

Your eligibility for financial aid at NECC is determined by your degree status. Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree from a US institution or the equivalent degree at a foreign institution are eligible for different financial aid programs than those who have not yet completed their first bachelor's degree. A foreign degree or coursework must be evaluated by an outside organization who will determine if it is equivalent to a US bachelor's degree. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at [financialaid@necc.mass.edu](mailto:financialaid@necc.mass.edu) if you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form.

The Statement of Degree form must be completed if you selected one or more of the following on the FAFSA:

- First bachelor's degree by July 1, 2021
- Grade level of 1<sup>st</sup> year graduate/professional OR Continuing graduate/professional or beyond
- Degree/Certificate other than Associate Degree or Certificate
- Student Status Question: At the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD or graduate certificate, etc.)?

**DIRECTIONS:** Choose the statement that best describes your situation and check the appropriate box.

**A. You have or will have a bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent by July 1, 2021.**

- I **have** completed or will complete a Bachelor's Degree, baccalaureate and/or advanced degree in the United States or its foreign equivalent by July 1, 2021. Sign form below and submit it through secure form submission.

**B. You have not completed your first bachelor's degree or its foreign equivalent by July 1, 2021 OR your coursework taken at a foreign institution is not equivalent to U.S. Bachelor's Degree.**

- I certify that I **have not** completed a bachelor's degree program or any other advanced degree in the United States nor will I have completed one by July 1, 2021, and I have not taken any foreign coursework.
- I certify that I **have not** been granted a degree from any foreign institution AND/OR my foreign coursework or degree **is not equivalent** to a United States bachelor's degree. I have not completed a bachelor's degree or any other advanced degree in the United States nor will I have completed one by July 1, 2021.

**If you checked an answer in Section B:** Login to your 2021-2022 FAFSA at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) to review your answers and make corrections to the following questions. Please provide date that you made these corrections (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_:

- First Bachelor's Degree – answer no if you do not have a bachelor's degree
- Grade level during the 2021-2022 school year should be 1<sup>st</sup> year or 2<sup>nd</sup> year/sophomore
- Degree or certificate should not indicate that you are in a graduate/professional degree program
- Answer 'No' to question regarding master's degree or doctorate program

**By signing below, I certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail or both.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (PRINTED) \_\_\_\_\_ NECC ID \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form through Secure Form Submission of Financial Aid Documents at:  
<https://www.necc.mass.edu/afford/apply-for-aid/financial-aid-forms/secure-form-submission/>