

# FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

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## Who Should Apply

Students who believe they cannot afford the full cost of a Northwestern education should apply for financial aid. International students might wish to apply for need-based financial aid, although financial need may factor into a final admission decision (whereas the review process is need-blind for US citizens and permanent residents). For more information see [admissions.northwestern.edu/tuition-aid/international-student-aid](https://admissions.northwestern.edu/tuition-aid/international-student-aid).

## Application Procedure

Applicants apply for financial aid at the same time as they are submitting the application for admission. Eligibility for aid cannot be determined until the University has admitted an applicant. Candidates should do the following:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Scholarship Service/Financial Aid PROFILE (CSS PROFILE) and request that the information is sent to Northwestern.
- Submit parent and student federal tax returns to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service.
- File the applications as soon possible but not later than the dates indicated in the table titled Application and Testing Deadlines: Notification Plans (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/admission/#applicationtestingdeadlines>).

Returning students should consult the website [undergradaid.northwestern.edu](https://undergradaid.northwestern.edu) for reapplication instructions, deadlines, and updated policies.

Students are expected to consult their CAESAR account to verify that all required applications and additional information have been received by the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid.