

BOSTON COLLEGE

2020–2021 UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID AND R.A. BENEFITS

What are R.A. Benefits?

R.A. Benefits are given to all students who become Resident Assistants at Boston College. The benefit is the reimbursement of all room, board and the Health Services fee charged to the R.A. in an academic year. The total amount given to individual R.A. can vary based on the cost of the residence hall in which they reside.

How are the R.A. Benefits paid to me?

Each R.A. is charged room, board and the Health Services fee on their student account. The exact amount charged is then placed on the system as financial aid for the R.A. This “aid” is then credited against the charges on the student account. Most of these adjustments occur in late June of each year.

How will R.A. benefits affect my financial aid?

Federal regulations require that these benefits be counted as a resource to meet a student’s financial need. Therefore, the Office of Student Services must incorporate the R.A. benefits within the financial aid award. We try to do so in a way that will not penalize the student by meeting any unmet federal need and by replacing federal work-study. Depending on the individual’s financial aid award, some Boston College grant may be replaced, but the total overall package will not be reduced due to a student becoming an R.A.

It is our goal in the Office of Student Services to faithfully award financial aid to all of our Resident Assistants who demonstrate financial need. In doing so, we try to recognize the valuable contribution that Resident Assistants provide Boston College by striving to preserve the maximum grant funding allowable under federal rules.