



**NATIONAL LOUIS
UNIVERSITY**
National College of Education™

THE PATRICIA CASSIN-GRAFT Student Teacher Fund



Investing in Tomorrow's Role Models

IDEAL CANDIDATES:

- Are committed to teaching in underserved, high-need Illinois schools
- Demonstrate strong potential to become highly effective educators
- Have significant financial need
- Appreciate the power of giving and value philanthropy

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

- Undergraduate or graduate students entering their final term of student teaching
- Must have completed NLU's student teaching requirement
- Must have passed the appropriate Illinois content exam

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Submit an online application
- Provide a resume and a personal essay
- Complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA
- Provide a letter of recommendation from NLU faculty
- Finalists will be invited for an in-person interview

Established in 2004 by Patricia Cassin-Graft ('57) and Michael J. Graft, Sr., this fund supports future educators who are committed to making a meaningful impact in high-need schools.

**APPLY BY FRIDAY
SEPT 26, 2025**



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Questions? We're Here to Help.

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