

Summer is the final quarter of the 2021-2022 academic year. If you applied for financial aid during the current academic year, you have already completed most of the application requirements and are eligible to apply for summer assistance.

Eligibility & Awards

Northwestern scholarship assistance is renewable for up to four years of enrollment, including summers. Students who will enroll at Northwestern in **at least 2.0 units of credit** in the summer may apply for summer financial aid.

- Your expected family contribution (EFC) toward summer costs will be the same as it is during a regular quarter. Typically, this is equivalent to one-third of your total EFC for the academic year.
- Aid can apply up to regular full-time enrollment, which is a **maximum of 4.0 units of credit**.
- Summer costs are lower on average than a regular quarter, so the total amount of aid for which you qualify in the summer will likely be less than your award during a regular quarter.
- Federal aid (e.g., Pell Grant, federal loans) is limited to your remaining eligibility from the current academic year. We will make every effort to ensure that your Northwestern scholarship assistance remains proportional to a regular quarter.
- If you receive assistance that is exhausted during the academic year or unavailable in the summer (e.g., work-study, outside scholarships), you may be offered federal loans to help make up for these resources.
- **Our office will monitor summer enrollment** on an ongoing basis and will adjust your award if you enroll in fewer credits than outlined on your summer aid application. If you enroll in more credits than indicated on your summer aid application, it is your responsibility to complete a new summer aid application to have your eligibility re-reviewed.
- Students attending summer courses or programs at other institutions, unaffiliated study abroad programs, or non-credit programs are not eligible to receive any federal or institutional financial aid from Northwestern, including loans.

Summer Financial Aid Application

To be considered for institutional summer aid, you must complete the Summer Aid Application, which will be available on the financial aid website in April. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and you will receive an email response within approximately two weeks after submission:

<https://undergradaid.northwestern.edu/apply-for-aid/current-students/summer-session.html>

To request an estimate of your summer aid eligibility:

- Email undergradaid@u.northwestern.edu, subject line: **Summer Financial Aid Estimate**
- Include your name, ID number, and intended summer program or enrollment, including the specific courses and labs, their start and end dates, and your intended summer housing.
- Estimates will be provided via email within 2-3 business days.