



# NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

## Medill-Northwestern Journalism Institute

### FINANCIAL AID REQUEST 2026

To request financial aid, complete this form. Acceptance decisions are not affected by financial-aid requests.

The basic fee for the Medill-Northwestern Journalism Institute is \$5,000. This includes tuition, room/board, field trips and group events. Transportation and personal expenses are extra. **The Institute has \$100,000 in scholarships and financial aid available.**

#### Parents' Information

Check all that apply:

- Parents Married
- Parents Divorced\*
- Father Deceased
- Parents Separated\*
- Mother Deceased
- Single-Parent Household

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted Gross Income (2025)  
(From IRS form 1040 or 1040EZ) \_\_\_\_\_

2026 Estimated Adjusted Gross Income \_\_\_\_\_

How many people does this  
income support? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children who are full-time  
college students during the current  
academic year \_\_\_\_\_

#### Applicant's Financial Information

Income  
(From current or anticipated employment) \_\_\_\_\_

Assets \_\_\_\_\_

#### Applicant's Budget

(How do you propose to finance attending the program?)

1. Compute your total cost
  - A. Basic cost \$ 5,000 \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Transportation \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Expected sources of financing
  - A. Student's contribution \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Family contribution \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Local school \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Community \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. TOTAL (A through E) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Difference \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Subtract line 2F from line 1C)
4. FINANCIAL AID REQUESTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**A copy of parents' federal income tax return for 2025 must be included for financial aid consideration. If not available, please submit 2024.**  
\*Separate returns must be provided from custodial and non-custodial parent.

Students requesting financial aid are strongly encouraged to provide additional information that may be helpful to the financial aid evaluation. Describe any unusual circumstances that should be known in evaluating your application for financial aid, such as unusual medical problems, age of parents, nonpublic educational expenses, a parent's impending retirement, etc. You may use a separate sheet of paper.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all financial statements submitted by me are accurate.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Northwestern University does not discriminate or permit discrimination by any member of its community against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, parental status, marital status, age, disability, citizenship status, veteran status, genetic information, reproductive health decision making, or any other classification protected by law in matters of admissions, employment, housing, or services or in the educational programs or activities it operates. Individuals who feel they have been discriminated against on the basis of any of these classes should contact the University's Office of Civil Rights and Title IX Compliance.



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### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION 2026

**PLEASE TYPE THIS FORM OR PRINT LEGIBLY**

My signature certifies that to the best of my knowledge all statements submitted by me are correct, complete and my own. I understand that this application and all other records gathered for my admission file are confidential and will not be disclosed to me, my parents or any other person except at the sole discretion of the Director of the Medill-Northwestern Journalism Institute. By signing below, I acknowledge that providing false or misleading information is grounds for denying admission or for rescinding an offer of admission already made.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street City State ZIP

Date and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female Self Identify Preferred Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name and Address of Parents (or Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street City State ZIP

High School Principal \_\_\_\_\_ High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Name

High School Teacher in Journalism (or newspaper, yearbook, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a high school junior? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Are you applying for financial aid?  Yes  No (If yes, please complete the "financial aid request" form.)

How did you hear about the Institute?

Brochure or email message  Teacher  Internet search  Family  Former student

Brochure given to me by: \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

This box for office use. Please leave blank.

See the "apply" link on the program's website [at [medillcherubs.org](http://medillcherubs.org)] for a list of items required for the application. Also, to be eligible for this program, students must be current high school juniors.

All application items must be received by 4 p.m. March 2, 2026 (U.S. Central Time Zone).  
Decision letters will be mailed to applicants by March 25, 2026.