



# Northeastern

## **Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF)**

All international students are required to submit the Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF).

You will see whether or not you are required to submit the DCF in your App Status Check. If you are required to submit the DCF, your application will remain incomplete until you've submitted the DCF. If you see the requirement in your App Status Check application requirements checklist, but if your citizenship status is listed below, you must contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in order to update your citizenship status.

- U.S. Citizens, U.S. Dual Citizens, or U.S. Permanent Residents
- U.S. Nationals
- Eligible non-citizens, as determined by the U.S. Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- If you have any questions about whether or not you're eligible for a waiver, please contact your [Admissions Counselor](#).

Northeastern is required by law to verify your finances. Before issuing your Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019), Northeastern will need to confirm your ability to cover the cost of attendance, including tuition and living expenses, for one full academic year. Since Northeastern does not offer need-based financial aid to international students, verifying your finances becomes even more important.

## **Accessing Your DCF**

Once you've submitted your application and receive access to the App Status Check, you will be able to access the DCF through your App Status Check portal. You will need to complete the DCF and upload supporting financial documentation by one of the following deadlines, or your application will be considered incomplete:

### Freshman Admission

Early Decision I – November 15, 2018  
Early Action – December 1, 2018  
Early Decision II – January 15, 2019  
Regular Decision – February 15, 2019

### Transfer Admission

Spring Transfer – October 15, 2019  
Fall Transfer – April 15, 2019

## **Completing Your DCF**

You will be asked to provide your anticipated amount of financial support for one full academic year. For Fall 2019 and Spring 2020, we anticipate the cost of attendance (including tuition and living expenses) to be around \$75,800.

Your financial support can include:

- Your personal savings.
- Funds from either your parent(s) or guardian(s), or an individual sponsor other than your parent(s)/guardian(s), such as a grandparent, other relative or another individual who will help you to cover the cost of Northeastern.

- Either government scholarships or scholarships from a private organization, corporation, non-profit or community organization, or foundation.

Excluding scholarships, financial support must be readily available liquid assets or cash equivalents (i.e. either a checking or savings account) which can easily be transferred to the United States. Non-liquid assets will not be sufficient.

- Non-liquid assets include investment portfolios such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds; retirement plans such as 401(k) accounts; loan applications; credit card accounts; income tax forms or salary agreements; real estate, income earned from a property or rental property; and, material items such as livestock, land, fur, jewelry or wine.

As you enter your anticipated amount of financial support, you should keep the following in mind:

- You must provide all amounts in U.S. Dollars. Use [a currency converter](#) if necessary.
- You are not expected to demonstrate more than the cost of attendance.
- You are not required to indicate an amount next to each sponsor type.
- You should only enter numbers.
- You should not enter any special characters.

### **Supporting Financial Documentation**

You will need to verify your anticipated financial support by providing supporting documentation, which may include one or more of the following:

- A bank statement for your personal funds, or funds from parent(s) or guardian(s), or individual sponsors other than a parent or guardian.
- A scholarship award letter or financial support letter for support from a private organization or government agency.
- You should upload documents through the DCF in your [App Status Check](#). But you can also email supporting documentation to [admissions@northeastern.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastern.edu)

All documents must meet the following “core” criteria:

- Issued no more than 6 months before the application deadline.
- Written in English, or you will need to attach a certified English translation.
- Amounts should be in U.S. Dollars, or you will need to attach [a currency conversion](#).

Furthermore, your documents will need to meet additional criteria which is specific to the document type:

#### Bank Statement

You can provide a bank statement, letter from the bank, or a current financial statement, which must meet “core” criteria in addition to including all of the following information:

- Bank name
- Account holder’s name
- Account balance
- Type of currency

#### Scholarship Letter or Financial Support Letter

You will need to provide an original or copy of your scholarship award letter or financial support letter, which will need to meet “core” criteria in addition to including all of the following information:

- Your award amount
- Award duration
- Terms of renewal

#### Submitting Your DCF

You will need to provide your financial information and upload supporting documentation in order to submit your DCF to the Admissions Committee.

- You will be able to confirm whether or not your DCF was successfully submitted by checking your App Status Check application requirements checklist; DCF will have changed from “required” to “completed.”
- If you are eligible for a waiver, you will be given an opportunity to request one, but only after you’ve provided your available financial information.
- If you need to update any information provided in the DCF, or submit any updated supporting financial documents, you should email your [Admissions Counselor](#).
- Your eligibility for merit-based scholarships will not be based on the information which you’ve provided on the DCF.

Declaration and Certification of Finances Worksheet	Amount	Supporting Documentation	Status
<b>Your Personal Saving</b>	Local Currency	Bank Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Received
	U.S. Dollars		
<b>Parent(s) or Guardian(s)</b>	Local Currency	Bank Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Received
	U.S. Dollars		
<b>Individual Sponsor:</b> Name: Relationship: Source:	Local Currency	Bank Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Received
U.S. Dollars			
<b>Government Agency:</b> Agency Name: Scholarship:	Local Currency	Scholarship or Financial Support Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Received
U.S. Dollars			
<b>Private Organization:</b> Org. Name: Scholarship:	Local Currency	Scholarship or Financial Support Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Received
U.S. Dollars			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	Local Currency	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Submitted</b>	
	U.S. Dollars		