Northeastern
Undergraduate Admissions

Early Action Deferral FAQ

- **What can an applicant expect if they confirm interest in deferring their application?**
  Students who are deferred have the option to opt into either our Early Decision II or Regular Decision pool. **This action must be taken by February 4.** Early Decision II applicants will receive an admissions decision by **March 1**; Regular Decision applicants will receive an admissions decision by **April 1**.

  Students can expect one of the following decisions through the Early Decision II or Regular Decision process:
  - Admit to Northeastern University Boston
  - Admit to Northeastern University Oakland
  - Admit to The N.U.in Program
  - Admit to New York City Scholars
  - Admit to London Scholars
  - Admit to NU Immerse
  - Admit to Foundation Year (Boston residents only)*
  - Waitlist*
  - Deny

  ** Offered at Regular Decision only*

- **What can an applicant expect if they choose to withdraw their application?**
  Students who decide to withdraw their application will no longer be considered a candidate for admission and will stop receiving communications from The Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

- **What can an applicant expect if they do not take any action on their opportunity to defer to a later round?**
  Students who do not respond to the request to defer or withdraw their application for further consideration by February 4 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 if it was determined that additional time or information was needed to make a final decision. Deferred students can learn whether additional information or documents are required or recommended via their Application Status Check, which will return to being an application management portal within 24-48 hours after students confirm their intention to remain in the applicant pool.

- **I applied to Early Action because Northeastern is my top choice, but I was deferred—what else can I do?**
  We encourage students for whom Northeastern remains their first choice to opt into being reviewed in the Early Decision II pool and to confirm whether additional information or documents are being required or recommended via their Application Status Check account. Students deferred from Early Action are advised to send updated academic and extracurricular information when available.

- **What else can I 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. If you have any new standardized tests that you would like to be considered, you should self-report new scores in your Application Status Check account. While it is not required, you may also submit an additional personal statement or other supplemental materials, which can be uploaded to the Application Status Check.

- **I was deferred; can I update my testing status?**
  If you initially applied with standardized testing and were deferred, 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 do so through your Application Status Check. **This may be done until February 4; test scores can be self-reported in your Application Status Check until February 6 (if you opted into the Early Decision II pool) or February 13 (if you opted into the Regular Decision pool).**

- **I was deferred, can I change my enrollment preferences?**
  Yes. Deferred applicants who switch into Early Decision II or Regular Decision may update their enrollment preferences until **February 4**.

- **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. We encourage all students to complete the FAFSA and CSS profile if they have not done so already.

- **Can applicants change their major selection to increase their chances of admission during Regular Decision?**
  Applicants are considered of their own merit through a holistic process, regardless of their academic area of interest or which major they applied to. Therefore, changing majors does 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 major change via their

Application Status Check website.

- **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 unique 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 a deferred applicant, can an admission decision be given immediately?**
  Students who are deferred will be considered within the context of either the Early Decision II or the Regular Decision applicant pool and will receive an admission decision by **March 1 (Early Decision II) or April 1 (Regular Decision).**

- **I have been deferred and would like to be considered for Foundation Year. What is the deadline for submitting the self-nomination form?**
  Students will need to submit the self-nomination form by February 15. The form can be accessed through their Application Status Check.

- **I missed the February 4 deadline to opt-in but am interested in being considered at Regular Decision. What are my options?**
  Students who have missed the opt-in deadline can reach out directly to Admissions at admissions@northeastern.edu to inquire further.