

Financial aid for summer session is available but limited. Summer is the final quarter of the 2016-2017 academic year. If you applied for financial aid during the current academic year, you are eligible to apply for summer assistance.

Eligibility & Awards

Students who will enroll at Northwestern in **at least two units of credit** in the summer may apply for federal and/or institutional summer aid.

- Federal financial aid (such as the Stafford Loan or Pell Grant) is limited to your remaining eligibility from the current academic year.
- Institutional aid (such as Northwestern Scholarship) is very limited and awarded on a priority basis. Preference is given to students who demonstrate a real need to attend summer session; typically, the highest priority is given to students who are making up a previous quarter of non-enrollment or who must take summer classes in order to graduate in August.

Northwestern aid is renewable for up to 12 quarters of enrollment. **If you receive Northwestern scholarship funding in the summer, it may count toward your 12 quarters of institutional aid eligibility.** If you only borrow loans, summer would not count as a quarter of your aid, but summer loans will not be counted when determining your eligibility for the Northwestern Debt Cap Scholarship.

For most students, using a quarter of your aid eligibility in the summer would mean that you would need to graduate a quarter early or take a future quarter off in order to complete your degree within 12 total quarters of enrollment. In this case, rising juniors and seniors may petition to use a "future quarter" of Northwestern aid eligibility to be considered for summer scholarship assistance. You will need to provide a detailed outline of your enrollment plan and anticipated graduation with your summer aid application. A letter of support from an academic advisor may be required.

If you do not meet one of the priority categories and do not wish to use a future quarter of your aid eligibility, but feel that you have extenuating circumstances and need to attend summer session, you will be asked to provide a statement explaining why you are seeking funding for the summer session. Your dean or academic advisor should also provide a letter of support.

Application

To be considered for federal and/or institutional summer aid, you must complete the Summer Financial Aid Application, which is available on the financial aid website at the beginning of spring quarter. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and you will receive an email when your summer aid decision has posted on CAESAR.

Important Considerations

You should carefully review the following information if you are considering applying for summer scholarship assistance from the financial aid office:

- Your expected family contribution (EFC) toward summer costs will be the same as a regular quarter – typically, this is equivalent to one-third of your total EFC for the academic year, which you can find on your award letter in CAESAR.
- Summer costs are lower than the costs for a regular quarter. The amount of aid for which you qualify will therefore likely be less than your 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.
- If you receive assistance that is fully used during the academic year or unavailable in the summer (e.g., federal and state grants, work-study, or outside scholarships), you may be offered loans to make up for these resources. These loans will not be counted toward your Debt Cap.
- Summer enrollment will be monitored, and adjustments will be made if you enroll in fewer credits than your summer aid was based on.
- If you use a future quarter of your aid eligibility and later determine that you will need to enroll at the University for longer than 12 quarters to complete your degree, you may only be eligible for federal and/or state assistance for any remaining quarters.
- Students attending summer courses or programs at other institutions or unaffiliated summer study abroad programs are not eligible to receive any federal or institutional financial aid from Northwestern, including loans.

Additional Information

You can find additional information and the summer aid application on the Undergraduate Financial Aid website:

undergradaid.northwestern.edu/apply-for-aid/current-students/summer-session.html

Submission Instructions

You may submit your summer aid application to the financial aid office in person, or via email, fax, or regular mail.

Name: _____ NU ID# _____

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

Class Level: _____ Expected Graduation: _____
Quarter/Year

Major(s): _____

Financial aid recipients are eligible for up to 12 quarters of institutional assistance.

Are you applying to use one of your 12 quarters of Northwestern scholarship funding? Yes No

If yes, attach an outline of your enrollment plans for your remaining quarters through graduation. Keep in mind that using a quarter of aid in the summer usually requires that you plan to graduate a quarter early or take a future quarter off. A supporting statement from your advisor or dean may be requested.

If no, are you requesting federal financial aid (i.e., loans) only? Yes No

*If you are not applying to use one of your quarters of financial aid, but feel that you have extenuating circumstances and would like to be considered for summer scholarship assistance, **attach a statement** explaining why you are seeking funding for summer session, and **provide a supporting statement from your academic advisor or dean.***

Are you enrolling in the summer to make up a prior term of non-enrollment or less than full-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 Field Study Program? Yes No

Program: _____ Location: _____

Number of planned courses: 2 3 4 Aid and loans are unavailable for less than half-time enrollment.

List your intended courses, including course number and section.

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

Dates of summer program: _____ - _____
Start Date End Date

Length of summer term (weeks): 4 6 8 other: _____

I have read the accompanying information for Summer Financial Aid 2017, and I understand that if I receive summer scholarship assistance, it may count toward my 12 quarters of institutional aid eligibility.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

You may submit this application to the financial aid office in person, or via email, fax, or regular mail.