

## Guitar Amplifier Program FAQs

### What is required to attend?

- ✓ Submit a completed application for review
- ✓ Age (must be over the age of 18) and proof of Identification
- ✓ English language/comprehension
- ✓ Ability to sit/stand for multiple hours at a time

### When is the program offered?

The 13-week guitar amplifier program is offered three times a year:

1. Spring Semester - January – April
2. Summer Semester - May – July
3. Fall Semester - September – December

### How do I apply for the NCC Amplifier Program?

You do not need to apply to Northampton Community College as a traditional college student.

Applications for the guitar amplifier program are as follows:

- Spring Semester (January - April) applications will close on August 15, 2026.
- Summer Semester (May – July) applications will close October 31, 2026.
- Fall Semester (September – December) applications will close February 28, 2027.

Applications will only be accepted during this time.

#### Application Steps:

1. Visit [www.northampton.edu/guitaramp](http://www.northampton.edu/guitaramp) and click the **orange** “Apply Now” button to be redirected to the Application Website.
2. After reviewing the information provided, click the **blue** “Apply” Button in the upper right-hand corner. You will be prompted to create an account. Complete all application questions thoroughly, then click the “Submit” button.
  - a. Note: If the application page is left open for too long, it may time out and all your work could be lost. To avoid this, we recommend drafting your responses in a Word document first, then copying and pasting them into the application.
  - b. Applications are not evaluated based on submission date, but on the quality of responses. Take time to answer each question carefully and completely.
3. Applications are reviewed the week following the deadline. Accepted applicants will receive an email invitation to schedule a Zoom Interview as part of the second-round process. Applicants not initially accepted will be notified and may be placed on a waitlist if the program reaches capacity.

### Where are classes located?

All classes are located in the at Northampton Community College, Fowler Campus. The address is 511 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

### Is Room and Board available?

Room and Board is available at an additional cost. Housing is located in the NCC Residence Halls located at the NCC Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Rd, Bethlehem, Pa 18020 - short 15-minute drive to the Fowler Campus. The Residence Hall Commons includes student rooms, study lounges, social spaces, free laundry facilities, free Wi-Fi, and the Dining Commons.

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**Single rooms** (Residence Hall) – A traditional ‘dorm’ room with Twin XL beds, dresser and micro fridge and closet. View virtual tour here: <https://www.vividmediavirtualtours.com/3d-model/ncc-res-hall-commons-double/fullscreen/> or scan the QR Code to the right.



For a full list of Residence Life amenities <https://www.northampton.edu/student-experience-and-support/housing-and-residence-life/living-at-ncc.html>

**Dining Options & Meal Plans:** The Dining Commons, located within the Residence Hall Commons, is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the fall and spring semesters. It offers a wide variety of buffet-style meal options. A meal plan is required for students in the Residence Hall Commons (dorm rooms) but optional for those in apartments. Flex dollars may also be used at the Café located at the Fowler Campus. For more information on meal plans, visit: <https://www.northampton.edu/student-experience-and-support/housing-and-residence-life/residential-dining.html>

View the Room & Board PDF on the website for more information.

Won't have a car on campus? No worries! Uber Transportation to and from class is included for students who choose to live on campus.

#### **Will I have a roommate?**

If you choose a single dorm room, you will not be assigned a roommate.

**Do I need to stay on campus?** No, staying on campus is optional. However, if you choose not to stay on campus, meals and transportation to and from class is your responsibility.

#### **How much is the program and how do I pay?**

Tuition is \$12,999. Room & Board is an additional fee based on your choices. A down payment of \$3,000 is due upon acceptance into the program. Please review the Payment Plan PDF on the website for more information. We offer several different ways to pay for the Guitar Amplifier Program:

- Credit Card (in full or utilizing the payment plan option)
- Check (in full or utilizing the payment plan option)
- Wire Transfer
- Private Educational Loan
- Additional Questions? Email [luthier@northampton.edu](mailto:luthier@northampton.edu)

**Is Financial Aid Available?** No, not at this time.

**What is the refund policy?** Students enrolled in the Spring 2027 NCC Guitar Amplifier Program who wish to withdraw must submit a written request. The amount of refund granted depends on the date on which the written request is received. Refund tiers are as follows:

- 100% Refund – if the written request to withdraw is received more than 45 observed NCC business days before the first day of class, less \$250 administration fee. Refunds will be issued to the student within 30 days of receiving the withdrawal notice.
- 0% Refund – if the written request to withdraw is received less than 45 observed NCC business days before the first day of class.
  - If a student from the waitlist can fill the vacancy, the withdrawing student will receive a 100% refund, less the \$250 administrative fee.
  - The 45-day period allows time for NCC to fill the vacancy.
  - Refunds will be contingent on filling the vacancy.
  - If a refund is granted, funds will be issued to the student within 30 days of filling the vacancy.

**Administrative Withdrawal for Non-Payment**

Students are required to pay their program balance in full by November 15, 2026. NCC reserves the right to administratively withdraw any student whose balance has not been paid in full by this date. Students who are administratively withdrawn for non-payment will forfeit their seat in the Spring 2027 Guitar Amplifier Program.

Students withdrawn for non-payment are not eligible for a refund unless their vacated seat is filled by a student from the waitlist. If the seat is filled, the withdrawn student will receive a refund of payments made, less a \$500 administrative fee. If the seat cannot be filled, no refund will be issued.

**What is the closest airport?** Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) is the closest to Bethlehem and very easy to navigate. Larger airports in the area include Newark (EWR) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). They are about an hour and a half from Bethlehem. Transportation to and from airport is your responsibility.

**I am bringing my own car; do I get a discount since I do not need transportation to and from class?** No, the Uber Rideshare Program is available to any student living on campus at no additional cost. Parking is free at both the Main Campus and Fowler Campus.

**Do I receive a diploma/degree?** At this time, the Guitar Amplifier Program is not accredited; therefore, you will receive a certificate of completion with an official transcript.

**Can International students apply for the Program?** Yes! International Students can apply. Please email [luthier@northampton.edu](mailto:luthier@northampton.edu) for more information.

**Is there a waitlist?** Yes, if your desired program is full, your application will be placed on a wait list and if an accepted student withdraws you will be notified.

**Do I need woodworking experience to attend the school?** No, we have designed the program to accommodate all levels of craftsmanship.

**Do I have to buy any tools?** No, all materials and tools are included in your tuition, including all PPE (dust mask, ear plugs, safety glasses). You may wish to purchase a binder, notebook, pens, USB and pencils for taking notes.

**Can I tour the school?** Yes! Email [Luthier@northampton.edu](mailto:Luthier@northampton.edu) to set up a private tour of the lab.

**Any additional questions** can be directed to [luthier@northampton.edu](mailto:luthier@northampton.edu)