The Dean’s ‘Break Through’ Scholarship – Frequently Asked Questions

When should I submit a nomination?
We encourage you to submit a nomination now. No matter when the person you nominate applies, they will be considered for this scholarship.

Is there a nomination deadline?
No, there is no specific deadline for nominations. We do recommend submitting a nomination before the relevant admissions deadline, though we will accept nominations at any time. If ever in doubt, we encourage you to nominate – the process only takes a couple of minutes.

What criteria are used in selecting scholarship recipients?
We are looking for motivated and academically capable individuals who are eager to complete their bachelor’s degree. Any applicant who is nominated for this scholarship and is accepted to one of our Northeastern University College of Professional Studies bachelor’s completion programs is eligible and we’d like to award as many deserving students as possible.

How many scholarships will be awarded?
We will be awarding multiple scholarships for each entry term. We strive to make bachelor’s completion more attainable to motivated students interested in advancing their careers.

Are international students eligible for this scholarship?
Yes! As long as they are accepted to one of our Northeastern University College of Professional Studies bachelor’s completion programs, they are eligible.

Is there a limit to the number of people I can nominate?
No, there is no limit whatsoever. You can nominate as many as you like.

How is the amount of the award determined?
Scholarship awards will be up to $10,000, and will be at least $2,000. Award value will be based on academic and personal fit to the academic program. Scholarships will be awarded to students over the span of two academic years as students stay in good academic standing and make sufficient academic progress towards graduation.

What information will you need from the nominator (i.e., you)?
We are intentionally keeping this simple. We need the nominee’s (the person you are nominating) first and last name, email address, phone number, and their likely program of interest.

We also need your name, email address, and a statement describing why you are nominating this individual (in as few or many words as you like).

**What if I don’t know what program the nominee is likely interested in?**
That’s completely fine. On the nomination form, the first choice on that field is ‘I am unsure at this time.’ You can select that.

**How will the person who is nominated be contacted?**
Upon receipt of the nomination, one of the members of our admissions team will reach out to them, letting them know that they’ve been nominated. We’ll work with them to ensure any and all questions they have about our programs and admissions process are answered.

**When will awards be made?**
Scholarships will be awarded to admitted students before course registration begins and within two weeks of being officially admitted.

**Will I learn if the person I nominate is awarded a scholarship?**
Due to privacy concerns, we can only disclose this information if we receive permission from the nominee. We’ll be seeking permission from all nominees. If your nominee is awarded a scholarship and grants us permission to disclose the award, we will let you know.

**If I have questions about this scholarship, can I talk to someone?**
Of course! Please contact Scott Berman at s.berman@northeastern.edu or Evan Grenier at e.grenier@northeastern.edu.