

BOSTON COLLEGE

2008-09 LAW FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION/VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions are for continuing law students who have applied for aid at Boston College Law School in prior years. Financial aid renewal is not automatic. Students must reapply each year. If you are a first-time financial aid applicant at the Boston College Law School, you must schedule an appointment with your Financial Aid Administrator to review additional requirements. Please keep this sheet and use it to check-off the required components as you complete them. NOTE: Late applicant files will be reviewed; however, they will not receive priority consideration even if funding was awarded in past years. Also, complete a 2008-09 FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA on the web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>, and use the FAFSA on the Web worksheet prior to completing your FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA on the web.

Unless you are applying for Summer Federal Work-Study, application materials should be sent to:

Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center
P.O. Box 489
Randolph, MA 02368

2008 Summer Federal Work-Study Application Process

January 18

2008 Summer Federal Work-Study (SFWS) Application Process

Students interested in being considered eligible for SFWS funding must submit the 2008-09 Boston College Law School Financial Aid Application/Validation Form by January 18, 2008. Applicants must also file their FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> no later than January 18. Please submit a photocopy of your completed on-line FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA along with your completed and signed original Boston College Law School Financial Aid Application/Validation Form to the Financial Aid Office by January 18. SFWS recipients must also mail to the Processing Center in Randolph by April 15, 2008, a complete, signed photocopy of student's and spouse's (if applicable) 2007 Federal Income Tax Return, including all schedules and W-2's/1099's if selected for verification or rejected through the FAFSA processing system. Failure to complete the entire process on time may result in the cancellation of your SFWS award.

Deadline: January 18, 2008

Date Submitted to the Law School Financial Aid Office: _____

2008-09 Academic Year Financial Aid Application Process

January -

2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

March 1

Either a FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA must be completed on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> as soon as possible after January 1, 2008, as it normally takes several weeks for Boston College to receive the processed data. In order to be considered "on-time," the federal data must be processed and received by Boston College no later than April 15, 2008. If you have not yet completed your 2007 federal income tax return, we recommend that you use estimated figures on the FAFSA so that you may submit the form in a timely manner. Make sure to note Boston College's Federal School Code (#002128) on your FAFSA and **electronically sign** your FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA. Once the information is processed by the Federal Processor, students are responsible for resolving any conflicts reported on their Student Aid Reports (SARs) prior to April 15.

Suggested Filing Date: No later than March 1, 2008.

Date submitted electronically: _____

Note: SFWS applicants must file their FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA on-line no later than January 18, 2008.

April 15

2008-09 Boston College Law School Financial Aid Application/Validation Form

All continuing law students interested in renewing or applying for financial aid must complete the 2008-09 Financial Aid Application/Validation Form. Applicants must complete every question on the form. If a question does not apply, note "N/A" in the space provided. *If questions are left blank, your application will be returned to you for completion, and this will delay the review of your file.* Any special circumstances you would like us to consider may be addressed in either the Special Circumstances section or on an addendum included with the application. We recommend that you copy your application for your records prior to mailing it.

Deadline: April 15, 2008

Date Mailed to the Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center: _____

April 15

If selected for verification or rejected through the FAFSA processing system

A complete, **signed** photocopy of your 2007 federal income tax form including all schedules and W-2 and/or 1099 statements must be submitted for review. If you are married and have filed separately, you also must include a copy of your spouse's signed 2007 federal income tax form, including all schedules and W-2 and/or 1099 statements. If either you or your spouse cannot file your taxes by April 15, 2008, a copy of the tax extension form must be submitted if selected for verification or rejected through the FAFSA processing system. In the case of extensions, copies of tax returns are required upon completion if selected for verification or rejected through the FAFSA processing system.

Deadline: April 15, 2008

Date Mailed to the Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center: _____

2008-09 LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS

Warning: Many students delay this requirement and, as a result, do not receive their loan funds until late into the academic year.

June 27

2008-09 Stafford Loan Application(s)

Once your financial aid application materials have been completed and your maximum eligibility is verified, your Federal Stafford Loan eligibility may be certified with your guarantor. First-time borrowers receiving loans through American Student Assistance (ASA) will receive notification from ASA that your loan is ready to be E-signed. You will need to follow the instructions to E-sign your Stafford MPN (Master Promissory Note). Repeat borrowers who completed MPNs in the past will be certified automatically and approved for their maximum federal loan eligibility. **NOTE: Borrowers who wish to borrow less than their maximum eligibility must reduce the loan in equal amounts for each of the two semesters this academic year and are advised to notify the Law School Financial Aid Office or the Office of Student Services in writing as soon as possible.** If you have borrowed Stafford funding from an agency other than ASA, please contact your lender about the MPN process for 2008-09. Detailed information about the Federal Stafford Loan can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/stafford/>.

Deadline: June 27, 2008

Date MPN Submitted, if applicable: _____

June 27

2008-09 PLUS or Private Loan Application(s)

Students interested in applying for a Graduate or Professional Student PLUS Loan or private educational loans (MEFA Loan, Law Access Loan, etc.) must initiate the loan application process no later than June 27, 2008, to ensure the delivery of funds by the fall tuition deadline of August 11, 2008. Most loan applications take 3 to 5 weeks to process. Students who delay the submission of their loan applications may not have adequate funding on account for tuition and/or living expenses. Information about these loans can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/admission/finaid/scholloans.html>.

NOTE: PLUS applicants must first complete a FAFSA online for Federal Stafford Loan eligibility.

Deadline: June 27, 2008

Date Loan Application Submitted: _____

2008-09 TUITION

August 11

2008-09 Fall Tuition

Tuition bills for the 2008-09 fall semester will be sent electronically to registered students in late June. Tuition payments are due by August 11, 2008. You may deduct the aid you are expecting for the fall semester from the bill. If you still owe a balance to the school, you are expected to pay that balance no later than the due date.

Deadline: August 11, 2008

Date Tuition Paid: _____

December 15

2008-09 Spring Tuition

Tuition bills for the 2008-09 spring semester will be sent electronically to registered students in mid-November. Tuition payments are due by December 15, 2008. You may deduct the aid you are expecting for the spring semester from the bill. If you still owe a balance to the school, you are expected to pay that balance no later than the due date.

Deadline: December 15, 2008

Date Tuition Paid: _____

Deferment of Prior Federal Education Loan(s)

Under certain circumstances, you may qualify for a deferment for prior federal education loan(s) that you have borrowed. If you are enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program, you may qualify for a deferment. These loans may include Direct or FFEL Stafford Loans, or Federal Perkins Loans. Information about deferment provisions is available at the United States Department of Education website at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>. Click on the link "Repaying Your Loans." You also may contact your lender or loan servicer for information about a possible deferment of your prior federal education loans.

2008-09 CHECK LIST

- ✓ January 18 BCLS Financial Aid Application and electronic FAFSA copy for Summer Federal Work-Study consideration
- ✓ March 1 2008-09 FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA on-line
- ✓ April 15 2008-09 BCLS Financial Aid Application if not applying for Summer Federal Work-Study
- ✓ April 15 Student, and Spouse if applicable, signed 2007 Federal Income Tax Return including all schedules and W-2's
- ✓ June 27 2008-09 Loan Application(s)
- ✓ August 11 Fall Tuition Due
- ✓ December 15 Spring Tuition Due

You may check the status of your application on-line at <http://www.bc.edu/finaidapp/>. Students with a BC username and password can also check their status through their Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. If you have specific questions regarding the 2008-09 financial aid process, contact the Law School Financial Aid Office at 617-552-4243 or the Office of Student Services at 1-800-294-0294.