The Carter-Rodriquez Scholarship for Women in Engineering
2008-2009

The purpose of this award is to provide scholarship support for undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology at Northern Illinois University who are pursuing a degree in engineering, giving preference to women who are minorities, from immigrant families, and/or are first generation college students and have demonstrated financial need.

The Award:
Two scholarships valued at $5,000 for one academic year ($2,500 per semester) and are renewable for an additional three (3) years. Applications received by March 1, 2008 will be given full consideration.

Eligibility:
- Candidates must be incoming freshman females 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 Engineering major.
- Candidates must be an immigrant or person whose parents are immigrants, an underrepresented minority in The College of Engineering and Engineering Technology-NIU, and/or a first generation college student.
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate financial need.

Requirements:
- Recipients must remain a declared Engineering major in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology for the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 semesters.
- Recipients must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009.
- Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50.

About the Donor:
Eugene Carter is President and founder of the E. Eugene Carter Foundation, based in Washington, D.C. The Foundation provides scholarships for women in engineering and other fields, as well as providing philanthropic support to a variety of organizations.

Dr. Carter’s vision for women to pursue technical fields derives from his belief that women bring a unique perspective to engineering issues. His own academic background, however, is in business and finance. A native of Kansas, he received an Austin Scholarship to Northwestern and graduated with a business degree in 1964. He continued his education on a National Defense Education Act Fellowship at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon), where he earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in industrial administration with the help of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and a Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award. Dr. Carter taught corporate finance at Harvard Business School from 1968 to 1977 and at MIT’s Sloan School of Management. From 1977-1982, he chaired the finance department at the University of Illinois at Chicago and then retired 1983 as Professor and Associate Dean at the University of Maryland in College Park to focus on raising his daughter, Adela-Marie. Dr. Carter has served for more than 30 years as a director and chair of the audit committee of A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., one of the country's largest retail brokerage firms. He also serves as treasurer and board member for Women and Philanthropy.

The Carter-Rodriquez scholarship honors Carter's wife, Dr. Rita Rodriguez. A Cuban immigrant, Dr. Rodriguez is a graduate of Puerto Rico Junior College, the University of Puerto Rico, and New York University. Her experiences as the first in her family to attend college, a university professor, and an expert in international finance exemplify the challenges and the potential for determined, intelligent women from immigrant and minority families. After marrying as junior faculty members at Harvard, the Carters co-wrote three editions of a textbook that is still in use, International Financial Management. Dr. Rodriguez was a faculty member at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1982 when she was appointed as a Director of the U.S. Export-Import Bank. Reappointed by four U.S. presidents, she served in this position until 1999 when she retired as Interim President. She is currently a senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Institute and a director of several international corporations. The Carter's daughter graduated from Skidmore College with honors in mathematics and fine arts and is now a graphic designer in New York City.
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Return application with resume and official transcripts. Letters of recommendation and other support materials are optional but encouraged.

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**Application Deadline: March 1, 2008**