# Northwestern Application Checklist

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<th>Application Requirements</th>
<th>Early Decision Deadline</th>
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<td>Nov. 1</td>
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<td>Secondary School Report and Transcript</td>
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<td>Application Fee</td>
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<td>Midyear Report</td>
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<td>TOEFL or IELTS exam (international applicants only; see website)</td>
<td>Nov. 1</td>
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## Supplemental Items

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<th>SAT Subject Tests</th>
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<td>• Most applicants: optional</td>
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<td>• Homeschooled applicants: three required</td>
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<td>• Honors Program in Medical Education*: Math 2 &amp; Chemistry required</td>
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<td>• Integrated Science Program: Math 2, Physics, &amp; Chemistry (or AP equivalents; see website)</td>
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<td>Audition for those applying to the School of Music (see website for more information)</td>
<td>Oct. 15</td>
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## 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 |

### 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.

*Students interested in the Honors Program in Medical Education (HPME) must apply under the Regular Decision plan. For more information see: [www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/education/degree-programs/hpme/](http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/education/degree-programs/hpme/).

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