

The Path Forward Program: Details and FAQs

The Path Forward Program provides support to eligible first-year students in their academic journeys as they transition into their second year and beyond. Students in the program create individualized plans to succeed at DU by connecting with resources and reaching milestones in their academic journeys.

Program participants commit to completing the following steps:

- Meet with their academic advisor in winter and spring 2022 before registration for upcoming quarters
- Register for 12+ credits for spring 2022 and fall 2022 during registration week (before end of week 9 of each quarter)
- Fill out required financial aid application forms (FAFSA and CSS Profile) by March 15.
- Meet with a student success coach at least once in winter 2022 and twice in spring 2022 to enhance skills and tools for success at DU and learn more about resources available to DU students.
 - Students must meet with a student success coach first. Students may work with their student success coach to meet subsequent meeting requirements by:
 - Meeting with a career advisor
 - If undeclared, meeting with an advisor in a major they are considering

Students who fully participate in the program are eligible for at least one of the following:

- A Path Forward Scholarship for the full cost of tuition for the Path Forward summer course in summer 2022. All Path Forward students will be eligible for this scholarship. In addition, they will also receive reduced tuition for any other summer 2022 course at DU.
- A need-based Path Forward Grant of up to \$2,500 to be awarded for the 2022-2023 academic year.

FAQs

Q: Who is eligible for this program?

A: First-time, first-year undergraduate students who started at DU in fall 2021, who have not yet declared a major or are identified by the university as potential beneficiaries of additional academic support to assist with a successful transition from first to second year.

Q: What happens after I join the program?

A: You'll receive an invitation to the Path Forward Canvas course, where you'll find all the details about the program. You'll receive reminders through Canvas about upcoming opportunities and deadlines related to the program steps.

Q: Do I have to complete the Path Forward program requirements in order?

A: No. Several of the requirements have deadlines, but you do not need to wait to complete one requirement before moving on to the next one.

Q: What is the deadline for registration during registration week?

A: Students must register for 12+ credits before the end of week 9 in each term.

Q: What if I have a hold and cannot register during registration week?

A: Please work with your academic advisor in advance of registration week to ensure that your holds are cleared. If you cannot register due to holds, then please reach out through the Path Forward Canvas course to the student success team to assist with this situation.

Q: What are student success coaches?

A: Student success coaches provide undergraduate students with one-on-one opportunities to build skills that support your success at DU. Topics are customized to fit your needs and include the following: goal setting, time management & organization, learning styles & strategies, study skills, test anxiety, major/minor exploration, connecting with campus resources, community building, growth mindset & resiliency, stress management & self-care, and emotional intelligence. [Learn more about the Student Success Coaching Program and meet the coaches.](#)

Q: What do I need to do for my financial aid application?

A: Steps to applying for financial aid can be found [online](#) or on the [2022-23 Financial Aid Application Checklist](#).

Q: How does the Path Forward Summer 2022 Scholarship work?

A: The summer tuition scholarship will apply to the 2-credit Path Forward class in summer 2022 that will familiarize you further with today's higher education landscape, interrogating the purpose of education and the role a college degree plays in society. In this course, you'll develop a plan for your future career decisions based on an understanding of your personal and professional interests and goals. In addition, students in the Path Forward program are eligible to take other summer 2022 classes at a reduced rate.

Q: How can I get a Path Forward Grant?

A: The Path Forward Grant of up to \$2,500 may be awarded for the 2022-2023 academic year to students with high financial need based on their financial aid applications (FAFSA and CSS Profile) and federal, state, and institutional aid offers. Students need to fill out their FAFSA and CSS Profile by March 15 so Financial Aid can determine eligibility for the grant.

Q: When will I find out if I received a Path Forward Grant?

A: Current DU students that have completed all financial aid application requirements can expect to receive their aid offer via email in mid-June.

Q: I won't be taking courses at DU in fall 2022. Can I still receive the Path Forward Grant in a later quarter, and/or can I still use the Path Forward Summer Scholarship?

A: Students must enroll in fall 2022 in order to be eligible for the Path Forward Grant or summer scholarship.

Q: I didn't get an invite to this program. Can I still participate?

A: We encourage all undergraduate DU students to take advantage of the student success coaching program, meeting with their academic advisor, and registering during priority registration week. The scholarship and grant are only available to eligible traditional undergraduate first-time first-year students in this initial pilot year of the program.

Q: I'm a student in the Bachelor of Arts Completion Program. Can I join the Path Forward Program?

A: The scholarship and grant are only available to eligible traditional undergraduate first-time first-year students in this initial pilot year of the program.