## Northwestern

### First-Year Student Application Checklist

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### Supplemental Items

- SAT Subject Tests
  - Honors Program in Medical Education*
  - Integrated Science Program (see website)
  - Last recommended sitting: November
  - Last recommended sitting: December
  - HPME last recommended sitting: December

- Audition for those applying to the School of Music
  - (see website for more information)
  - Oct. 15
  - Dec. 1

### Financial Aid Documents

- FAFSA
  - Dec. 1
  - Feb. 15

- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
  - Dec. 1
  - Feb. 15

- Federal Tax Documents
  - Dec. 1
  - Mar. 10

- Northwestern Non-custodial Profile
  - (necessary if biological parents are divorced, separated, or never married)
  - Dec. 1
  - Mar. 5

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**Considering Early Decision?**

Applicants who choose Early Decision send a strong positive message to Northwestern. Given early applicants’ high level of interest and the high concentration of academic and personal strengths represented across the early applicant pool, our Early Decision acceptance rate is typically higher than that of Regular Decision.

*For more information about the Honors Program in Medical Education (HPME) see: [www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/education/degree-programs/hpme/](https://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/education/degree-programs/hpme/).

For answers to other frequently asked questions, please visit our website at [admissions.northwestern.edu/faqs](https://admissions.northwestern.edu/faqs). You may also reach us via e-mail at [ug-admission@northwestern.edu](mailto:ug-admission@northwestern.edu) or by phone at (847) 491-7271.