

Northeastern University and the City of Boston



Northeastern University has a long-standing commitment to the City of Boston, including Boston public high school students and graduates. Through community-based programs, admission, and financial aid initiatives, the university creates pathways to college and degree completion—a priority for Northeastern. **Northeastern University will waive the admission application fee for all applicants currently attending Boston public high schools.**

To apply, you must submit:

- › The Common Application found at commonapp.org, or the Coalition Application, available at coalitionforcollegeaccess.org.
- › Supporting documents, including transcripts and letters of recommendation. Please refer to admissions.northeastern.edu/application-information for specific requirements.

Northeastern must receive your complete application, including all supporting documentation, in order to make an admission decision. If English is your second language, you may also be required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam, or the Pearson Test of English (PTE).

Application Deadlines

- › **Early Decision I:** November 1 (decisions released by January 1)
- › **Early Action:** November 1 (decisions released by February 15)
- › **Early Decision II:** January 1 (decisions released by March 1)
- › **Regular Decision:** January 1 (decisions released by April 1)
- › **Fall Transfer:** April 1 (decisions released by June 30)
- › **Spring Transfer:** October 1 (decisions released by December 15)

Students applying for financial aid should file their FAFSA and CSS Profile by the applicable priority filing deadline listed below.

- › For the FAFSA form, visit studentaid.gov. Submit the FAFSA by the deadlines below and use Northeastern University code 002199.
- › For the CSS Profile, visit [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org). Submit the CSS Profile by the deadlines listed below, and use Northeastern University code 3667.
- › Students eligible for federal financial aid who are considering applying Early Decision may request an early need-based financial aid review.

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Early Action: December 1

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Fall Transfer: April 15

Boston Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Northeastern Promise

Northeastern is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of students eligible for federal financial aid. We offer a full complement of financial aid, including grants and scholarships, to provide you with the means to take the next step toward your future. The Northeastern Promise enables you to plan for the entire cost of your degree.

- › Northeastern University scholarship and grant funds will not be reduced during your undergraduate program for up to eight in-class semesters.
- › Northeastern University's need-based grant funds will be increased annually at the same percentage rate as the increase in tuition.

- › If your family experiences a substantial negative change in financial circumstances, we will reevaluate your aid package and make all financial resources you qualify for available.
- › Learn more at northeastern.edu/nupromise.

How to apply for scholarships

Northeastern does not require applicants to submit supplemental information to be considered for merit scholarships. Students must submit their admissions application and all supporting documents no later than our January 1 deadline to be considered for the awards below. For more information on tuition and fees, please visit admissions.northeastern.edu/cost-financial-aid.

The following scholarships specifically serve Boston residents and Boston public high school students.

The Boston Public High School Scholarship

High school seniors graduating from a Boston public high school who are in the top 10% of their graduating class are eligible for this scholarship. Each high school may nominate up to two candidates for the award. Additional candidates may also be identified through Northeastern's general application evaluation process. Applicants must have extensive engagement in their local school communities and a commitment to service within the city. If you believe you're a good candidate for this scholarship, please speak with your school counselor about the nomination process.

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount:

\$89,549

full tuition, housing,
food, and fees

**10 Typically
Awarded Annually**

The Northeastern Boston Valedictorian Scholarship

Senior class valedictorians are eligible for the scholarship, with preference given to students from the designated 35 traditional district and exam Boston public high schools. Students must apply and be admitted as first-year students to Northeastern's undergraduate day program.

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount:

\$89,549

full tuition, housing,
food, and fees

**10 Typically
Awarded Annually**

The Boston Housing Authority Scholarship

First-year undergraduates, transfer students, and undergraduate College of Professional Studies students are eligible. Candidates must be residents within a Boston Housing Authority public housing complex at the time of admission. Please note: A verification letter from Sahar Lawrence, resident capacity program manager at the BHA, is also required for your application.

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount:

\$67,990

Full tuition

**10 Typically
Awarded Annually**

Northeastern Neighborhood Scholarship

Boston public high school graduates from the 02115, 02118, 02119, 02120, 02130, and 02215 zip code communities who are admitted to Northeastern are eligible.

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount:

\$67,990

Full tuition

**10 Typically
Awarded Annually**

Other Scholarships and Programs

Boston public high school students may also be interested in and eligible for the following scholarships and programs.

Balfour Academy Scholarship

A full scholarship for tuition, housing, food, and fees is offered to graduates of Balfour Academy who are admitted to Northeastern's full-time undergraduate day program. For more information, please visit balfouracademy.northeastern.edu.

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount:

\$89,549

Full tuition, housing, food, and fees

**4 Typically
Awarded Annually**

Torch Scholars Program

A full scholarship covering tuition, housing, food, and fees is offered to a cohort of first-generation students. Torch Scholars receive access to mentoring, one-on-one academic advising, and community programming. Students must be nominated by a nonfamily member to be considered, and finalists may be invited to campus for an evaluation. For more information, please visit torch.northeastern.edu.

Estimated Annual
Scholarship Amount:

\$89,549

Full tuition, housing, food, and fees

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Annually to Students
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\$511M

in institutional aid will be awarded to undergraduate students in the 2025–2026 academic year

Questions?

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Estimated annual scholarship figures are based on tuition, housing, and food rates for the 2025–2026 academic year.

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Tuition rates, all fees, rules and regulations, and courses and course content are subject to revision by the president and the Board of Trustees at any time.

The Ujima Global Leaders Program

This scholarship program identifies students who have the potential to become agents for positive global change. The program is focused on developing leaders for an increasingly diverse and complex world.

Scholarship recipients are selected by the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute and Northeastern's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. For more information, please visit northeastern.edu/aaai/programs/ujima.

Estimated Annual Scholarship Amount:

\$15,000

Plus, full demonstrated need

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Foundation Year

Foundation Year is a nonresidential program that provides an academically rigorous and supportive first-year college experience, creating an environment where students can go on to be successful for their entire Northeastern college career. Students who successfully complete Foundation Year by meeting academic standards will matriculate into a degree program at Northeastern through one of two pathways: Northeastern's College of Professional Studies or one of Northeastern's undergraduate day programs. For more information, please visit admissions.northeastern.edu/foundation-year.

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