

Successful Start and the Office of Student
Services Present:

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID

Time Lines

APRIL 15 DEADLINE FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION MATERIALS

MAY 1ST – BEGINNING OF MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN SIGN-UP

JUNE – FIRST ROUND OF AWARD LETTERS SENT. FIRST E-BILL FOR FALL SEMESTER

AUGUST – FALL SEMESTER BILL DUE

NOVEMBER – SPRING E-BILL SENT

DECEMBER – SPRING SEMESTER BILL DUE, BC APP MAILED

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

- ✕ Boston College Financial Aid Application
- ✕ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - + www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ✕ CSS PROFILE
 - + www.collegeboard.com
 - + You don't need to complete this form after your freshman year.
- ❑ 2010 federal taxes (2009 for a conditional award if 2010 is not available yet) complete with all schedules and W2's

GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS

What you need to start the financial aid process:

- Boston College Financial Aid Application
- FAFSA
- Federal Student/Spouse Taxes
 - If selected for federal verification only.

In order to be considered for federal financial aid you must be enrolled in a degree or certificate program and be registered at least half-time which is generally 6 credits.

You **MUST** apply for federal financial aid each year.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

- ✖ Assumes that parent and student are primarily responsible for paying/financing college costs
- ✖ Measure of what a family is expected to contribute toward a student's education for one year.
- ✖ Family's ability to pay is determined through standard methodologies

FINANCIAL AID FORMULA

Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= Financial Need/Eligibility

VOCABULARY

- Cost of Attendance (COA) – includes tuition, room, board, fees, books, supplies, transportation, personal expenses
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – measure of what a family is expected to contribute over one year
- Financial Need (eligibility) – difference between COA and EFC

EXAMPLE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

COA: \$50,000

EFC: \$25,000

Need: \$25,000

Grant/Scholarship	\$19,300
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Stafford Loan	\$3,500
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Work-study	\$2,200
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Total aid:	\$25,000
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GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

What happens next?

Your financial aid is calculated based on

- Fixed expenses (Tuition and Fees)
- Estimated expenses (room/utilities, board, books, travel and personal expenses)

GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

Living Expenses

Annual (9 months)

➤ Room/Utilities	9585
➤ Board	3200
➤ Transportation	1350
➤ Personal Expenses	3255
➤ Books	1300
➤ Stafford Loan Fees	205
	\$18895

Sample Cost of Attendance

24 credits @1084	\$24016
Living Expenses	<u>\$18895</u>
Cost for 2010-2011	\$44911

GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

Cost of attendance: \$44,911

-\$4,500

Federal Financial Need: \$40,411

GRADUATE AWARDS

- Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan
- Federal Unsubsidized Stafford loan
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Work-Study
 - possible off-campus w/non profit or state agency
 - agency willing to pay 43% of Work Study award
 - If a student works two jobs on-campus, off campus and/or community service both jobs will be paid through work study.

All Federal Loans and Work Study

Must be officially enrolled in degree program

Must be registered at least half-time (6 credits)

GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID AWARD

- Federal Need = \$40,411
- Federal Work Study = \$2,000 (Based on need)
- Subsidized Stafford Loan = \$8,500
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loan = \$12,000
- Federal Perkins Loans = \$4,000 (Based on need)

Total = \$26,500

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRAD FINANCING

- ✕ How do you fund the difference between what was awarded and how much it costs to attend college?

FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A LOAN

- ✖ Is the loan a federal or private alternative loan?
- ✖ What is the interest rate?
- ✖ Is the interest rate fixed or variable?
- ✖ Who is the primary borrower (student or parent)?
- ✖ When does the loan repayment begin?
- ✖ How much will the monthly payment be?
- ✖ How many years will you be making payments?

GRADUATE FUNDING OPTIONS

- ✖ Graduate Student Plus Loan
 - ✖ Fixed interest rate 7.9% for the life of the loan
 - ✖ Origination fee 4%
 - ✖ Student can apply on the direct lending website
 - ✖ [StudentLoans.gov](https://studentloans.gov)
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- ✖ Alternative Loan
- Interest rates and fees vary by lender please see website at www.bc.edu/altloan