

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

### INTRODUCTION

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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](#).

Northwestern Law considers all JD-MBA applicants independent and does not require parental information. However, there are specific steps you need to take in some of the application materials to override entering parental information; those instructions are provided below.

A complete financial aid application is due by:  
**January 17, 2017**

### APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEDERAL LOANS

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To be considered for scholarships and federal loans, 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 needed.
2. [2017-18 CSS Profile Application](#) (CSS code 1601)
  - Available online starting January 10, 2017.
  - Select “Northwestern U: Pritzker Law” for electronic submission.
  - To override entering parental information, enter “O” or “NA” for all parental data questions.
  - If you are married, spousal information must be entered.

### APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY

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To be considered for scholarships only, please complete the following one item:

1. [2017-18 CSS Profile Application](#) (CSS code 1601)
  - Available online starting January 10, 2017.
  - Select “Northwestern U: Pritzker Law” for electronic submission.
  - To override entering parental information, enter “O” or “NA” for all parental data questions.
  - If you are married, spousal information must be entered.

## **APPLYING FOR FEDERAL LOANS ONLY**

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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 needed.
2. [2017-18 University Aid Application](#)
  - Please request a copy from the Chicago Office of Financial Aid [via email](#).

## **NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID**

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

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 met the submission deadline. Official packages are sent out via email over the Summer.

## **CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR FAFSA**

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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**

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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**

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### For scholarship-related questions:

Northwestern University School of Law  
Office of Admissions and Financial Aid  
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375 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611-3078

Phone: (312) 503-8465

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[admissions@law.northwestern.edu](mailto:admissions@law.northwestern.edu)

### For loan-related questions:

Northwestern University  
Chicago Office of Financial Aid  
Abbott Hall, Room 629  
710 North Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, IL 60611-3078

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