

## Dean's Graduate Scholarship Guidelines

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### Graduate Student Financial Services

The Dean's Graduate Scholarship has been awarded to you in recognition of your outstanding academic achievement, as well as your previous academic experience and reflects our expectation of superior performance at Northeastern. So you may enjoy this scholarship for your entire graduate career in your program at Northeastern, we would like to inform you of the principles governing your scholarship:

1. Your scholarship covers \$333 per credit to a total per semester of \$3,996.
2. You are encouraged to apply for federal financial aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), but it is not a requirement for you to receive your scholarship. However, if you demonstrate financial need, there may be other loan funds for which you are eligible.
3. Your scholarship is available to the completion of your graduate program.
4. To keep your scholarship after the first semester, you must maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA). Your GPA will be reviewed annually at the end of spring semester and if your cumulative GPA is below a 3.00 you will lose the scholarship for subsequent terms. You may regain the scholarship by bringing your cumulative GPA above 3.00.
5. If you are approved for a leave of absence by your Graduate School office, you must have an exit interview with your financial aid counselor to determine how the leave will impact your award. If your leave exceeds one year, you will forfeit your Dean's scholarship. Other types of withdrawal from the University, whether by your choice or through University action, will result in forfeiture of the scholarship for all future semesters.
6. If you receive the full tuition benefit of the Faculty/Staff Tuition Waiver through Northeastern or receive external employee tuition remission, you are not eligible for additional scholarship or grant funds from the university, including this scholarship. If you receive a part-time benefit you are eligible for University funds up to the total cost of tuition, including the tuition waiver.
7. For any term you receive *any* other institutional scholarship or grant aid (including, but not limited to, Stipended Graduate Assistantship (SGA) and Diversity Fellowship), you are not eligible for this Dean's Scholarship for that term.
8. Deposits for admission to the University **must be postmarked by the required date** or you will forfeit your scholarship. It is your responsibility to see that this deposit is paid on time. The funds from this deposit can be used to pay for other charges.
9. If you receive additional scholarship assistance from outside the University, you are required to report it to your financial aid counselor. You are entitled to receive these funds to cover any unmet financial need. If your financial need has been met and you have been awarded a federal loan(s) and/or work-study, these funds will be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of your additional scholarship. If you are not receiving federal financial aid, you will be allowed to keep the amount of additional scholarship as long as the total amount does not exceed your cost of attendance. If this should occur, we will reduce your Dean's Graduate Scholarship by the amount that exceeds your cost.
10. All additional questions about your scholarship may be directed to your financial aid counselor in the Graduate Student Financial Services Office.
11. Appeal Process: if you lose the scholarship for academic or other reasons, an appeal can be submitted, in writing, to your financial aid counselor, explaining the special circumstances to be considered. Appeals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the scholarship Appeals Committee. All decisions are final.
12. The administration reserves the right to make changes to these guidelines without notice.