

FINANCIAL AID FOR SUMMER SESSION 2008

Students applying for Northwestern summer programs will be considered for financial assistance upon receipt of a completed Summer Session financial aid application.

Students must have applied for and received financial assistance during the 2007-08 academic year to be considered for summer aid. The Summer Session Committee will review the 2007-08 financial aid application materials and other supporting documents to determine your family contribution.

The Committee recommends that you carefully examine your academic plans to determine your need to attend Summer Session. **Due to limited funds, even students with very good reasons for attending during the summer may not receive funding.**

Financial aid is generally renewable for up to 12 quarters of enrollment. Northwestern Scholarship funds received during the summer may count as one of these twelve quarters of assistance. If offered scholarship, your award notice will contain a statement about whether or not your aid will count towards the 12 quarters. However, you may receive any remaining federal loan assistance from the 2007-08 academic quarters without it counting towards your quarters of assistance.

Priority will be given to students who are:

- ◆ attending Summer Session in order to graduate in August
- ◆ participating in academic programs offered only during the summer (such as summer study abroad and SESP's Practicum)
- ◆ making up for a prior quarter of non-enrollment

If you do not meet one of the categories listed above and feel that you have extenuating circumstances and need to attend Summer Session, please attach a letter to your application explaining your situation and provide documentation such as those listed below.

- for academic reasons, a note from your dean
- for medical/personal reasons, a note from licensed professional

Financial aid will not be offered to students who are:

- ◆ repeating coursework
- ◆ pursuing a double major
- ◆ attempting to accelerate their graduation
- ◆ enrolled in only one course
- ◆ freshmen, unless there are mitigating circumstances

A note to pre-med students – each year, the Committee receives Summer Session applications from students who would like to take a science sequence over the summer. After consulting with academic advisors, the Committee is not able to offer aid to freshmen pre-med students. Due to the complexity of some pre-med schedules, the Committee will review applications for sophomore and junior pre-med students only if the academic advisor recommends Summer Session for academic reasons. Please note that those applications with an advisor recommendation are still subject to limited funds.

