

Non-Degree Financial Aid Eligibility Request 2020-2021



Submit to:
Financial Aid and Scholarship Office
Swen Parson Hall 245
DeKalb, IL 60115

NIU Student Information: For scanning purposes, use black or blue ink to complete this form.

Name _____ Z-ID _____
Last Name First MI

Generally, a student must be admitted to a program to be eligible for financial aid. However, there are two regulatory exceptions for Federal Direct Student Loans:

State Required Teacher Licensure Coursework: A student may receive federal student loans if enrolled at least half-time in courses required for Elementary or Secondary teacher's licensure, even if the student is not admitted to a degree program. Only course work which is required for licensure can be considered in determining eligibility and enrollment status. Any work outside the licensure requirements, such as, optional/elective courses, Certificate of Graduate Study, endorsements, traffic safety courses, etc., does not qualify. Institutions are required to review a student's registration to determine if courses are required for teacher licensure prior to disbursing federal aid.

Courses required for admission to a program: A student is eligible for Federal Direct Loans for up to one continuous 12-month period at the fifth-year undergraduate loan level if enrolled at least half-time in prerequisite coursework to be admitted into a graduate program or professional school. (Prerequisite coursework consists of required courses necessary for admission to a graduate program.)

If eligible, Federal Direct Loan limits for teacher licensure and preparatory coursework:

Dependent Students: \$5500 / Independent students are eligible for an additional \$7000 Unsubsidized.

Each semester, students must be enrolled in at least 6 hours of qualifying undergraduate/graduate coursework to be considered half-time. *If a student is not pursuing an initial teacher's licensure or enrolled in prerequisite coursework, this form does not need to be completed. Another option is a private loan. For more information visit:*

<http://www.finaid.org/loans/privatestudentloans.phtml>

Advisor Certification: This section is to be completed by an Academic Advisor.

Please select the choice which applies:

____ The student is enrolled at least half-time in required coursework to complete an initial state required Elementary or Secondary teacher's licensure.

____ The student is enrolled at least half-time in coursework to be admitted into a graduate program professional school. (Prerequisite coursework consists of required courses necessary for admission to a graduate program)

Intended License/Program _____ Department _____

Admission Date: ____/____/____ Expected Completion Date: ____/____/____

Advisor Name _____ Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

Required Coursework - Provide a list of required coursework on the back of this form. The list of courses must only include courses specific to the student's outstanding teacher licensure or prerequisite coursework requirements as of the date the form is completed. The list should include courses the student is currently enrolled in which meet this definition, but not courses already successfully completed or not required.

Student Certification

I understand before I can be considered for federal financial aid as a non-degree student at NIU, this application must be completed and signed by an academic advisor. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. To be considered for a federal student loan, the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office must have verification of the courses **still** required to be completed and only those which are **required** for teacher licensure or prerequisite coursework. Aid awarded and/or disbursed will only be based on required courses.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

