



**All international students who apply to Northeastern are required to submit the Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) alongside their application for admission.**

Undergraduate admission to Northeastern is need aware for all international students, which means that when making final admissions decisions, the Admissions Committee will consider an applicant's ability to cover the educational costs associated with a Northeastern degree.

Financial resources for international students are limited at Northeastern, which is why we require all international students to submit the Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) along with their application for admission:

- All students, regardless of citizenship are considered for merit scholarships. No additional application is required as your application for admission is also your scholarship application. Merit scholarships range from \$10,000 to \$35,000 per year. None cover the full cost of attendance.
- Merit scholarships are competitive awards, however, and typically no more than 10% of the admitted international students will receive a merit scholarship from Northeastern. If you are offered a merit scholarship, you will be notified through your Application Status Check when you receive your admissions decision.
- Only U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, and other eligible non-citizens are eligible for any institutional need-based grants or federal student financial aid.

In the DCF, you must provide details about the financial support which you anticipate receiving, including supporting documentation, to verify your ability to cover Northeastern's cost of attendance – including tuition and fees, room and board, and personal living expenses – for at least one full academic year. Any student who can demonstrate an ability to cover costs in subsequent years is encouraged to indicate financial support which meets or exceeds the total degree cost.

**How do you access your DCF?**

Approximately 24 hours after you submit your application, you will receive your application acknowledgement email, which will provide login instructions for your Application Status Check portal. Once you've logged into the portal, you will be able to access your DCF via the required application documents checklist.

*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).*



## Deadlines

Your DCF and any supporting financial documentation must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate deadline. If you do not complete the DCF, your application for admission will be considered incomplete, and you will not be considered for direct admission to Northeastern or admission into one of our signature first year programs.

### First Year Applicants

- Early Decision I – November 15, 2023
- Early Action – December 1, 2023
- Early Decision II – January 15, 2024
- Regular Decision – February 15, 2024

### Transfer Applicants

- Fall Transfer – April 15, 2024

## Estimated Cost of Attendance

Northeastern's estimated cost of attendance for the 2023-2024 academic year is provided below. You can always find the most up-to-date information online, [here](#). Each spring, Northeastern's Board of Trustees will approve any updates in tuition for the upcoming academic year. Typically, the cost of attendance will increase by 3-5% each year.

	2023-2024
Tuition and Fees	\$63,516
Room and Board	\$20,880
Books and Personal Expenses	\$2,800
Total Cost	\$87,196

## Section I. Citizenship

### Do I need to complete the DCF?

Applicants who meet any of the following criteria are not required to submit the DCF:

Citizenship Status	DCF
U.S. Citizen or Dual U.S. Citizen	Not Required
U.S. National	Not Required
Permanent Resident	Not Required
Conditional Permanent Resident	Not Required
Refugee, Asylee, Entrant, or Parolee <sup>1</sup>	Not Required
T Nonimmigrant Status <sup>2</sup>	Not Required

<sup>1</sup> You have an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing: Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Conditional Entrant, or Parolee

<sup>2</sup> You hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-visa") (for victims of human trafficking) or your parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status.



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Battered Immigrant-Qualified Alien <sup>3</sup>	Not Required
Citizen–Marshall Islands	Not Required
Citizen–Micronesia	Not Required
Citizen–Palau	Not Required

If you currently hold any of the following non-immigrant visas, even if you live in the United States are do not require a F-1 student visa to study at Northeastern, you must still submit the DCF: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, NATO, O, P, Q, R, S, TD, TN, V, or W.

**I am a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident or other eligible noncitizen (and therefore not required to complete the DCF) but the DCF is currently listed in my Application Status Check as a require application document. What should I do?**

When completing the DCF, the first 3 questions pertain to your citizenship status. Based on the answers you provide, you may only need to answer one, two, or all 3 citizenship questions. If you meet the criteria outlined above, you will have the opportunity to update your citizenship status via the DCF.

### Citizenship

You will need to indicate your citizenship status before you begin. You should select the citizenship status which accurately describes you on the application deadline. If you are applying for U.S. citizenship or permanent residency, you are recommended to complete the DCF, even if you anticipate receiving either before you would enroll at Northeastern

Please indicate your citizenship status:\*

- ☐ I am U.S. Citizen, Dual U.S. Citizen, or U.S. National  
☐ I am a non-U.S. Citizen

Are you a Lawful U.S. Permanent Resident (LPR)? Please select the answer which reflects your current status. Even if you've begun the permanent residency application process, you should only select Yes if you possess a valid Green Card or Conditional Green Card. \*

- ☐ Yes, I am a U.S. Permanent Resident with a valid I-551 (i.e. Green Card) or I am a Conditional Permanent Resident with a valid I-551C (i.e. Conditional Green Card)  
☐ No, I do not currently possess a valid Green Card or a valid Conditional Green Card.

Are any of the following statements true? \*

- I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.
  - I possess an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) which indicates one of the following: Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Conditional Entrant or Parolee.
  - I hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-visa")(for victims of human trafficking) or my parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status.
  - I am a "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by a citizen or permanent resident spouse, or I am the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- ☐ Yes, at least one of the statements above is true.  
☐ No, none of the statements above are true.

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**I am an international student living in the United States, and I do not require a F-1 student visa to study at Northeastern. Do I need to complete the DCF?**

Yes. Even if you currently reside in the United States on another nonimmigrant visa which permits university study, you would still be required to submit the DCF. This DCF is required by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Information provided will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee before decisions are finalized. This DCF is not the same as the DCF which students will be required to submit to the Office of Global Services (OGS) when requesting their I-20, which is required for the F-1 student visa application process.

**I submitted my application for permanent resident status, but my case is pending. Do I need to complete the DCF?**

Yes. Unless you've received permanent resident status and possess a valid Permanent Resident Card (I-551 or I-551C), you must submit the DCF. Once you receive your permanent resident status, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at [admissions@northeastern.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastern.edu) to update your status.

**I am a DACA/Undocumented Student. Do I need to complete the DCF?**

No. Please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at +1-617-373-2200 and ask to speak with your admissions counselor, who can waive the requirement.

## **Section II. Financial Assistance**

**If I indicate that I require financial assistance, will I still be considered for admission to Northeastern?**

Yes. Your application will be evaluated holistically by the Admissions Committee, and you will still be considered for admission to Northeastern's degree-granting campuses and/or specialized entry programs. While the admit rate varies slightly for students who require financial assistance versus the students who do not require financial assistance, they differ by only a few percentage points.

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**If I indicate that no financial assistance is required, will I still be considered for any merit scholarships?**

Yes. Most merit scholarships awarded by Northeastern are based on your academic performance in the classroom and your overall application for admission.

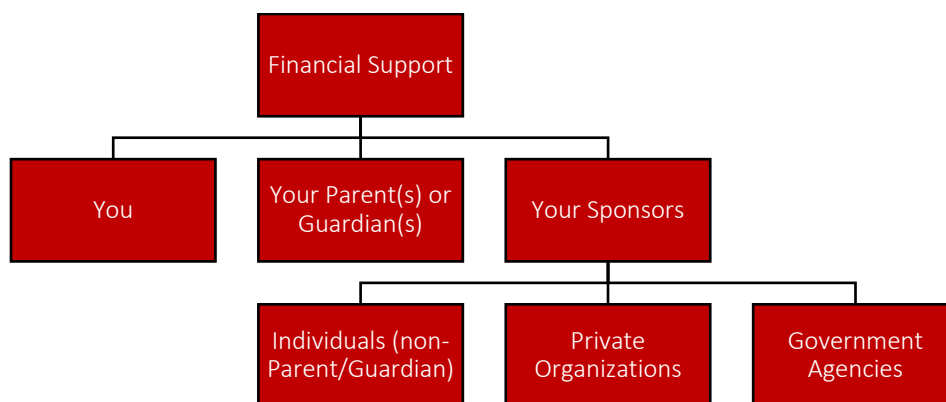
**Section III. Financial Support**

All international students are required to provide detailed and accurate information, along with supporting documentation, which verifies your ability to cover the costs associated with a Northeastern undergraduate degree, including tuition, fees, room and board, and personal living expenses.

- For the 2023-2024 academic year, Northeastern's total cost of attendance for international students is approximately \$87,196.
- At the very least, if you are not requesting any financial assistance, your DCF must indicate funds which equal or exceed \$87,196.
- Any student who can demonstrate an ability to cover costs in subsequent years is encouraged to indicate financial support which meets or exceeds the total degree cost.
- If you are requesting financial assistance, please indicate the total amount which you anticipate having available to finance your education. Please do not include any scholarships from Northeastern as anticipated financial support.

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 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.





Your personal saving or funds from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or an individual sponsor other than your parent(s) or legal guardian(s):

- Funds must be verified by either a bank statement or letter from the bank, which includes the bank name, account holder's name, account balance, and type of currency.
- Funds must be liquid assets or cash equivalents chosen from the Most Liquid column or Fairly Liquid columns in the table below. Funds cannot include anything listed in the Least Liquid column.
- Funds must be readily available and can easily be transferred to the United States.
- Parent(s) and legal guardian(s) can also choose to provide an income statement or salary agreement from an employer, in lieu of a bank statement, but the annual household income must be at least 4 times greater than Northeastern's annual tuition.

You should only include funds which are considered Most Liquid or Fairly Liquid. You should not include any funds which appear in the Least Liquid column.

Most Liquid	Fairly Liquid	Least Liquid
Cash Savings Account Checking Account Money Market Account	Stocks Bonds Exchange-Traded Funds Mutual Funds Foreign Currencies	Real Estate Artwork or Antiquities Collectibles Self-Investments Business Investments Gold or Precious Metals

Scholarships or sponsorships from either a government agency or private organization (including any corporations, foundations, non-profit organizations, or community-based organizations):

- Funds must be verified by a copy of your original scholarship award letter or financial guarantee letter. Letters must include the following information: your award amount, award duration, and the terms of renewal.
- Please do not include any scholarships which you hope to receive from Northeastern. As previously mentioned, typically no more than 10% of the admitted international students are awarded with any merit scholarships. You should only include scholarships which you have already been awarded, or which are guaranteed.



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Here is an example of a complete financial support section:

## I. Personal Funds

\$1,200

## II. Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Funds

\$120,000

## III. Sponsor - Individual Funds

\$120,000

## IV. Sponsor - Organization Funds

\$5,000

## V. Sponsor - Government Funds

\$5,000

## Total Funds

\$251,200

Please verify your total expected financial support. If this is incorrect, please go back and update your financial support information. If the information is correct, please check the box below. (What is your total expected financial support? Your total expected financial support includes all funds which you anticipate receiving and which will cover the costs associated with your first year as a Northeastern student, including tuition and fees, room and board, and personal expenses.)

## Section IV. Sponsorship Details

You will need to provide additional information if you've indicated any anticipated financial support from an individual sponsor, government agency, or private organization.

### Sponsor - Individual - Details

Sponsor First Name

Joseph

Sponsor Last Name

Northeastern

Relationship with Sponsor

- ☐ Sibling (such as brother or sister)
- ☒ Grandparent
- ☐ Other Relative
- ☐ Other Non-Relative

Source of Funds

Business





**Sponsor - Organization - Details**

Organization Name\*

Saudi Aramco

Scholarship Name\*

Saudi Aramco Scholarship

**Sponsor - Government - Details**

Government Agency Name\*

Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM)

Scholarship Name\*

SACM Sponsorship

## Section V. Supporting Documentation

You must also provide supporting documentation which 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](mailto:admissions@northeastern.edu). Please reference your NUID in either the email subject or body.

## Section VI. Additional Information

Considering your annual household income and expenses, the anticipated costs associated with a Northeastern degree, and any financial support which you anticipate receiving, how much additional financial support do you anticipate needing for your first year and subsequent years? Please provide your response in U.S. Dollars.

**If I am admitted to Northeastern, will my scholarship match the amount which I indicate requiring on the DCF?**

No. If you are offered a merit scholarship, your scholarship will be based entirely on your academic performance in the classroom and your overall application for admission, as international students are not eligible for federal student financial aid or institutional need-based grants.

## Section VII. Declaration and Certification

**How will I know if my DCF was submitted correctly or not?**

Check your required application documents checklist. If the DCF requirement updated from "required" to "completed," your DCF was correctly submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. If the requirement is still listed as "required," and you think you submitted your DCF more than 3 hours ago, log back into the form by clicking on the link to your DCF e-form, verify whether any answers did not meet the conditions which were necessary to submit (text will appear as red, and not black), and then press the submit button again.