



Oakland Opportunity Scholarship

One University. Endless Opportunities.

Northeastern University in Oakland is part of a top-tier university system built on a tradition of innovation and engagement with the world. Our experience-powered model helps students explore their passions and impact communities.

We're proud to support students from the Bay Area through the Northeastern Oakland Opportunity Scholarship, covering full tuition, campus housing, food, and fees.

Up to 10 scholarships are awarded annually to incoming first-year students admitted to our Oakland campus. The scholarship will not be forfeited if a student transitions to our Boston campus after their first year.

Eligibility and Nominations

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must graduate from an Oakland Unified School District high school or be a City of Oakland resident who demonstrates high need on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They may be nominated by their high school or identified by the admissions staff through Northeastern's general application evaluation process. In addition to academic achievement, students must demonstrate extensive engagement in their school's community and make a commitment to service within the city. Students selected as finalists will be invited to participate in a group interview.

Educators may submit nominations via the online form available at apply.northeastern.edu/register/oaklandscholarship. Nominations must be submitted by the stated deadlines to be considered.

Did You Know?

17,380

Northeastern alumni in the Bay Area

350+

co-op employers in the Bay Area

16:1

student-to-faculty ratio in Oakland





Trailblazers and Oakland Opportunity Scholars

Oakland Opportunity Scholars are invited to participate in the Trailblazers Program. This cohort experience supports students as they transition to Northeastern by fostering a supportive community that guides them through their first year of college.

Additional Financial Support

We believe financing a student's education is a partnership that continues throughout their enrollment. We're dedicated to meeting the full demonstrated need for each admitted student eligible for federal financial aid. Scholarship and grant funds will not be reduced during their undergraduate program (up to eight in-class semesters).

Northeastern is proud to offer expanded financial support to eligible Federal Pell Grant recipients by meeting their full demonstrated need without Federal Direct Loans.

How to Apply

To apply to Northeastern, you must submit:

- › The Common Application, available 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.

The admissions committee will review applications and scholarship nominations, and selected nominees will be invited to a virtual scholarship interview.

The Northeastern-specific section of the application allows students to indicate their preferences for our signature first-year entry programs, including our Oakland campus. While applicant preferences help guide the admissions committee, all applicants are considered for all enrollment programs.

"We are thrilled to offer this scholarship to the many deserving students in the City of Oakland and the Oakland Unified School District."

—EBONY CLINTON BROWN, DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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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.

Deadlines

- › **Early Decision I:** November 1
(FAFSA/CSS submission by November 15)
- › **Early Action:** November 1
(FAFSA/CSS submission by December 1)
- › **Early Decision II:** January 1
(FAFSA/CSS submission by January 15)
- › **Regular Decision:** January 1
(FAFSA/CSS submission by February 15)
- › **EDI/EA applicants** must be nominated by November 15
- › **EDII/RD applicants** must be nominated by January 15

Submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile by these deadlines. The FAFSA is expected to be available October 1, 2026.

- › FAFSA Northeastern code: 002199
- › CSS Profile Northeastern code: 3667

For information on tuition and fees, please visit admissions.northeastern.edu/cost-financial-aid.

Next Steps

To learn more about the Oakland Opportunity Scholarship and how to apply, please visit osopnu.com/oakland.

If you have questions about the scholarship nomination process or the application cycle, contact our admissions team at oaklandadmissions@northeastern.edu.

