

APPLYING FOR GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID 2008–09

Please follow *all* instructions when completing the University Aid Application.

- Write legibly using blue or black ink
- Answer *all* questions as precisely and honestly as possible
- Fill in *all* blanks
- When a blank does not apply to you, print “N/A”

Application deadlines

- For financial assistance of any type, students must complete the University Aid Application by May 1, 2008.
- For federal aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by May 1, 2008.
- For verification, students must submit copies of all 2007 W-2 forms (for both student and spouse, if applicable) and a signed copy of the complete 2007 federal tax return by May 1, 2008. It is preferable that these copies be submitted with the University Aid Application, though mailing them separately is acceptable. *The Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid strongly recommends that you file your tax returns as soon as possible to avoid delaying the financial aid application process.*

Completing the FAFSA

Students wishing to receive federal loan assistance must begin the financial aid application process by completing the FAFSA. It is preferred that students complete this form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, as this will expedite the process considerably. For those unable to complete the form online, a paper copy is available from the Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid. The Department of Education code for Northwestern is 001739.

If you are filing a 2007 federal income tax return, it is recommended that you complete it before completing the FAFSA. You may complete the FAFSA before filing your tax return; but once you file your tax return you must update the FAFSA with any income or tax data that has changed. Signed copies of the income tax returns and W-2 forms will be used by the Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid to verify all information submitted via FAFSA and may affect the amount of federal aid you are offered if there are discrepancies.

Completing the University Aid Application

The information you provide on this application will be used to verify or update any information already received by the Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid. If you are unsure of exact dollar amounts, approximate to the nearest dollar.

Section B. If you are an eligible noncitizen, check the second box, marked “Permanent U.S. resident but not U.S. citizen.” Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are (1) a U.S. permanent resident with an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident (I-551C); or (3) an eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: “refugee,” “asylum granted,” “parolee” (I-94 confirming paroled for a minimum of one year and parole status as not yet expired), or “Cuban-Haitian entrant.” If you are in the United States on an F-1 or F-2 student visa or on a J-1 or J-2 exchange visitor visa, you are not eligible for federal student aid.

Sections E–G. Report your information on employment, income, and assets. If you are married as of today, report your and your spouse’s information on employment, income, and assets, even if you were not married in 2007. If you are currently single, separated, divorced, or widowed, enter “N/A” in any blanks marked “spouse.”

Section J. Report totals of monthly payments you expect to make in the 2008–09 academic year and the total principal borrowed/owed. Students are typically eligible to defer payments for previous loans while in school; if you are eligible to defer, enter \$0 for the loan amount to be repaid but list the total principal owed.

Section K. On a separate sheet, list all extraordinary circumstances that may affect your loan eligibility. Attach the sheet to your University Aid Application.

Return completed applications to

Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid
Northwestern University School of Music
711 Elgin Road
Evanston, Illinois 60208-1200

UNIVERSITY AID APPLICATION 2008–09

Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application form (type or print clearly). Note: A signed copy of your (and your spouse's) 2007 U.S. federal income tax return (which may be mailed separately from your application) must be submitted to complete your application.

A Aid application status

I am not interested in any type of loan assistance for the 2008–09 academic year.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (*federal funding can only be calculated after all required materials have been received*)

I completed the FAFSA/renewal FAFSA and mailed it to the processor on _____
month day year

I completed the FAFSA/renewal FAFSA online on _____
month day year

I have not completed my FAFSA/renewal FAFSA but will do so as soon as possible.

I am an international student and not required to file the FAFSA.

I have submitted my W-2 and signed tax return.

I did not file, and am not required to file, taxes for 2007. (If so, any W-2 forms should still be submitted.)

B Personal information

Name

_____ last first middle _____

Current telephone (include country and city code if outside U.S.A.) _____

Current e-mail address _____

Current mailing address

_____ number, street, apt. no.

_____ city state zip/postal code country

Current address and telephone number effective until what date? _____
month day year

Permanent telephone (include country and city code if outside U.S.A.) _____

Permanent e-mail address _____

Permanent mailing address

_____ number, street, apt. no.

_____ city state zip/postal code country

Citizenship status (check one)

U.S. citizen Permanent U.S. resident but not U.S. citizen Nonresident alien (list visa type)

_____ country of citizenship if not U.S.A. visa type

Social Security number _____

Tax-exempt interest (line 8b of form 1040)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Foreign income exclusion	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Other untaxed income (list in Section K)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Child support received	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Child support paid (counts as deduction from income)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Social Security benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Welfare (including TANF)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Educational credits (line 49 of form 1040)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's
Taxable tuition (stipend or assistantship)	\$ _____	\$ _____
	yours	your spouse's

F Projected employment and income

Please provide the following employment and income information. Do not include Federal College Work-Study (FCWS) earnings. Other income and benefits include interest/dividend income, untaxed income and benefits, and income from sources other than work — list sources of other income and benefits in Section K. Enter \$0 if none or N/A if unknown; *do not leave any item blank.*

Your projected employment

January through June 2008

_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
employer's name	weeks employed	weekly gross (before-tax) earnings	total gross (before-tax) earnings

July through September 2008

_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
employer's name	weeks employed	weekly gross (before-tax) earnings	total gross (before-tax) earnings

October through December 2008

_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
employer's name	weeks employed	weekly gross (before-tax) earnings	total gross (before-tax) earnings

Your spouse's (future spouse's) projected employment

January through June 2008

_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
employer's name	weeks employed	weekly gross (before-tax) earnings	total gross (before-tax) earnings

July through September 2008

_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
employer's name	weeks employed	weekly gross (before-tax) earnings	total gross (before-tax) earnings

October through December 2008

_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
employer's name	weeks employed	weekly gross (before-tax) earnings	total gross (before-tax) earnings

Your other projected income/benefits

\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
January through June 2008	July through September 2008	October through December 2008

G Assets

Indicate amounts expected to be available for educational expenses for the 2008–09 enrollment period. Enter \$0 if none; leave no items blank.

Cash, savings, checking accounts

\$ _____ \$ _____
account balance(s) as of September 1, 2008 annual interest/dividend earnings

Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit — please itemize in Section K

\$ _____ \$ _____
total value as of September 1, 2008 annual interest/dividend earnings

Trust funds (e.g., contingent, vested) — please explain in Section K

\$ _____ \$ _____
total value as of September 1, 2008 annual interest/dividend earnings

Other assets or investments — please explain in Section K

\$ _____ \$ _____
total value as of September 1, 2008 annual interest/dividend earnings

H Non-University aid

Will you receive or apply for scholarship assistance from any non-University sources in 2008–09? (check one)

No, I am not applying for or expecting to receive any non-University scholarships. Yes — please specify the following:

_____	_____
source (name of organization/foundation)	anticipated amount
_____	_____
source (name of organization/foundation)	anticipated amount
_____	_____
source (name of organization/foundation)	anticipated amount

I Other financial resources

Please provide the following information. Do not leave any item blank.

Will you receive financial assistance from your parents during the 2008–09 academic year?

No Yes — please specify amount \$ _____

Will you receive financial assistance from relatives other than your parents?

No Yes — please specify amount \$ _____

Will your current or prospective employer reimburse you for any portion of your expenses at Northwestern University in 2008–09?

No Yes — please specify amount \$ _____

Will you have any other financial resources at your disposal in 2008–09?

No Yes — please specify amount \$ _____ and explain in Section K

J Financial aid history

Federal Perkins Loans (formerly NDSL) Total amount of all Federal Perkins Loans ever borrowed \$ _____

\$ _____ \$ _____
amount to be repaid in 2008–09 total principal owed as of September 2008

Federal Stafford Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized)

\$ _____ \$ _____
amount to be repaid in 2008–09 total principal owed as of September 2008

Federal Supplemental (SLS) Loans

\$ _____ \$ _____
amount to be repaid in 2008–09 total principal owed as of September 2008

Other educational loans — please explain in Section K

\$ _____ \$ _____
amount to be repaid in 2008–09 total principal owed as of September 2008

K Explanations and special circumstances

Please use the space below and an additional sheet (if necessary) to provide required explanations or describe special circumstances.

Certification statement

I/We certify that the above statements are true to the best of my/our knowledge and agree to notify the Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid of any change in this information during the 2008–09 enrollment period, including marital status, projected income, outside aid, employment, or enrollment status.

student's signature

date signed

spouse's signature

date signed

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Northwestern University School of Music, Office of Music Admission and Financial Aid, 711 Elgin Road, Evanston, Illinois 60208-1200
For further assistance, call 847/491-3141 or e-mail musiclife@northwestern.edu.