Northeastern University
Undergraduate Admissions

DCF

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, meaning the Admissions committee considers an applicant's ability to cover the educational costs associated with a Northeastern degree.

Because financial resources for international students are limited at Northeastern, all international applications must submit the Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) along with their application. Regarding financial aid it is important to note:

- All students, regardless of citizenship are automatically considered for merit scholarships and no additional application is required for these opportunities. Merit scholarships range from $10,000 to $35,000 per year. None cover the full cost of attendance.
- Merit scholarships are competitive awards, and typically no more than 10% of 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 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 road, 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?

About 24 hours after you submit your application, you will receive an application acknowledgement email, with instructions to log into your Application Status Check portal. You will be able to access your DCF via the required application documents checklist in the portal

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).

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Deadlines

Your DCF and 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 will be considered incomplete, and you will not be considered for admission to Northeastern.**

First Year Applicants

- Early Decision I – November 15, 2026
- Early Action – December 1, 2026
- Early Decision II – January 15, 2027
- Regular Decision – February 15, 2027

Transfer Applicants

- Spring Transfer – October 15, 2026
- Fall Transfer – April 15, 2027

Estimated Cost of Attendance

Northeastern's estimated cost of attendance for the 2026-2027 academic year is provided below and the most up-to-date information can be found online, here. Typically, the cost of attendance will increase by 3-5% each year.

	2026-2027
Tuition and Fees	$72,626
Room and Board	$22,822
Books and Personal Expenses	$2,800
Total Cost	**$98,248**

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 [1]	Not Required
T Nonimmigrant Status [2]	Not Required

[1] 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

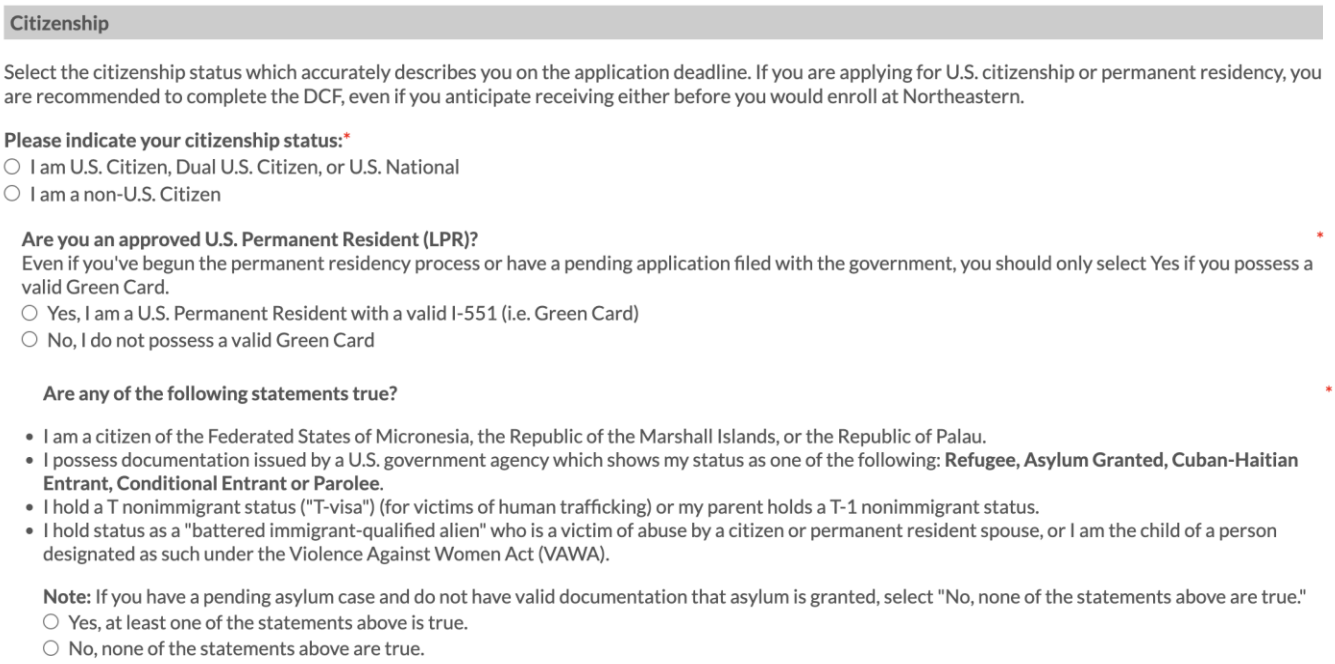
[2] You hold a T nonimmigrant status ("T-visa") (for victims of human trafficking) or your parent holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status.

Battered Immigrant-Qualified Alien [3]	Not Required
Citizen–Marshall Islands	Not Required
Citizen–Micronesia	Not Required
Citizen–Palau	Not Required

You must submit the DCF if you hold a non-immigrant visa, even if you live in the United States and do not require a F-1 student visa to study at Northeastern. Visas include: 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 few questions pertains to your citizenship status. Based on the answers you provide, you may only need to answer the citizenship questions. If you meet the criteria outlined above, you will have the opportunity to update your citizenship status via the DCF.



Citizenship

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 an approved U.S. Permanent Resident (LPR)? *
Even if you've begun the permanent residency process or have a pending application filed with the government, you should only select Yes if you possess a valid Green Card.
- ○ Yes, I am a U.S. Permanent Resident with a valid I-551 (i.e. Green Card)
- ○ No, I do not possess a valid 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 documentation issued by a U.S. government agency which shows my status as 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 hold status as 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).

Note: If you have a pending asylum case and do not have valid documentation that asylum is granted, select "No, none of the statements above are true."
- ○ Yes, at least one of the statements above is true.
- ○ No, none of the statements above are true.

[3] You are a "battered immigrant-qualified alien" who is a victim of abuse by your citizen or permanent resident spouse, or you are the child of a person designated as such under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

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 to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. This DCF is not the same as the DCF students must 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 to update your status.

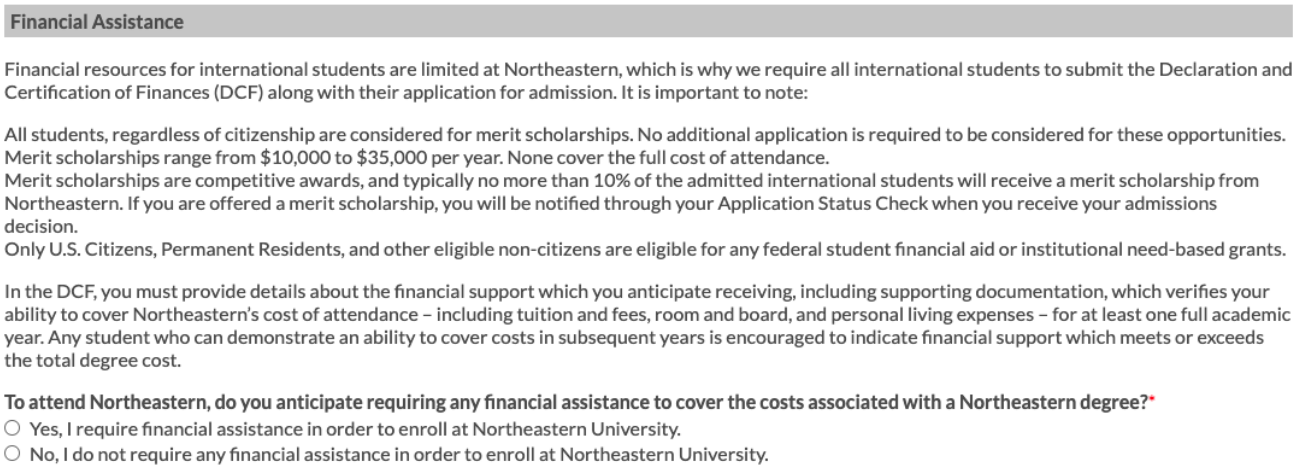
I am a DACA/Undocumented Student. Do I need to complete the DCF?

No. Please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at +1-617-373-2200 and request to 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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To attend Northeastern, do you anticipate requiring any financial assistance to cover the costs associated with a Northeastern degree?*

- ○ Yes, I require financial assistance in order to enroll at Northeastern University.
- ○ No, I do not require any financial assistance in order to enroll at Northeastern University.

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

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

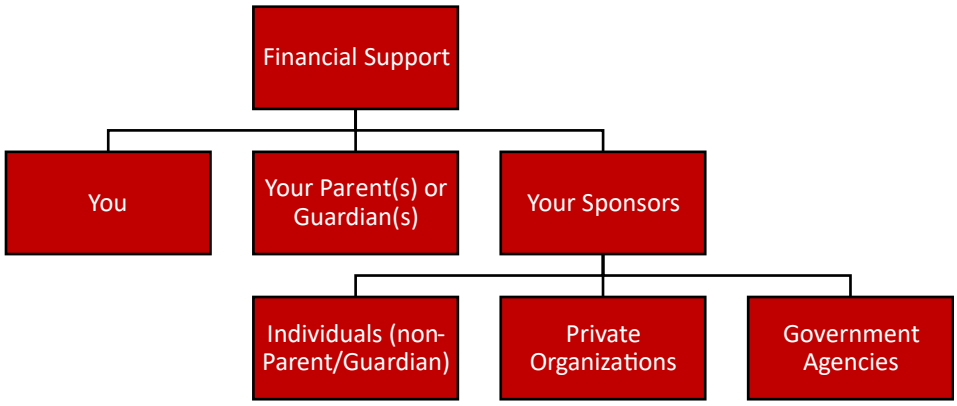
Section III. Financial Support

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

- For the 2026-2027 academic year, Northeastern's total cost of attendance for international students is approximately **$98,248**.
- If you are not requesting any financial assistance, your DCF must indicate funds which equal or exceed **$98,248.**
- 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, list 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 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.



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

- Funds must be verified by either a bank statement or bank letter that includes the bank name, account holder's name, account balance, and type of currency.
- Funds must be liquid assets or cash equivalents 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) may submit 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.

Here is an example of a complete financial support section:

I. Personal Funds in U.S. Dollars
$1,200

II. Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Funds in U.S. Dollars
$120,000

III. Sponsor - Individual Funds in U.S. Dollars
$120,000

IV. Sponsor - Organization Funds in U.S. Dollars
$5,000

V. Sponsor - Government Funds in U.S. Dollars
$5,000

Total Funds in U.S. Dollars
$251,200

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 Scholarship

Section V. Supporting Documentation

You must also provide supporting documentation which verifies your financial support uploaded directly through the DCF. If you are unable to upload, email supporting documents to 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. If the requirement is still listed as "required," and 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 if your answers did not meet the conditions which were necessary to submit (text will appear as red, and not black), and then resubmit.