

Northwestern CC Application Process (read all the way to the end)

Fill out the application. Northwestern Admission site: <https://www.nwcc.edu/admissions/>. You can choose here if you want to start working on your Associate degree or start with just a few classes. The process is slightly different depending on what you choose, so you can explore any option. Important: only full-time students pursuing a degree can qualify for free community college. Note that the [Nursing Program](#) application is open Nov 1 to Feb 1 each year and has its own application in addition to the regular one.

Fill out all required information in the online form. If pursuing an Associate two2-year) Degree, choose the academic program you will apply to by browsing their list: <https://www.nwcc.edu/programs/>.

Once you have submitted the online form, email your counselor to ask them to send your transcript to Northwestern. If you haven't signed a transcript release form, you and your parent or guardian will need to sign that to give the school permission to release your transcript. Upload any outstanding documents to the online application for Northwestern (this should be your transcript and immunization form, which your doctor needs to sign and then you can upload). If you already have a copy of your transcript, you're free to upload it yourself but NCCC will need an official transcript if you're admitted.

NCCC will email you to let you know if you have been accepted. Once you are accepted you can schedule a virtual or in-person appointment with an advisor and register for classes.

The deadline to have everything set up (application, FAFSA, registering for classes) to be eligible for PACT (free community college) is July 15. Even if you miss this deadline, you can still attend Northwestern in the fall, just not under the PACT program.

Northwestern has appointments (in-person and virtual) if you'd like assistance. You can [request an appointment online](#).

After you apply check your email for messages from Northwestern. Also look out for [PACT \(free Community College\)](#) emails and [Team Success Scholar](#) (support in College program) emails from the College and Career Center.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Northwestern Financial Aid page: <https://www.nwcc.edu/financial-aid/>. They link to the FAFSA and have a video with tips as well.

Action Items

- [Create an FSA ID](#) to allow you to fill out the FAFSA. This should take you to the online form, but if it doesn't or you already have an FSA ID, Go to [Complete the FAFSA form](#) and click on "Start Here" to create an account or [use el FAFSA en español](#).
- Read FAFSA's web page on [Filling out the FAFSA form](#) beforehand or as you go. It's helpful but lengthy.
- Visit the [FAFSA help page](#) for questions or contact them via online chat, phone or email through their [Help Center](#).
- **Make sure you apply to the year you intend to begin college (for the class of 2022 this is 2022-2023)**
- **Select Northwestern in your School Selection. Search by name or use their Federal School Code – 001398 – to ensure that the FAFSA is sent to NCCC.**
- Visit the [FAFSA help page](#) for questions or contact them via online chat, phone or email through their [Help Center](#).

Local Scholarships

See emails from Mrs. Simonds for the shared Google Drive and Local scholarship list, to be released in March 2022. Make a copy for yourself and highlight each scholarship you are eligible for and apply by the deadline with required materials.