

The Julianna Gehant Memorial Scholarship

Julianna Gehant loved children, country music, and ballroom dancing. Most of all, she loved her tight-knit family and her homeland. Before losing her life in the NIU campus shooting on February 14, 2008, Julianna was an active member of the NIU Veterans Club and a dean's list student majoring in elementary education in the College of Education. She planned to teach second grade because she loved the innocence and creativity of that age. Family and friends describe her as smart, kind, conscientious, and courageous. She was a bright and highly motivated student who lit up a room with her smile and her positive attitude. She had a great sense of humor and an abiding love for children.

Julianna served her country proudly for thirteen years and one month in the U.S. Army and the Army Reserves. She had joined the military right after high school and spent much of her young adult years traveling the world as part of an engineering unit. The 32-year-old soldier was promoted to Sergeant First Class (E-7) during the November 2007 board and had served tours of duty in Bosnia, Tonga, and Thailand, where she helped to build barracks and schools. Julianna's experiences as a soldier influenced her career path; she took classes at military bases around the world and looked forward to the day when she would lead her own second-grade classroom. She was an outstanding leader, and had been selected as one of only six instructors who were scheduled to teach for the military in Oahu during July and August of 2008.

This scholarship is established to celebrate the life, the values,
and the indomitable spirit of Julianna Gehant.

Northern Illinois University
College of Education, Dean's Office

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Basic qualifications for this scholarship include:

- **Must be a degree-seeking undergraduate student**
- **Must be majoring in elementary education in the NIU College of Education**
- **Preference will be given to applicants with current or previous military service**

Personal Information (Where you would like response sent)

Name: _____

Z-ID: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Community College Information (for new transfer students & currently enrolled NIU transfer students):

Cumulative Transfer GPA: _____ (on 4.0 scale) Earned Transferable Hours: _____

NIU Information (for currently Enrolled NIU Students):

Cumulative NIU GPA: _____ (on 4.0 scale) Earned NIU hours: _____

UNOFFICIAL OR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM EACH FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION IS REQUIRED. NIU TRANSCRIPT MAY BE PRINTED FROM MYNIU. DO NOT SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS FOR COMMUNITY OR TECHNICAL COLLEGES. NO DARS/GRADE REPORTS (ON-LINE OR OTHER) WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Applicant's Statement:

1. A brief essay about why you want to teach at the elementary level **MUST** accompany your application.
 2. ****Applicants with military service should include an ADDITIONAL, brief statement about their military experiences and what they have gained from military service. If discharged or retired from military service, a copy of the applicant's DD214 must accompany the application. If the applicant is on active duty or reserve status, a statement from his or her commanding officer to that effect must accompany the application.****
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Letters of Recommendation:

Please list the two persons who were asked to write letters of recommendation. (Suggestions include teachers, professors, members of the clergy, employers or internship supervisor.) Please allow ample time for letters of recommendation to be submitted; a minimum of two weeks is recommended.

LETTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY FROM THE PERSON WRITING THE RECOMMENDATION TO: DEBORAH FRANSEN, NIU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION - GH319A, DEKALB, ILLINOIS, 60115. THE RECOMMENDATION MUST BE ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD (UNLESS FROM A PERSONAL REFERENCE) AND HAVE AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE. LETTERS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT. LETTERS THAT DO NOT MEET

THESE STANDARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL MAKE YOUR APPLICATION INELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Letters of recommendation are a significant consideration in the review process, therefore, they should be professional, well written, and emphasize your strengths, abilities, and achievements. Carefully choose those who know you well.

1.	_____	_____
	Name	Relationship
2.	_____	_____
	Name	Relationship

Required Signature:

I certify by my signature that to the best of my knowledge, I have provided full and accurate information concerning all questions on this application. I further understand that:

- I am required to disclose any factors that may affect my application, i.e., major change, change in financial status, expulsion or dismissal from an educational institution for disciplinary reasons, pending criminal charges, conviction of a crime, etc., as a mandatory step in the application process. Disclosure of this information will not automatically bar an award, but will require review and evaluation by the selection committee.
- Failure to provide true and complete information may result in my application being ineligible for consideration or the withdrawal of any award offered to me.
- I give the committee permission to review/access my academic records for the purpose of awarding the scholarship.
- If selected, I give permission to share my name, hometown, and information related to my major with the donor of this award.

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Signature	Date

Complete application and letters of recommendation **must** be **received** by **4:30 p.m. on February 1 (NOT POST MARKED)**. **Only complete applications will be considered.** Submit Completed Materials to:

COE Scholarship Committee
C/O Deborah Fransen
College of Education—GH319A
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115