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You are your opportunity
At the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid, we care deeply about individual attention and support we give each applicant. Like so many undertakings across the University, our process is collaborative— we partner with students and their parents or guardians to help make a Northwestern education affordable for all families.

The basics
The basic equation that guides this financial aid program looks like this:

\[
\text{Need} = \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} - \text{Family Resources} - \text{Other Sources}
\]

Cost of attendance (COA)
Northwestern Scholarship
Federal Work-Study
Financial need
Federal aid aid
Federal Pell Grant
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
Financial aid award
Expected family contribution
Federal aid policy ensures that costs and family finances won’t keep students from pursuing international opportunities. Northwestern also awards more than $3 million annually in graduate and research fellowships, many of which are need-based.

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1. **Get organized.** Make a list of all of your family’s assets and expenses, if possible. Find your tax returns and your parents’ tax returns, if you’re independent. Note your deadlines and make sure you’re on track. If you’re independent, you’ll need to know your own income and Northwestern student ID number appear on all documents.

2. **Submit the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE** by December 1 if you are applying Early Decision; you need to submit it by February 15 if you are applying Regular Decision. You can find the PROFILE online at fafsa.ed.gov

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- Federal Pell Grant
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5. Learn as much as you can about financial aid. Visit our website, undergraduate.northwestern.edu, for information about Northwestern’s financial aid program and policies. Contact other resources, two-school counselors, parents, books, websites—to explore all of your options for financial assistance and to make informed decisions about attending and affording college.

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- Loans
- Work-study
- Other financial aid
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- Links to other useful resources for applicants
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Reality: While we are aware of the costs we look at, they impact your parental contribution from assets and relatively small. Families who have not saved will likely have to finance a larger portion of their family contribution, making sacrifices in the future that you have made upfront by saving.

**Myth: I can’t receive financial aid if I study abroad.**

Reality: If you study abroad, you cannot receive aid for the year abroad. Costs and financial aid will be recalculated for returning students. Northwestern also awards more than $3 million annually in faculty development grants, much of which supports projects abroad.

**Myth: When I apply for aid after my first year, my Northwestern scholarship will go down.**

Reality: If your family’s financial situation remains constant, then aid will actually increase. An increase in the cost of attendance will slightly increase the overall family contribution as well as each component of the aid package.

### See what’s possible

These charts tell the stories of three Northwestern families with different financial situations. While no two families are alike, we hope these examples help you imagine how a Northwestern education might be possible for you.

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2015–16 Cost of Attendance*

| Tuition (in-state) | $48,624 |
| Room and board | $14,936 |
| Fees | $423 |
| Personal expenses | $2,457 |
| Total | $68,060 |

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Bunions, Brooks, and budgeting

The budget reflects actual fees and tuition costs plus the estimated cost of housing and meals (books and supplies, and personal expenses for 2015–2016). When budgeting for college, students should keep in mind that the costs for student are not static—tuition and fees will increase each year.

Financial aid award

The following table reflects the financial aid award that a student might receive.

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Financial aid award

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Fees $423

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Books and supplies $1,620

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Myth: My family will be penalized because we saved only $5,000 for college.
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