INFORMATION FOR SUMMER SESSION FINANCIAL AID 2014

Summer Session scholarship funding is available but very limited. Summer is the final quarter of the 2013-14 academic year. If you have applied for financial aid during the academic year, you may apply for summer funding. A separate financial application for summer is needed before any financial aid eligibility can be determined.

Students who enroll in at least two units of credit may request any remaining federal financial aid – typically any remaining student loans – for summer. You may also request institutional scholarship funding for the summer. If you receive scholarship funding in the summer, it will count toward your 12 quarters of institutional aid eligibility. If you decide to take loans only, it will not count toward your institutional aid limit, but any loans borrowed during the summer will not be counted when determining your eligibility for the NU Debt Cap Scholarship.

Students may request scholarship funds in the summer to make up for a prior quarter of non-enrollment or to participate in a program of study that is only available during the summer. You may be able to use one of your future quarters of eligibility as well. If you receive scholarship funding during the summer, it will count as one of your 12 quarters of institutional eligibility.

You will want to carefully consider the following before accepting a summer scholarship:

- Costs for the summer are lower than the costs for a regular academic quarter. Your scholarship total, therefore, will likely be less than the regular academic year award. Every effort will be made to provide scholarship funding for the summer term at the same percentage of need as in a regular academic quarter.

- Your expected contribution toward summer costs will be approximately one-third of the contribution for the academic year. Since costs are lower, this will also reduce the amount of scholarship you may need for the summer.

- If you receive assistance that is fully used in the regular academic year (e.g., work-study, outside scholarships, federal and state grants), you may have to borrow during the summer. Northwestern scholarship is not increased to cover any shortfall from outside resources not available during the summer.

- Summer enrollment will be monitored and adjustments will be made to scholarship assistance if you enroll in fewer courses than those on which your financial aid was determined.

- If you use a future quarter of eligibility and determine you have to stay at the University longer than 12 quarters, you may be offered federal and/or state assistance only.

Scholarship funding will be awarded on a priority basis. Priority will be given to:

- Students attending Summer Session in order to graduate in August.
- Upper-class students participating in academic programs offered only during the summer, such as a field studies or study abroad program.
- Students making up for a prior quarter of non-enrollment.

Students who do not meet one of the categories listed above, but feel that they have extenuating circumstances and need to attend Summer Session, should attach a letter of explanation and statement of support from their dean or academic advisor. Students who are planning to use a future quarter of eligibility should outline their enrollment plan in detail.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Summer financial aid decisions will be posted to CAESAR.
2014 SUMMER FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Name: ___________________________ NU ID# ___________________________

Email: ___________________________ @u.northwestern.edu Phone: ___________________________

Class Level: ___________________________ Expected Graduation: ___________________________ Quarter/Year

Major(s): ___________________________

Are you requesting federal financial aid (i.e., loans) only?  □ Yes  □ No

Are you requesting Northwestern scholarship funding?  □ Yes  □ No

Are you making up a prior term of non-enrollment or part-time enrollment?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, what was the quarter of non-enrollment or part-time enrollment? ___________________________ Quarter/Year

Are you applying for a Summer Study Abroad or Summer Field Study Program?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, Program Name: ___________________________ Location: ___________________________

Number of planned summer classes (specify):  □ 2  □ 3  □ 4

NOTE: Financial aid is not available for less than half-time enrollment.

List the courses you intend to complete, including course number and section:

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Are any of these repeat courses?  □ Yes  □ No  If yes, specify course(s): ___________________________

Dates of summer program:

Start Date of Courses: ___________________________ End Date of Courses: ___________________________

Total length of summer term:  □ 4 weeks  □ 6 weeks  □ 8 weeks  □ Other: ___________________________

To which priority group do you belong?  (Check one.)

□ Graduating at the end of the summer

□ Upper class student participating in program only offered in the summer

□ Making up for a period of non-enrollment

If you do not belong to a priority group, please explain why you are seeking funding for the summer session. If you plan to use a future quarter of eligibility, please provide us with a written outline of your enrollment plans. You may be asked to provide a supporting statement from your academic advisor or dean.

I have read the accompanying Information for Summer Session Financial Aid 2014 and understand that if I receive scholarship funding, it may count as one of my 12 quarters of institutional aid eligibility.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________