

**Policies for the
Office of
Student Financial
Aid**

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Office of Student Financial Aid/Scholarships

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Summer Aid

Northwestern State University treats the Summer Semester as the final semester in the scheduled academic year for Federal Aid purposes. Northwestern's scheduled academic year starts with the fall semester and ends with the summer semester. Title IV aid is awarded at Northwestern State University during the Fall and Spring semesters. Students may receive Summer aid only if they have not exhausted all funds from the Federal programs in the previous Fall and/or Spring semesters. If a student is still eligible to receive Title IV Assistance after completing the Fall and/or Spring semesters, the Office of Student Financial Aid will award aid.

Steps to apply for summer aid:

- Current year FAFSA
- All RRAAREQ requirements must be satisfied
- Continuing to make Academic Progress
- Student must submit a Summer Aid Application to receive title IV funds for summer

Students must complete a summer aid application when requesting any type of federal aid (PELL or Loans) and will be awarded based on the prior year's need analysis. Students are notified via email once they have been awarded. Applications for students who are ineligible will be returned to students with a letter of explanation of ineligibility.

Student Loans:

A Grad or Undergrad student must be currently enrolled in at least ½ time hours (6 hours for undergrad, 5 hours for graduate beginning in 1718 award year) counting towards their degree program for a summer loan to be disbursed. Disbursements will not be made until the student is attending the sixth hour in accordance with disbursement rules.

Beginning in the 1718 award year, students may have up to 150% of their scheduled pell award if meeting eligibility requirements determined by the Department of Education.