

New England Conservatory

2009-2010

**Application for Financial Aid and Scholarships
for Undergraduate and Graduate Students**

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The Financial Aid Office at New England Conservatory is committed to assisting students with meeting the costs of an NEC education. The Financial Aid Office is responsible for the management and awarding of merit and need-based institutional funds, as well as federal and state need-based grants, loans, and work programs.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Tuition and fees are the same for undergraduate and graduate students regardless of state of residency or citizenship. NEC estimates other student expenses based on annual average costs. These expenses include books, personal expenses, transportation, insurance, and room/board. Below are estimated costs for a full-time student for the previous academic year (2008-09). Applicants should expect all costs to increase for the upcoming academic year.

Tuition	\$32,900	Graduate Diploma Tuition for 08-09	\$30,000
Fees	\$425		
Room and Board	\$11,600		
Books & Supplies	\$700		
Personal/Miscellaneous	\$2,200		
Local Transportation	\$420		
Health Center/Insurance	\$2,046		
Total Estimated Costs	\$50,291		

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Eligibility for NEC's institutional scholarship programs is primarily based on performance level as determined by NEC faculty after auditions or a portfolio review. There is also a need component that affects the amount of the overall award. Federal and state eligibility is largely based on financial need. Unfortunately, due to limited funding available, NEC financial aid packages do not always meet a student's full calculated need.

COMPLETING THE NEC FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Please pay careful attention to the directions provided on the application. Incomplete applications delay the awarding process. It is very important that you print clearly and legibly on this form.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All new and returning students (domestic and international) are required to file the NEC Application for Financial Aid for consideration for NEC funds. Failure to file the NEC Application for Financial Aid by the priority deadline may affect the amount of your funding. U.S. citizens and permanent residents must also file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be considered for both federal and state sources of financial assistance.

Priority Deadlines

New students and existing NEC students applying for a new program:

NEC Application for Financial Aid **Due:** December 1, 2008
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **Submit by:** February 2, 2009

Returning students

NEC Application for Financial Aid **Due:** February 2, 2009
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **Submit by:** February 2, 2009

Only Domestic and Permanent Residents are eligible to file the FAFSA. International students are not eligible for need-based U.S. federal aid. For more information, or to determine if you are eligible to file the FAFSA, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS 2009-2010

Please detach this application from the instructions prior to mailing. Please print clearly or type all information, then retain a copy of this completed form for your records.

Biographical Information:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

U.S. Soc. Sec. Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Current Address: (if different) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work/Cellular: _____

Citizenship Status: Please check the appropriate box

- U.S. Citizen
 Eligible Non-Citizen – Enter Alien Registration Number: _____
 International Student

Program Status: Please check the appropriate box

- I have applied to enter into a new program in 2009-2010 (includes any NEC alumni applying for another degree)
 I will be returning to the same program at NEC in 2009-2010

Program: Please complete all information

- Bachelor of Music Undergraduate Diploma
 Master of Music Graduate Diploma
 DMA Program Artist Diploma
 5-year AB/MM w/Harvard 5-year BM/BA w/Tufts

Housing Plans: Please check one of the following

- On-Campus
 Off-Campus
 With Parents

Major: _____

Instrument: _____

Studio Instructor: _____

(applies to returning students only)

All Students, Please Complete This Page

OTHER SUPPORT

Please indicate (in US\$) the amounts and sources of any support that you expect to receive for the 2009-2010 academic year from any of the following: your employer, government agencies, foundations, family, or outside resources. (Do not include the financial aid that you may receive from NEC.)

Student contribution (i.e. from employment and savings): \$ _____

Contributions from parents/relatives/spouse/sponsors: \$ _____

Anticipated grants and scholarships other than those from NEC:

\$ _____ Source: _____

\$ _____ Source: _____

\$ _____ Source: _____

FAFSA STATUS

Types of Aid:

You may be considered for NEC funds based strictly on talent/performance. However, if you wish to receive consideration for any type of need-based aid, including institutional, federal, and state need-based financial aid, you must file the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if applicable, and all sections of the NEC Application for Financial Aid.

***Important:** For applicants who choose consideration for Talent/Merit only or who show no financial need, there are limits to the amount of NEC funding awarded. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

FAFSA Status:

- Yes**, I plan to file or am in the process of filing the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for consideration of institutional, federal and state need-based financial aid.
- No**, I am an international student.
- No**, I only want consideration for NEC funds based strictly on talent/performance.*

All Students, Please Complete This Page

Please describe any special circumstances the Financial Aid Committee should consider when reviewing your financial aid eligibility. Please attach additional sheets, if necessary.

Certification:

This is an application for all institutional, private, state, and federal funds, administered by New England Conservatory. New England Conservatory reserves the right to adjust any offer of financial assistance when additional financial assistance is received from other sources.

In applying for financial aid, I understand that the information I provide may be shared with other agencies providing funds for student financial assistance. My (Our) signature(s) declare that the information provided on this form is true, complete, and correct to my (our) knowledge. New England Conservatory has my (our) permission to verify the information reported by obtaining documentation as needed.

Warning: Providing false information may jeopardize a student's financial aid status and furthermore may result in the New England Conservatory revoking its initial decision to enroll a student.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

** Required of all dependent, bachelor and undergraduate diploma students.*

New England Conservatory is an equal opportunity organization. The Conservatory encourages the participation of all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, natural or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or veteran status in its administration and operation of its programs and activities. CFO Edward Lesser coordinates the Conservatory's effort in complying with this policy.

TRANSFER RELEASE FORM

(Required of all Transfer Applicants)

As a member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), New England Conservatory must verify that the institution at which you are currently enrolled is aware of your application for admission as a transfer student here before we make a financial aid offer. As such, we ask that you detach this form from your application, complete Section I below and submit this form to your Dean, Registrar, or Records Officer for certification. The completed form can be mailed to the Financial Aid Office, 290 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. Please call the Financial Aid Office at 617-585-1110 if you have any questions regarding this requirement.

SECTION I.

Student Name: _____

Current Institution: _____

SECTION II.

The student named above has indicated an interest in transferring to New England Conservatory of Music. If the student is admitted, I grant permission for New England Conservatory to award any financial aid for which the student is deemed eligible.

Signature of College Official: _____

Title: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Financial Aid Office
290 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
Telephone: 617-585-1110
Fax: 617-585-1115
E-Mail: financialaid@newenglandconservatory.edu

VERIFICATION

One-third of all FAFSA filers will be selected for a review process called verification. If you are selected, the Financial Aid Office will request documentation from you that includes: signed copies of 2008 federal income tax returns for both the student and parent (if applicable); copies of all 2008 W2 information for both the student and parent (if applicable); the completion of a verification work-sheet. New students are not required to complete the verification process before packaging, but your financial aid offer will be tentative pending verification completion. Returning students are required to submit such forms, upon the Financial Aid Office's request, prior to the awarding of financial assistance. Returning students will not be packaged until verification is completed. No funds will be disbursed to the account of a student who has been selected for but has not completed verification.

RENEWAL OF FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

NEC's policy is to renew aid packages from year to year provided the student meets some basic eligibility requirements. Returning students must apply for financial aid each year to be considered for continued funding. No renewal of financial aid is automatic. Students who fail to apply on time jeopardize their aid renewal and/or level of institutional support. In order to be considered for annual renewal of aid, a student must continue to demonstrate a similar level of financial need, be making satisfactory academic progress in his/her degree program and be registered as a full-time student.

OTHER SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE

The Financial Aid Office requires all students who receive private scholarship or loan funds to report such information to a member of the Financial Aid staff immediately. It is crucial that the Financial Aid Office be aware of these funds in order to reconcile the student's account with the Business Office. It is extremely rare that a student's existing scholarship and/or grant assistance is impacted by the receipt of outside funds. The Financial Aid Office highly recommends students seek out private scholarship opportunities. You may visit our Outside/Private Scholarships webpage at <http://www.newenglandconservatory.edu/financeYourEducation/OPscholarship.html> to aid you in your search for funding.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

We welcome student questions! The Financial Aid Office is located in the St. Botolph building, Room 103. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Evening hours are available by appointment only.

Address/Contact Information:

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FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

The Financial Aid Office has developed this checklist to assist students with both understanding and following the timeline of the financial aid process for 2009-2010. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Financial Aid Office staff with any questions.

- December 1, 2008 **New Student Financial Aid Applications Due**
Applicants must complete and return the 2009-2010 NEC Application for Financial Assistance. The priority date for this form for new students is December 1, 2008. *Students who apply for Financial Aid online (as part of the online admission application) need not submit a separate Application for Financial Assistance unless requested to do so.*

- February 2, 2009 **New Student FAFSAs Submitted**
Applicants must have completed the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), have New England Conservatory included as a recipient of the processing results, and have submitted the FAFSA for processing. Be sure to include NEC's Title IV Code, 002194, on the school section of the FAFSA. NEC will not receive your processed FAFSA unless our code is included.

- February 2, 2009 **Returning Student Financial Aid Applications Due**
Returning students must have their 2009-2010 NEC Application for Financial Assistance completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office. Simultaneously, returning students must also have their processed FAFSA filed by February 2, 2009.

- March/April 2009 **New Student Financial Aid Packages Mailed**
Applicants who have completed the NEC Application for Financial Assistance and have a 2009-2010 processed FAFSA on file at NEC will receive their financial aid award notification packets along with admission decisions. If needed, the Financial Aid Office will also request additional information from students or documentation that needs to be completed. Students are asked to respond quickly to all requests for additional information.

- May 2009 **New Student Signed Award Letters Due**
New students must return their signed award notification letters to the Financial Aid Office. Returning students who are required to submit additional information or documentation to the Financial Aid Office will receive such requests in writing. Students are asked to submit all documents/information requested of them within 10 business days to ensure prompt processing.

- June 2009 **Returning Student Financial Aid Packages Mailed**
Returning students who have completed the NEC Financial Aid application and 2009-2010 FAFSA will receive their financial aid award packets.

- July 2009 **Loan Packets Mailed and Due from All Students**
*All students who were awarded Federal Stafford Loans must complete a *Federal Stafford Loan Request Form* indicating their lender choice.*

New students who were awarded and have accepted Federal Stafford Loans (or returning students who wish to borrow with a new lender for 2009-2010) will be sent instructions for completing a Federal Stafford Master Promissory Note.

Parents and students who wish to borrow PLUS or alternative loans should submit their applications by July 2009.

- August 2009 **Orientation & New Student Entrance Counseling**
Any student who is a first-time borrower of a Federal student loans will be required to attend the Entrance Counseling Session which will be held during Fall Orientation.