

Northeastern University

Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF)

All international students are required by Northeastern to complete the Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) when applying to Northeastern:

- Undergraduate admission to Northeastern is need-aware for all international students, which means your financial need and your ability to cover Northeastern’s educational costs (including tuition and fees, room and board, and personal living expenses) will be considered by the Admissions Committee when your application is being evaluated.
- Financial support for international students at Northeastern is limited:
 - International students are not eligible for institutional need-based grants or federal student financial aid.
 - Merit scholarships are extremely competitive and do not cover the full cost of attendance.

Deadlines

You must complete the DCF Form and provide supporting documentation by the appropriate deadline. If you do not complete the DCF, your application for admission will also be considered incomplete.

Freshman Admission

Early Decision I – November 15
Early Action – December 1
Early Decision II – January 15
Regular Decision – February 15

Transfer Admission

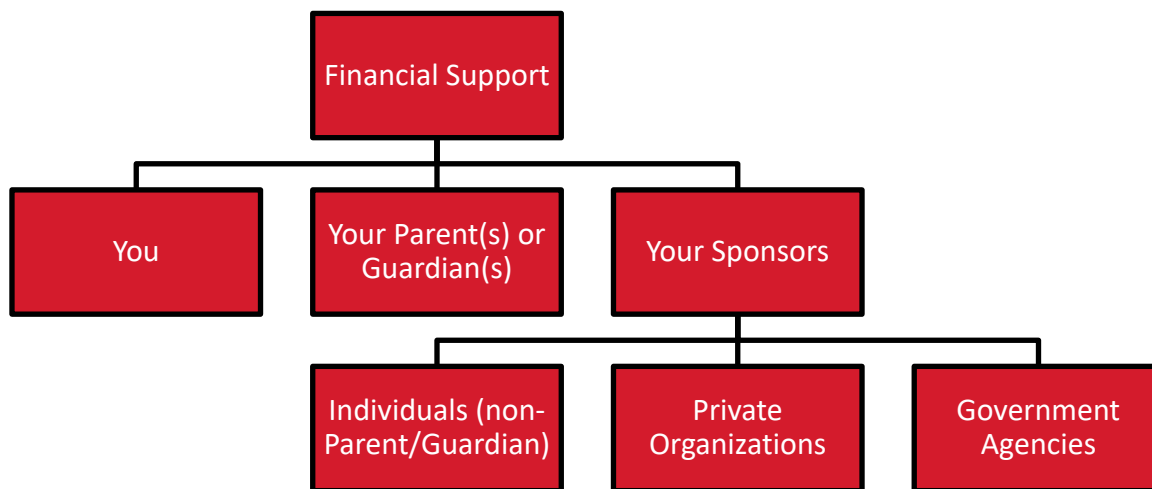
Spring Transfer – October 15
Fall Transfer – April 15

Accessing the DCF

- You can access the DCF through your applicant portal.
- Once you’ve submitted your Common Application or Coalition Application, and your application is processed by Northeastern, you will receive your login instructions.
- You will need to provide detailed information and supporting documentation on your anticipated financial support for the upcoming academic year.
- Once you submit your DCF, your DCF application requirement will update from “required” to “completed.”
- Please note: Northeastern’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions will not consider any certificates of finances other than our portal-based Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF).

Financial Support

In order to demonstrate sufficient financial support, you must verify your ability to cover the cost of attendance for one academic year. For Fall 2021 and Spring 2022, Northeastern's anticipated cost of attendance is approximately \$76,000.



Financial support can come from one source or several different sources, including any of the following:

- Your personal savings or funds from either your parent(s) or guardian(s), or an individual other than a parent or guardian.
- Parent income statements or salary agreements will be considered but only if the household income is at least 4 times greater than Northeastern's annual cost of attendance.
- Scholarships (or sponsorships) from either a government agency or private organization (including corporations, foundations, non-profit organizations, or community-based organizations).

Any funds (i.e. not scholarships or sponsorships) must be readily available liquid assets or cash equivalents (i.e. a checking or savings account) which can easily be transferred to the United States. Non-liquid assets – such as investment portfolios such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds; retirement plans such as 401(k) accounts; loan applications; credit card accounts; real estate, or income earned from a property or rental property; or, material items, such as livestock, land, fur, jewelry, or wine – cannot be included as financial support in your DCF

As you enter your anticipated final support into the DCF, please keep the following in mind:

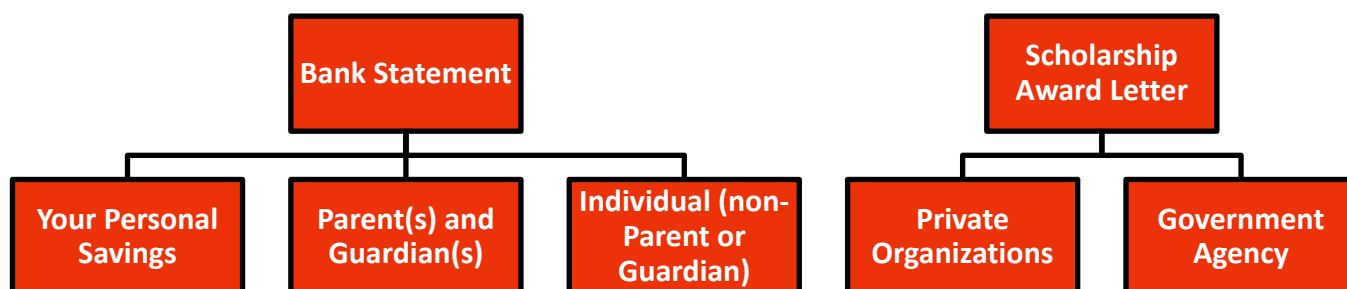
- Amounts must be provided in U.S. Dollars. ([Here](#) is an online currency converter.)
- You are not required to demonstrate more than the cost of attendance.
- You are not required to indicate an amount for each sponsor type.
- You should only enter whole dollars, and no cents.

- You should only enter numbers; do not enter any special characters, such as a dollar sign, a comma, or a period.

Supporting Documentation

You must also provide supporting documentation that verifies your financial support. Ideally, you will upload documents directly through the DCF. If you are unable to upload documents directly through the DCF, you can email your supporting documents to admissions@northeastern.edu. Please reference your NUID in either the email subject or body.

For each sponsor, you must submit either a Bank Statement or Scholarship Award (or Financial Guarantee) Letter.



All documents must meet the following requirements:

- Issued no more than 6 months before the application deadline.
- Written in English (or you will need to attach a certified English translation).
- Amounts should be provided in U.S. Dollars (or you will need to attach a currency conversion).

In addition to the criteria provided above, your documents must also meet the following criteria which are specific to the document type:

Bank Statement

Each bank statement must include the following information:

- Bank Name
- Account Holder's Name
- Account Balance
- Type of Currency

Scholarship Letter or Financial Support Letter

You must submit an original or copy of your scholarship award or financial guarantee letter which must include the following information:

- Your Award Amount
- Award Duration
- Terms of Renewal

Northeastern will also accept a letter from the bank or a current financial statement.