

# NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Congratulations! You're on your way to officially becoming a Shark! Follow these next steps to Shark success. Contact your admissions counselor at [nova.edu/meetmycounselor](https://nova.edu/meetmycounselor).

## MAKE IT OFFICIAL! CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT.

Pay your \$200 non-refundable deposit online at [nova.edu/deposit](https://nova.edu/deposit). You'll need your NSU ID#.

National College Decision Day is May 1.

### BEFORE YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT



#### ACTIVATE YOUR SHARKLINK ACCOUNT

SharkLink is your official portal for financial aid, campus housing, advising, and home to your NSU email. Important updates will be sent to your NSU email including student account information and financial aid. Activate at [nova.edu/resources/nsuidentity](https://nova.edu/resources/nsuidentity) then log in to SharkLink at [sharklinkportal.nova.edu](https://sharklinkportal.nova.edu). Call Shark IT Services at (954) 262-4357 for technical support.



#### Contact Transfer Evaluation Services (for transfer students and students coming in with college credit)

TES assists students with services relating to the transfer courses taken at other regionally accredited institutions. Visit [nova.edu/tes](https://nova.edu/tes) or email [faartes@nova.edu](mailto:faartes@nova.edu) for information on transferring credit, prior experience and military service credit, and eligible examination credit.



#### APPLY FOR PREMIER PROGRAMS & ATTEND SHARK PREVIEW

To be considered for a Premier Program, you need to submit a supplemental application and interview on campus during Shark Preview. Apply at [nova.edu/premierprograms](https://nova.edu/premierprograms).



#### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

To be considered for need-based financial aid, including grants and loans, students must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or are approved for asylum/refugee status. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). NSU's Federal School Code is 001509. Access all financial aid forms at [nova.edu/financialaid/forms](https://nova.edu/financialaid/forms). Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Academic Records at (954) 262-3380 or [finaid@nova.edu](mailto:finaid@nova.edu) for any financial aid questions.



Florida residents may be eligible for funds from the state of Florida, including the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) grant, and Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG). TPS, pending/approved asylum, refugee status, and most visa types are eligible (B, F, and J visas are not eligible). You may also use Florida Prepaid College Plans the cost of attendance at NSU. Scan the QR code for Florida state aid information.

### AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT



#### OBTAIN YOUR I-20 AND APPLY FOR YOUR F-1 VISA (for international students only)

Your I-20 is the document you will need to be able to apply for an F-1 student visa. Get started on this process at [nova.edu/internationalaffairs/admitted](https://nova.edu/internationalaffairs/admitted). Complete your F-1 check-in after you arrive to campus with the Office of International Affairs. Contact the Office of International Affairs at [intl@nova.edu](mailto:intl@nova.edu) with any questions.



#### APPLY FOR HOUSING

Submit your housing contract and \$750 housing deposit at [nova.edu/housing](https://nova.edu/housing) by May 1. Housing is based on availability and not guaranteed. Students residing with a legal guardian in Broward, Miami, or Palm Beach counties (under 20) are not required to live on campus. Contact the Office of University Housing at (954) 262-7052 or [housing@nova.edu](mailto:housing@nova.edu) for questions about living on campus. Please note, student immunization records must be submitted through CastleBranch prior to move-in at [portal.castlebranch.com/vj29](https://portal.castlebranch.com/vj29). CastleBranch only accepts immunization records provided in English.

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### ☐ COMPLETE THREE STEPS TO CLASS REGISTRATION

The Center for Academic and Professional Success (CAPS) will be your go-to for course selection and class registration. You will receive communication notifying you when it's time to begin the course registration process. Please note, in order to begin this step, you must submit your enrollment deposit. Please complete these three steps below. Visit [nova.edu/caps](http://nova.edu/caps) or [nova.edu/newstudentseries](http://nova.edu/newstudentseries) for more information.

#### ☐ STEP ONE: COMPLETE THE ONLINE NEW STUDENT CANVAS COURSE

All new students must complete the mandatory online New Student Canvas course. This self-paced online course is available on your [sharklinkportal.nova.edu](http://sharklinkportal.nova.edu). Upon completion of the Canvas Course, you will be provided with dates to register for classes.

#### ☐ STEP TWO: SIGN UP FOR GROUP CLASS REGISTRATION SESSION

After completing the New Student Canvas course and passing a short quiz, you will be provided dates to register for classes and must register for a group class registration session with a CAPS adviser. Mark your calendar with your confirmed date.

#### ☐ STEP THREE: ATTEND GROUP CLASS REGISTRATION SESSION

On the day of your group class registration session, please be sure you have access to a computer in a quiet location to facilitate course registration.

### ☐ SUBMIT FINAL TRANSCRIPTS AND OFFICIAL TEST SCORES

Submit final, official transcripts to NSU, showing proof of graduation. If you took any dual-enrollment courses, request final, official transcript(s) directly from the institution(s) where you received college credit.\*

If you took Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses, or Cambridge International Examinations, and took corresponding exams, please submit official test scores directly from the testing agency.

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\*To be marked official, documents must be received directly from the school/institution attended or a reputable third-party delivery agent (Parchment, SCIOR, National Student Clearinghouse).

If you applied with self-reported ACT, SAT, or CLT scores, please have your official scores sent to NSU from the testing agency.

SAT School Code: 5514

ACT School Code: 6706

### ☐ PAYMENT PLANS

NSU offers payment plans to help you manage your tuition costs through monthly payments. The semester before classes begin, you can apply for a payment plan. Payment plans must be set up before the start of classes. Learn more at [nova.edu/paymentplans](http://nova.edu/paymentplans).

### ☐ ATTEND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION (for new students entering in the fall)

New student orientation occurs in the summer before classes begin in August. It is the best way to acclimate to life as a Shark. Your attendance is required. Contact the Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement at (954) 262-7288, [orientation@nova.edu](mailto:orientation@nova.edu), or visit [nova.edu/studentorientation](http://nova.edu/studentorientation) for more information.

### ☐ UNDERSTAND YOUR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

You will automatically be enrolled in the NSU Student Medical Insurance Plan unless you submit a waiver by September 1. Read more about your options and find the online waiver at [nova.edu/bursar/health-insurance](http://nova.edu/bursar/health-insurance). Contact the Student Health Insurance Department at (954) 262-4060 for questions about NSU health insurance.

## DON'T FORGET!

Submitting your \$200 non-refundable enrollment deposit saves your seat in our incoming class. Submit your deposit at [nova.edu/deposit](http://nova.edu/deposit). Then find your next steps online at [nova.edu/welcomesharks](http://nova.edu/welcomesharks).