

2017-18 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: First-Year JD Students

INTRODUCTION

Applying for financial aid, including scholarships, is separate from the admissions process. The [Office of Admissions and Financial Aid](#) awards [scholarships](#) on a combined basis of financial need and merit, while the [Chicago Office of Financial Aid](#) packages [loan funding](#).

All applicants who will not be 26 years old or older as of December 31, 2017 will be considered [NU Dependent](#) for the purpose of institutional scholarship eligibility and will be required to submit parental information in the CSS Profile application.

A complete financial aid application is due by:

March 1, 2017

(or, if admitted after this date, within seven days of admission)

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEDERAL LOANS

To be considered for scholarships and federal loans, please complete the following three items:

1. [2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (school code 001739)
 - Available online starting October 1, 2016, for U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens.
 - If you do not already have an FSA ID, you will need to [set one up](#) before completing the FAFSA. This FSA ID will be your log-in for many Department of Education websites.
 - The Chicago Office of Financial Aid may contact you if additional information is needed.
2. [2017-18 CSS Profile Application](#) (CSS code 1601)
 - Available online starting January 10, 2017.
 - Select “Northwestern U: Pritzker Law” for electronic submission.
3. [Scholarship & Grant Supplemental Application](#)
 - Available on the Admitted Student Website linked in your decision letter under Financial Aid.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY

To be considered for scholarships only, please complete the following two items:

1. [2017-18 CSS Profile Application](#) (CSS code 1601)
 - Available online starting January 10, 2017.
 - Select “Northwestern U: Pritzker Law” for electronic submission.
2. [Scholarship & Grant Supplemental Application](#)
 - Available on the website linked in your decision letter under “Financial Aid”.

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL LOANS ONLY

To be considered for federal loans only, please complete the following two items:

1. [2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (school code 001739)
 - Available online starting October 1, 2016, for U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens.
 - If you do not already have an FSA ID, you will need to [set one up](#) before completing the FAFSA. This FSA ID will be your log-in for many Department of Education websites.
 - The Chicago Office of Financial Aid may contact you if additional information is required.
2. [2017-18 University Aid Application](#)
 - Please request a copy from the Chicago Office of Financial Aid [via email](#).

NU DEPENDENCY STATUS

All applicants who will not be 26 years old as of December 31, 2017 will be considered NU Dependent for the purpose of institutional scholarship eligibility and will be required to submit parental information in the CSS Profile application.

If you will not be 26 years old or older as of December 31, 2017, you can submit an appeal to the Chicago Office of Financial Aid to be considered NU Independent if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You must have been entirely self-supporting by employment for at least 30 months prior to matriculation. The 30 months do not need to be the 2 ½ years immediately prior to matriculation.
- Self-support typically requires gross employment earnings of at least \$2,200 per month if you are single or \$3,500 per month if you are married.
- Self-support cannot include support from educational loans you may have borrowed to cover your living expenses, earnings from investments, trust funds, or other assets. In addition, it cannot be claimed during periods when you were a student.

If you do not satisfy all of the above requirements, you are NU Dependent for the purpose of institutional scholarship consideration. Your NU Dependency status is separate from federal dependency status, and will not affect your eligibility for federal financial aid.

NU Dependency status appeals must be received by the Chicago Office of Financial Aid by **February 15, 2017**. You can find more information about the NU Dependency status appeal process on the Chicago Office of Financial Aid's [website](#).

NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships – The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid sends out scholarship notifications via email throughout the Spring, starting in March.

Loans – The Chicago Office of Financial Aid reviews all financial aid applications in the order in which they are received. Preliminary financial aid packages are sent out via email before the deposit deadline, provided that students have met the financial aid application deadline. Official packages are sent out via email over the Summer.

CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR FAFSA

If you provide an email address on your FAFSA, you will receive an electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) via email. If you do not provide an email address, you will receive a SAR in the mail. Allow one week for your FAFSA to be processed by the Central Processing Service (CPS).

Upon receipt of your SAR, please review it immediately to see if you need to take further action. If you do not receive your SAR within two weeks or need a duplicate SAR, please call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243.

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

If your financial circumstances change from what you report in your application materials, you must immediately notify the Chicago Office of Financial Aid [via email](#). Failure to do so may jeopardize your eligibility for assistance in the current and/or subsequent academic period. A change in circumstances includes, but is not limited to, marriage, a change in enrollment, a change in your or your spouse's expected earnings, and receipt of an outside scholarship or other monetary gift.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For scholarship-related questions:

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Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
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For loan-related questions:

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Chicago Office of Financial Aid
710 North Lake Shore Drive, Suite 629
Chicago, IL 60611-3078

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