2015-16 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:
Transfer Students

INTRODUCTION

Applying for financial aid is separate from the admissions process. Northwestern Law considers all applicants independent and does not require parental financial information.

A complete financial aid application is due by:

July 1, 2015
(or, if admitted after this date, within five days of admission)

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL LOANS

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

1. 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (school code 001739)
   • Available online starting January 1, 2015, for U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens.
   • If you do not already have a Personal Identification Number (PIN), you will need to apply for a PIN online before completing the FAFSA.
   • The Chicago Office of Financial Aid may contact you if additional information is required.

2. 2015-16 Need Access Application
   • Available online starting January 1, 2015.
   • Select “Northwestern University School of Law” for electronic submission

NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID

The Chicago Office of Financial Aid reviews all financial aid applications in the order in which they are received. Official packages are sent out via email, starting in mid-July.

FILING YOUR FEDERAL TAX RETURN

We strongly recommend that you file your federal tax return at least 1-2 weeks before filing your FAFSA. Once the IRS approves your tax return, the FAFSA can auto-populate certain data, thus simplifying the process for you.

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 monetary gift.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For scholarship-related questions:
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For loan-related questions:
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