



## Early Action Deferral FAQ

### ❖ **What can an applicant expect if they confirm interest in deferring their application?**

Students who opt-in to defer their application will be considered within the context of the Regular Decision applicant pool and will receive an admission decision by **April 1**.

### ❖ **What can an applicant expect if they choose to withdraw their application?**

Students who decide to withdraw their application from the applicant pool will no longer be considered a candidate for admission and will stop receiving communications from The Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

### ❖ **Why are students deferred?**

Students are deferred because the admissions committee needs more time to consider their applications in the context of the Regular Decision applicant pool. Deferred students can see if additional information or documents are required via their [Application Status Check](#).

Deferred Early Action applications will be reviewed again within the Regular Decision applicant pool. As a member of the regular applicant pool, students will receive one of the following decisions no later than April 1:

- Admit to join the Boston campus in the fall
- Admit to [The N.U.in Program](#)
- Admit to an [Enrollment Pathway Program](#)
- Waitlist
- Deny

### ❖ **I applied to Early Action because I am really committed to Northeastern but I was deferred—what else can I do?**

When considering students again for admission in Regular Decision, the admissions committee will take into consideration your high level of interest in Northeastern. Students who are deferred from Early Action should send updated academic and extracurricular information when it becomes available.

### ❖ **What else can students send to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for consideration?**

Deferred candidates should ask their high schools to send in first trimester or semester grades when they become available. While not required, students may submit an additional personal statement or other supplemental materials, which can be uploaded to their Application Status Check. If students have any new standardized tests that they would like to be considered, they should self-report their new scores in their Application Status Check account.

### ❖ **I was deferred to Regular Decision, can I update my testing status?**

If you initially applied with standardized testing and were deferred to Regular Decision, you cannot update your application to test optional, as we cannot “un-see” your testing or erase your standardized testing from the system.

If you initially applied without testing considered and believe you would like to share testing information, you may change your test optional status through your Application Status Check until February 15.

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❖ **Do late submissions of credentials result in a deferred decision?**

No, the Admissions Committee reviewed all files up until the last possible hour of decision making. If the file was complete, no matter the timing of the submissions of credentials, it was reviewed thoroughly.

❖ **Does being deferred change an applicant's eligibility for scholarships or need-based aid?**

No, all students are automatically considered for scholarships at the time of admission, and all students who submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile are eligible for need-based financial aid consideration.

❖ **Can an applicant change their major selection to increase their chances of gaining admission during Regular Decision?**

Applicants, regardless of academic area of interest or major, are considered equally for admission to Northeastern. Therefore, changing majors will not increase an applicant's chances for admission. However, if students are genuinely interested in another area and wish to change their major, they may request a change of major via their [Application Status Check](#).

❖ **How are applicants reviewed? How can some students be deferred when other students with lower class rank and/or test scores are admitted?**

Northeastern conducts a holistic review of each application in which a variety of factors are considered, including academic rigor and performance, standardized testing scores (if submitted), involvement and impact, as well as traits of leadership, creativity, and global perspective, to name a few. Each application is different and reviewed individually, therefore class rank and test scores are not the only factors to indicate who will be admitted or deferred.

❖ **Once Northeastern has updated materials from the deferred applicant, can an admission decision be given immediately?**

Students who are deferred will be considered within the context of the Regular Decision applicant pool and will receive an admission decision by **April 1**.