NOLS AND CONSORTIUM AGREEMENTS

If you are currently a degree-seeking student at a college or university and are utilizing federal aid and/or loans to pay for school, you may be able to use a consortium agreement to transfer that aid to NOLS to pay for your course. Here's how you can find out for sure:

1. Call your school’s financial aid office and ask if they do “consortium agreements.” Consortiums are allowed by federal regulation, but your school is not required to provide them. If they say yes...

Go to your academic advisor with your NOLS course description, the University of Utah college credit information, and the syllabi for the University of Utah credits available on your NOLS course to see if the credits you’ll earn on your NOLS course will transfer to your home school. You can find the information for the University of Utah credits here: https://www.nols.edu/en/filer/public/1477447072/211/

2. Once the credits are approved, head back to the financial aid office. Let them know you’ll be doing a consortium agreement with NOLS, not the University of Utah.

3. Fill out your portion of the agreement and send it along to the NOLS Financial Aid Coordinator. We will finish the agreement and arrange for the transfer of funds with your home school.

4. If your funds will not be available by the tuition due date for your course, NOLS will require written verification from your home school’s financial aid office confirming the total aid you have available, and when it will be transferred to NOLS. You will be responsible for any portion of your course that is not covered by your financial aid or loans.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the NOLS Admission Office at 800-710-6657. We’re happy to help!