



**Robert M. Smith Memorial Scholarship:  
Excellence in the Study of Learning to Learn**

**Purpose.** To reward the outstanding achievements of students pursuing graduate study in the research and practice of learning to learn at Northern Illinois University.

**Information.** One or more scholarships will be presented annually.

**Eligibility.** Any student currently pursuing a graduate degree at Northern Illinois University who has completed the course CAHA 533 Learning to Learn. A master's degree student must have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours, and a doctoral student a minimum of 24 credit hours.

**Procedure:**

1. Submit the application with a brief vita.
2. Write a 6-8 page essay that uses learning to learn as the conceptual framework. The following criteria will be used to judge essays:
  - Central focus of the paper is clearly stated
  - Grounded in the work of Robert Smith
  - Linkage to appropriate literature
  - Addresses important questions and relationships that are made clear to the reader
  - Has a logical flow established by the central narrative and is aligned with the concluding analysis
  - Provides additional insights or new ideas related to learning to learn
  - Offers implications to theory and/or practice
  - Formatted according to APA guidelines

**Selection.** Recipients of these scholarships will be selected by a committee of faculty members who are familiar with Robert M. Smith's scholarly work in learning to learn. A member of the Smith family will serve as an ex-officio member of this committee. The committee's decision will be final.

**Deadline.** Deadline for application: November 1

**Submission process.** Application forms and essays should be submitted electronically to: [cahescholarships@niu.edu](mailto:cahescholarships@niu.edu) with the subject heading: Robert M. Smith Scholarship.

**Questions should be addressed to:**

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Application Form

Last Name:	
First Name:	
Middle (Maiden) Name:	
Student ID #:	
Department:	
Degree Pursued:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone (Home):	( )
Telephone (Work):	( )
E-Mail Address:	

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