

January 27, 2021

Joseph Liu XXXXXXXXXX XXXXX San Mateo, CA 94402-1566

Dear Joseph:

Congratulations! It is my distinct honor to inform you that the Northeastern University Admissions Committee has selected you to receive the prestigious Northeastern University Honors Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded in recognition of your superior high school academic and personal achievements, which are highlighted by your invitation to join the University Honors Program at Northeastern.

Your Honors Scholarship is in the amount of \$22,000 for your freshman year and \$11,000 per full semester during your upper-class years while you are attending classes. Your scholarship is renewable each year, for up to a total of \$88,000 over the course of your undergraduate academic career, provided you adhere to the attached guidelines.

As a member of the University Honors Program, you are joining a select group of exceptional students committed to pursuing deeper and more challenging learning. You will be a part of a distinguished community of faculty and peers who will challenge you and help you to reach your goals through unique interdisciplinary courses with smaller student-to-faculty ratios, access to unique experiential learning opportunities, and advising tailored to high achieving students. The Honors Program will provide you with the support you need on your path to becoming a truly global citizen.

Again, congratulations on your admission to the University Honors Program and on your selection as a recipient of the Honors Scholarship. The Honors experience is characterized by outstanding faculty, innovative curriculum, self-directed learning, and engaged, deeply committed students. We believe that your intellectual curiosity, motivation, and entrepreneurial approach to academics embody these characteristics, and that you will thrive as a member of our community. We look forward to welcoming you to our community!

Sincerely,

Robert Reddy

AVP and Dean of Student Financial Services
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## NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES 2021–2022

The Northeastern University Honors Scholarship has been awarded to you in recognition of your academic and personal achievements, which are highlighted by your invitation to join the Northeastern University Honors Program. So that you may enjoy this scholarship for your entire undergraduate career at Northeastern, we would like to inform you of the principles governing your scholarship.

- 1. Your scholarship covers \$11,000 per full academic semester and \$5,500 during half academic semesters. You must be attending classes as a full-time student and meet the enrollment requirements of your college.
- Your non-refundable enrollment deposit must be made online or post-marked by the deposit deadline indicated in your myNortheastern Admitted Student Portal or you will forfeit your scholarship. It is your responsibility to see that the deposit is paid on time.
- 3. You are encouraged to apply for financial aid, but it is not a requirement to receive your scholarship. However, if you demonstrate financial need, there may be other funds for which you are eligible.
- 4. Your scholarship typically covers up to the equivalent of eight (8) academic semesters. However, students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program will receive additional undergraduate semesters as dictated by their prescribed curriculum as well as one-half of the full semester award for the clinical/graduate portion of the program. If you complete your degree in less than eight (8) academic semesters, you will only receive the per term amount of your scholarship for the semesters during which you attend classes. Students in a Northeastern billed study abroad program that fits into their curriculum within the eight (8) semesters will receive their scholarship benefits. Your scholarship will be pro-rated for academic credits taken while on co-op. You should work with the Office of Student Financial Services to discuss financial aid options for overloads taken during academic semesters. Your scholarship cannot be applied towards graduate studies or programs, including PlusOne or master's degree programs, with the exception of the clinical/graduate portion of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.
- 5. Should you choose to change your major or home college, you will maintain eligibility for your Honors Scholarship, provided that you continue to meet the criteria outlined in these guidelines.
- 6. To keep your scholarship after the first year, you must maintain a **3.00 cumulative grade point average** (GPA). Your GPA will be reviewed at the end of the spring semester. If your GPA falls below 3.00 you are allowed one academic semester of probation for the first in-class semester of the following academic year to regain eligibility. During this semester you will receive the scholarship. If you fail to attain the required GPA after the probationary semester, the scholarship will be canceled. If you have financial need as demonstrated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Office of Student Financial Services may return a portion of your scholarship to you in the form of a Northeastern Grant. You may regain the scholarship by bringing your cumulative GPA above 3.00; however, you will not receive any future probationary periods.
- 7. You must maintain quantitative Satisfactory Academic Progress toward your degree by earning at least 67 percent of your cumulative attempted credits. Quantitative progress is reviewed annually at the end of the spring semester. Failure to meet the 67 percent will allow you to receive one academic semester of probation for the first in-class semester of the following academic year to regain eligibility. During this semester you will receive the scholarship. If you fail to attain the 67 percent or greater after the probationary semester, the scholarship will be cancelled. You may regain the scholarship in the future by attaining the 67 percent or greater; however, you will not receive any future probationary periods.
- 8. If you require a leave of absence, you must meet with your academic advisor and have an exit interview with the Office of Student Financial Services. Leaves of absence can be granted for up to one year, but must be approved by the Office of Student Financial Services. If your leave exceeds one year, you will forfeit your 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.
- 9. If you receive the full tuition benefit of the Faculty/Staff Tuition Waiver 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.

- 10. If your tuition charges for a semester are prorated or adjusted due to a leave of absence, or other university-approved reason, your scholarship will be proportionally adjusted based on your lower tuition charge.
- 11. If you receive additional scholarship assistance from outside the university, you are required to report it to the Office of Student Financial Services. 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 need-based financial aid from federal or state sources, including, but not limited to, loans, grants, 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 University Honors Scholarship, or other institutional grant funds, by the amount that exceeds your cost.
- 12. If you receive additional scholarship or grant assistance from university funds or outside sources that exceed billed costs when combined with your University Honors Scholarship, the University Honors Scholarship, as well as any awarded institutional aid, may be reduced so all grants and scholarships equal billed costs.
- 13. If you are a National Merit Finalist, designate Northeastern University as your college choice to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) by the priority deadline of April 1, 2021, and receive the Northeastern National Merit Scholarship, this scholarship will supersede and replace your University Honors Scholarship.
- 14. If you enroll in the Army ROTC program at Northeastern University, and are a recipient of Army benefits, Northeastern's commitment to provide support equivalent to 20 percent of university tuition is inclusive of your merit scholarship.
- 15. Appeal Process: If you lose the scholarship for academic or other reasons, an appeal can be submitted, in writing, to the Office of Student Financial Services, 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.
- 16. To receive your scholarship, you must enroll at Northeastern for the Fall 2021 semester.
- 17. All additional questions about your scholarship may be directed to the Office of Student Financial Services.
- 18. The administration reserves the right to make changes to these guidelines at any time without notice.