



Northeastern Illinois University Financial Aid, Scholarships and Student Employment

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2026-2027 William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Request

Student's First Name

6-digit NEIU Student ID#

Student's Last Name

Phone Number

FOR 2026-2027, THIS IS YOUR: _____ First Request _____ Second Request _____ Third Request

ENROLLMENT

Please check each semester that you plan to attend NEIU. Next to each semester checked, list the number of credit hours that you expect to register for during that semester. **You must maintain an enrollment of 6 credit hours or greater to qualify for a Direct Loan, even during the summer semester.** If your enrollment status changes, the amount of your loan may be reduced. **Also note that most loan payments are disbursed in equal installments for fall and spring semesters.**

Fall 2026 — _____
(Credit Hours)

Fall ONLY — _____
Deadline: November 5, 2026

Spring 2027 — _____
(Credit Hours)

Spring ONLY — _____
Deadline: April 1, 2027

DEGREE PLANS

Check the program you plan to enroll in during the 2026-2027 award year (check one only):

First Bachelors

Master's Degree

Second Bachelor's Degree

State Teacher Licensure Program for Post Baccalaureate (TLP)

Please provide the date you expect to complete the above checked program: _____
month year

LOAN REQUEST

Amount of Loan Requested: \$ _____ Check Loan Type: Subsidized Unsubsidized*

Completed Direct Loan Entrance Loan Counseling Session: Yes (Required: www.studentaid.gov)

Completed electronic Master Promissory Note: Yes (Required: www.studentaid.gov)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Differences between Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct Loans ...

Subsidized Loans: Are based on financial need for undergraduate students, as determined by the federal need analysis process; interest is paid by the federal government while the borrower is in school at least half-time, throughout the six month grace period and during periods of deferment. The Financial Aid Office will automatically review your subsidized eligibility prior to awarding unsubsidized.

***Unsubsidized Loans:** Are not based on the student's financial need and the borrower is responsible for the quarterly interest from the date the funds are disbursed. The Financial Aid Office will not determine this eligibility unless you check this box.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or national or eligible non-citizen
- Maintain Minimum Standards of Academic Progress

- Be enrolled at least a half-time basis (6 credit hours) in an eligible degree or State Licensure program

- Comply with Selective Service registration requirements
- Not be in default on any student loan or owe a refund on a grant

**Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.
Submit this worksheet to the Financial Aid Office at Northeastern Illinois University.
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