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Navigating Bracketology of a new White House Administration

#FAFSACOMPLETION . If you have not completed your 2024-2025 application for financial aid there is still time! For incomplete applications, schedule a [virtual financial aid advisor session](#) so that a financial aid advisor can review your record. A determination can be made based on earned grades from fall, 2024, spring, 2025 and summer, 2025. To submit an



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Use Spring to advocate for Federal Student Aid Programs

application for either 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 visit <https://www.fafsa.gov> this week! If you are undocumented, the Alternative Application (RISE Act) is available using studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp.

#STUDENTADVOCACY:

The White House Administration's decision to cut nearly half of the Department of Education's (ED) workforce may spark some serious concern. To date, there is no cause for alarm regarding award programs. However, with reduction in ED staff, it may become difficult to receive technical assistance in FAFSA Completion, identity verification and FSA ID reset. It is helpful when legislators hear concerned students. Use this

tools to reach out to your elected officials and advocate for appropriate staffing and commitment to all Federal Student Programs such as Pell, SEOG and Federal Work-Study.

As a private citizen and tax payer, you have both the right and responsibility to (1) know what is happening with student aid programs and (2) advocate for your best interest.

Find my Congressional Member: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

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Navigating NEUport: My Financial Aid menu options

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Applying for Institutional Scholarships

There are two sources of institutional scholarships: departmental and foundation. Departmental scholarships require major declaration within an academic department or participation in a campus program. Examples of campus programs include: Living & Learning Communities, Project Success, Projecto Pa'Lante. Applications

are accepted by the individual department and eligible students are sent to the Scholarships Office.

To apply for scholarships within the University Foundation, select NEIU Academic Works in NEUport. We recommend you complete general application, upload a personal statement and/or

resume. You can search by keyword and apply for specific scholarships that match your profile. Make sure you meet the eligibility requirements. 2025-2026 scholarships typically open June 1, 2025 for Fall. If you notice a scholarship has 'ended,' it will typically re-open for the next semester.

Need Assistance with Books, Supplies & Technology?

SUMMER FINANCIAL AID BOOK ADVANCE

May 12-June 6, 2025

- Financial aid awards must exceed your tuition and fees OR
- A credit balance from an overpayment of refund is reflected on University Billing account
- Follett will send an email notification to let you know you have a credit balance.
- Be careful: If your housing charges are not on your bill—credit balance may not be accurate

- Visit eFollett website: <http://www.bkstr.com/northeasternillinois-store/home>

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- At checkout, indicate you are a Presidential Scholar



Discuss 'open source' free digital learning material options with your instructor(s)

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP AGENCY

- Check with your scholarship provider (e.g., HOPE Chicago, Veteran Affairs, DCFS)
- Price and purchase your books so that Follett Bookstore can invoice your scholarship provider

What's New for Student Loan Borrowers (today)?

FACT OR FICTION?

With the dismantling of the US Department of Education (ED), there will be no further federal student loans.

FICTION.

The federal direct loan program is a legislated program, similar to federal Pell Grant. The federal student loan portfolio falls under the oversight of ED however, administering the loan portfolio takes place with colleges, universities and loan servicers. Systems are in place to facilitate eligibility, awarding, online counseling, collection of promissory notes and repayment options.

Since the federal direct loan is a legislated program, if ED loses oversight, the portfolio would need to be transferred to another agency such as US Treasury or Small Business Administration.

OPINION.

If you have an opinion on any of student financial aid program, reach out to your congress person at: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Contacting the Team!

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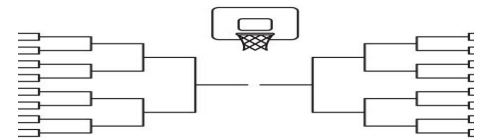
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