



Our office would like to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of our new students and welcome back our returning students! We have been working diligently to ensure your financial aid is in place for the 2019/2020 school year. Our students always have been and always will be our highest priority. We hope you find your time here at Northeastern both fulfilling and rewarding. We are here for you to guide you through the financial aid process and help you better understand how funding your education really works. No appointment needed, you can pay us a visit, give us a call, or send us an email. Please take notice of the NEIU portal. The portal is our means of conveying information to you. If you have already been awarded financial aid you can see your package under "Financial Aid Awards". If you have not been awarded, you can check if we still need something from you under "Financial Aid Requirements". The requirements will have "red flags" that you can select to get additional information regarding that requirement. Once you have met all the requirements, we can then review your file

so that you can be awarded. Once you have been awarded, you can see if you need additional help in the form of loans. Please understand that if you intend on using Federal Direct Loans to assist you with your expenses, you must complete Direct Loans Entrance Counseling, and the Master Promissory Note online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). You also need to turn in a signed loan request form to the Financial Aid Office. If you never had a student loan before, come in and see us. We can help you understand how much you may need after reviewing your aid package. If you are unsure or do not understand your financial aid and how you will be paying for this school year, do not hesitate to reach out to us. Remember, we are here for you! Take the time to check your portal, review your awards and/or requirements, review your charges and understand where you stand for the award year. The rest of the school year will be much more enjoyable and stress-free once you already have your financial aid in order and a sound plan to have your tuition and fees covered. This will make it easier for you to concentrate on what brought you to our university: your education.

# October 1st

## #EARLYFAFSA

Starting October 1st, you can Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2020-2021 academic year. To maximize your financial aid eligibility, you must complete your FAFSA as early as possible.

There are deadlines for eligibility to receive Illinois MAP Grant, FSEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) and Federal Work-Study. The Illinois Map grant can pay as much as \$5,340 a year of free money in addition to your other awards.

### ***DON'T MISS IT!***

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# Make the Grade!

Completing a college education is a great goal in itself, but excelling in college, while graduating with the least amount of debt, should be every student's goal. Many grants, scholarships, and internships are contingent upon the student's ability to maintain academic requirements. The entire faculty and staff are on your side with your success as our goal. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources that can help you succeed. The **Academic Advising Center** promotes student success by providing students with the information, guidance, and support they need to develop and achieve their academic goals. They can assist you with **declaring a major or pre-major** which can help you focus on the direction of



The Retention of Illinois Student and Equity (RISE) Act will be effective as of January 1, 2020. The act provides that "a student who is an Illinois resident and who is not eligible for federal financial aid, including, but not limited to, a transgender student who is disqualified for failure to register for selective service or a noncitizen student who has not obtained lawful permanent residence, shall be eligible for state financial aid benefits...". We encourage these students to visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's (ISAC) website at [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org) and sign in to their portal for details and application information.



### FINANCIAL AID OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Friday  
8:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:30am-6:00pm

### FINAID EMAIL

[Financial-Aid@neiu.edu](mailto:Financial-Aid@neiu.edu)

### TELEPHONE CENTER/FAX

(773) 442-5016/ (773) 442-5040

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Telephone: (773) 442-4606  
Email: [Scholarships@neiu.edu](mailto:Scholarships@neiu.edu)

Online application:  
<https://neiu.academicworks.com/>

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE TELEPHONE/EMAIL

(773) 442-4696  
[student-employment@neiu.edu](mailto:student-employment@neiu.edu)

### WEBSITE ACCESS:

<http://www.neiu.edu/financial-aid/>

### FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/NEIUfinancialaid>

### TWITTER:

<https://twitter.com/NEIUfinancial>

your path to graduation. Students must understand the Importance of attendance as well as participation in class discussions and asking questions. We also recommend that you communicate with your instructors, especially if you are having difficulty or are falling behind. Take advantage of their **Open Office Hours** where you can get some one-on-one attention and guidance in the areas you need it most. The **NEIU Library** is the perfect place to study, read, collaborate, and relax. Their knowledgeable librarians can assist you in person or by phone, in chat, and through email. The library has **Silent Rooms** that can be reserved for group study as well. Also located in the NEIU Library is the **Learning Success Center**. Located on the fourth floor, the Success Center has tutors that are selected based on their academic success and knowledge of their discipline. They are undergraduates, graduate students, or professionals with majors in the field in which they tutor. Academic Coaches are also available upon interview to support students with challenges impacting their college success. If there is another way we can help, **LET US KNOW!** We are all here for your success and we need your help to understand how we can best assist you on your path to graduation.

## FALL BOOK VOUCHER

August 12—September 11, 2019

### TO QUALIFY:

Financial Aid package must be reflected under 2019-2020 Financial Aid Awards

Financial Aid Awards must exceed your University balance. (Must have a credit balance.)

### TO ORDER ONLINE:

Visit [eFollett.com](http://eFollett.com) website [www.bkstr.com/northeasternillinoisstore/home](http://www.bkstr.com/northeasternillinoisstore/home) or download the mobile app on your phone.

Present your NEIU ID to the bookstore cashier and request to pick up your order.

### TO SHOP IN PERSON:

Visit Follett Bookstore on campus (adjacent to the Student Union) and select your books.

Show your NEIU ID to the cashier at time of checkout.