



# Northeastern Illinois University Financial Aid, Scholarships and Student Employment

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## 2026-2027 Verification of Citizenship Status

Student's First Name		6-digit NEIU Student ID#	
Student's Last Name		Phone Number	

An eligibility criterion for federal financial aid is United States citizenship or an eligible noncitizen status described below. For the Financial Aid Office to determine your financial aid eligibility status, provide documentation designated below that applies to your status within 7-10 business days.

	Status	REQUIREMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>U.S. Citizen</b>	<b>BRING ONE of the following copy of ORIGINAL documents to the Financial Aid Office:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your U.S. birth certificate</li> <li>Your U.S. passport or passport card</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>U.S. Naturalized Citizen</b>	<b>BRING ONE of the following copy of ORIGINAL documents to the Financial Aid Office:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your U.S. passport or passport card</li> <li>Your Certificate of Birth Abroad (FS-240, FS-545 or DS-1350)</li> <li>Your Certificate of Citizenship (N560, N561)</li> <li>Your Certificate of Naturalization (N550, N570)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>U.S. Permanent Resident</b> After we receive your documents, we will send them to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for verification. DHS can take up to 8 weeks to respond.	<b>BRING ONE of the following copy of ORIGINAL documents to the Financial Aid Office:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alien Registration Receipt/Resident alien/Permanent Resident/Conditional Permanent Resident card (I-551, I-94, I-94A)</li> <li>Foreign passport with I-551 endorsement</li> <li>Arrival/Departure Record I-94 with I-551 endorsements</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other eligible non-citizen:</b> I-94 designated as "Refugee", "Asylum Granted", "Parolee" or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant" or "Conditional Entrant"	<b>BRING ONE of the following copy of ORIGINAL documents to the Financial Aid Office:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrival/Departure Record (I-94, I-94A or I-571 with proper endorsements)</li> </ul> After we receive your documents we will send them with the G-845 to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for verification of your status. It can take up to 8 weeks for DHS to respond.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Victim of Human Trafficking – OR – Battered Immigrant Qualified Alien</b>	<b>BRING ONE of the following copy of ORIGINAL documents to the Financial Aid Office:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your certification letter from Health &amp; Human Services (HHS) and a T-visa (with Title IV benefits verified similar to refugee status)</li> <li>Your I-797, Notice of Action form from U.S. Citizenship &amp; Immigration Services (USCIS), with a valid expiration date verifying financial aid eligibility</li> </ul>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>If you are in the United States on an F1 or F2 student visa or any of the other designations listed below, you are neither a citizen nor eligible non-citizen; you are not eligible for Federal or State student assistance.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment Authorization Card or Documents (I-688A, I-688B or I-766)</li> <li>B-1 or B-2 Visitor Visa</li> <li>F-1, F-2 or M-1 Student Visa or N (NATO) Visa</li> <li>A2 or A3 Visas (foreign official, including attendants)</li> <li>H or L series Visa (temporary employment in the U.S.)</li> <li>J-1, J-2 Exchange Visitor Visa</li> <li>G series Visa (pertaining to international organizations)</li> <li>Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence (I-171 or I-464)</li> <li>Period of Adjustment Letter/Receipt</li> <li>Application for permanent resident status (not yet approved)</li> <li>U Visa holders (Form I-918)</li> <li>Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)</li> <li>Family unity status individuals who have an approved I-817</li> </ul>
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