Our admissions process is 100% need-blind for domestic applicants.

Total financial aid awarded in 2017–18: $174 million

Northwestern meets 100% of demonstrated financial need.

62% of undergraduates receive financial aid.

All need-based aid packages are loan-free.

Average Northwestern first-year scholarship: $45,100

19% of the current first-year class receive Pell Grants.

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Morton Schapiro
President and Professor, Northwestern University

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YOU ARE OUR PRIORITY

At the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid, we take pride in the level of 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 situation that guides our financial aid offer looks like this:

Cost of attendance (2018)

- Tuition: $52,239
- Room and board: $18,687
- Blocks and supplies: $1,760
- Personal expenses: $1,965
- Fees: $1,150
- Transportation** vary

Total: $95,880

This number reflects actual costs and includes an estimated amount for insurance and transportation. The website uses this number for comparison for the 2017-18 year.

- **In some cases, students pay for transportation expenses on their own, and the amount varies widely from student to student.

The website does not allow you to choose how your costs are paid. Northwestern's financial aid offer is packaged at the College Board's website, and you can compare it to your costs and family resources.

FIVE STEPS, COUNTERLESS POSSIBILITIES

You can apply for Northwestern financial aid in five basic steps:

1. Get organized. Insure you and your parents/guardians know where to find all of your financial aid documents, including your 2016 tax returns. Note our deadlines in the chart below and make sure your name and date of birth appear on all documents.

2. Submit the FAFSA. You can find the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov. The website will walk you through the process. Before you begin, it is important to ensure that your income information is accurate; we encourage you to choose this option. Northwestern's PROFILE code is 001739.

3. Submit the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE. You can find the PROFILE online at bigfuture.collegeboard.org and the FAFSA code is 001739.

4. Submit federal tax forms. Once you have finished the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, you will be prompted by the College Board's institutional documentation service to submit the College Board (not to Northwestern) signed copy of all pages of your parents/guardians' and your own past federal income taxes forms, including all schedules and W-2 forms, plus any required supplemental forms.

5. Learn as much as we can about financial aid. Visit our website, simplesteps.collegefinancialaid.org, to learn more about Northwestern's financial aid programs and policies. Consult other resources, too: school counselors, peers, books, websites—to explore the full range of opportunities for financial aid and to make informed decisions about attending and affording college.

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES

Early Decision (ED)ED November 1 December 1

Regular Decision (RD)RD October 1 February 1

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**If you apply to the Early Decision plan, you will receive a decision no later than December 1. Students who apply to Early Decision and RD are placed on two separate lists. Students who apply to RD are placed on one list. If you do not receive a decision by December 1, your RD application will be reconsidered for the RD pool. You will receive a decision no later than March 1.

MYTH BUSTERS

There are myths about the financial aid process. Our job is to help you better understand the realities.

Myth: Middle-class families do not qualify for financial aid.

Reality: Many middle-class families do qualify for financial aid. We consider a variety of factors beyond income when determining a financial aid package.

Myth: My family will be penalized because we saved for college.

Reality: While savings are among the assets we look at, their impact on the parent contribution from assets is usually 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 up front by saving.

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

Reality: In fact, financial aid generally travels with our students. Our student travel aid policy ensures that costs and family finances won't stop students from pursuing international opportunities. Northwestern also awards more than $6 million annually in undergraduate research funding, which supports projects abroad.

Myth: I can't receive financial aid if I graduate early.

Reality: If a student’s financial situation remains constant, then aid will actually increase. As costs increase, you will typically see an increase in the overall family contribution as well as in each component of the aid package.

SEE WHAT'S POSSIBLE

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

Case #1

A student from Florida has a single parent and has less college savings. Her family income totals $71,336. The family has no other assets and earns an annual income of $52,239.

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Total award: $8,647

Case #2

A student from California is the only member of his family's college. He has two younger siblings. Both parents are employed and together earn over $100,000. They have $100,000 in home equity and $50,000 in investments.

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Total award: $7,700

QUESTIONS?

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We encourage you to use our Net Price Calculator at my.northwestern.edu/financialaid to get an initial estimate of your family contribution.