. If interested, applications for these scholarships can be picked up in Wirtz Hall, Room 118 or online at www.illinoisrestaurant.org. The application deadline is May 15th of each year and, if awarded, will be applied for the following school year. There are also 1-2 awards for the Illinois Lodging Association Scholarship. Information about this can be found at www.ihlaef.org/Scholarship.cfm.

Most of the awards will be applied toward academic tuition after being automatically deposited in the bursar's office prior to the beginning of each semester.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Full-time students in the School of Family, Consumer, Nutrition Sciences at Northern Illinois University are invited to apply. Undergraduate applicants must have been accepted into the FCNS major, and must have completed twelve semester hours of credit at NIU, (to be eligible) to apply and receive an award/scholarship/tuition waiver. Students with junior or senior classification will be given first priority. Graduate applicants must be admitted to a graduate program in the School. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for all applicants.

Scholarships are awarded to students who have shown significant academic and personal achievements and who have demonstrated financial need for assistance in meeting educational expenses. The awards do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, disability, status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran, or sexual orientation.

MAINTENANCE OF AWARDS

To maintain these awards, scholarship winners must continue with full-time enrollment toward their degree in the School of Family, Consumer, Nutrition Sciences for the academic year beginning in the fall following receipt of the award.

Recipients of the Westlake Scholarship are expected to send a thank you note to the scholarship donor. The School will provide the appropriate names and addresses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants for FCNS scholarships must submit a TYPED or WORD-PROCESSED application form. Applicants must attach to the back of this application, a copy of their most current transcript that includes their last semester completed. In addition, two letters of recommendation should be submitted directly to the scholarship committee. One letter should be written by a teacher or faculty member who is familiar with your academic ability; the second letter written by a supervisor in a work related or volunteer experience. When thinking about whom to ask for a letter of recommendation, consider people who can provide the Committee with information about your academic ability, work or service/volunteer experiences, and your personal attributes. Family members are not eligible to write letters of support for applications.

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee of the faculty will determine the recipients of the above named scholarship awards in the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences. A representative from each area serves on this committee each year and has full responsibility to judge the applications and select the recipients of the awards. The scholarship committee will consider only completed applications received by the deadline. The committee selects finalists for the Westlake Scholarship who will be invited for a personal interview. All applicants will be notified in writing of the committee's decision.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED OR WORD-PROCESSED

Please check the scholarship for which you are applying. Refer to pages one and two of this application for descriptions and eligibility requirements for each. You may check more than one if you are eligible.

- _____ **Celine Neptune Scholarship**
- _____ **Georgiana Sie Scholarship**
- _____ **Kappa Omicron Nu Scholarship**
(KON membership is required)
- _____ **Fashion Industries Organization Scholarship**
(FIO membership is required)
- _____ **Westlake Scholarship for Family Life**
(Must already be admitted to teacher certification)
- _____ **Hollywood Casino Scholarship**

THIS APPLICATION AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE DUE:

Monday, March 1, 2009 by 4:00 PM

Wirtz Hall, RM. 118

MAY BE MAILED TO:

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF FAMILY, CONSUMER, NUTRITION SCIENCES

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

ATTN: PAT SIEBRASSE

DEKALB, IL 60115

SECTION II FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimate the total dollar amount of your educational and living expenses for the Fall 2009/Spring 2010 semesters.

\$ _____

Please indicate the percent of the amount stated above funded by the following: (Total should equal 100%)

Your employment	_____ %
Loans	_____ %
Grants	_____ %
Parent/Family/relatives/ others	_____ %
Savings	_____ %
Scholarship(s)	_____ %
Tuition waiver(s)	_____ %
Other, _____	_____ %

Please specify

SECTION III APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

Please prepare a personal statement that addresses the following issues:

1. Personal achievement through professional and/or service activities
2. Personal goals and career objectives
3. Financial need
4. Academic achievement

SECTION IV LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION AND SIGNATURE

Please list the two persons who were asked to write letters of recommendation. (Appropriate persons include professors, employers, and supervisors. Friends and family members are not eligible to write letters of support.) Give ample time for letters of recommendation to be submitted: two weeks is recommended. Instruct individuals writing letters of recommendation to mail them directly to THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE at the address below.

Letters of recommendation are a significant consideration in the review process; therefore, they should address in what capacity the person knows you, i.e. as a work supervisor or teacher. Letters should address your achievements, strengths, and abilities. Carefully choose those who know you well.

1. _____
2. _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURE:

I understand that to the best of my knowledge, I have provided full information concerning all questions on this application. I further understand that failure to provide accurate and complete information could mean withdrawal of all financial assistance for any funds awarded to me by the School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences. I also allow the scholarship committee to review my academic records for the purpose of awarding the scholarships. *I agree to report any factors that may affect my application, i.e., major change, change in financial status, etc.*

Student Signature

Date

- Please check your application carefully to be sure it includes **all** necessary information and that you have signed it
- Attach your most current unofficial transcript that includes the last semester completed.
- Make sure that your letters of recommendation have been sent.
- Please paper clip application and do not staple.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 4:00 PM, ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2009.**

MAY BE MAILED TO:
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF FAMILY, CONSUMER, NUTRITION SCIENCES
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: PAT SIEBRASSE
DEKALB, IL 60115

Criteria for Selection of KON Scholarship Recipients:

1. Membership in Omicron Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu according to chapter standards.
2. When the award is made, the student expects to be a student at NIU during the subsequent academic year. Should the student fail to continue as a student, the scholarship will be withheld and will be given to the alternate.
3. When the award is given in even numbered years, the recipient will be an undergraduate student. When the award is given in odd numbered years the recipient will be a graduate student. In the event that there are no applications from a given status the year the award is normally made, the award will be given to a student of the other status.
4. The scholarship is open to any member in Omicron Beta Gamma chapter, without restrictions as to race, sex, creed, national origin, conditions of handicap, or sexual orientation.
5. The chapter member will provide a written essay (between 1-2 pages) about a service learning experience which contributed significantly to his or her professional development and had an impact on his or her community (defined as the university community or larger community). Service learning experiences include but are not limited to the following: volunteer work at an agency or through a campus organization, assisting a professor with work related to the students field, an internship, or a coop experience. (This is in addition to Section II of this scholarship application).