



2012-2013 FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

**Boston College Law School offers three types of scholarship aid:
*Need-based, Merit and the Public Service Scholarships.***

Financial Aid eligibility is reviewed after admission.

Notification of awards will be available separately from the notice of admission.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

To be considered for need-based scholarships and loans, you must complete the following two applications:

***The 2012-2013 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov and

***The NEED ACCESS APPLICATION** at www.needaccess.org.

We recommend that you submit these two applications as soon as possible after January 1, 2012. After submitting the FAFSA, the US Department of Education will email you a link to your Student Aid Report (SAR) once your application has been processed. If you have not received this email within two weeks, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800-433-4243 to check your status. The Boston College Federal School Code is 002128 (there is no separate code for Boston College Law School).

Boston College Law's process for distributing need-based funds gives priority to students with the most financial need. In order to be given full consideration for financial aid, **parental data is required** to complete the Need Access application. Parental data is NOT REQUIRED to qualify for the federal Stafford loans and Grad PLUS loans. If your parents have been divorced for more than five (5) years, include only data from your custodial parent on the Need Access application. If your custodial parent is re-married, information about your stepparent is also required. **PLEASE NOTE:** With both applications, you will need to submit data from your 2011 federal income tax form. If you have not yet filed your 2011 taxes, use *estimated figures* (from the previous year's tax form). We recommend that you start the need-based application process as soon as possible.

Both forms will be available online after January 1, 2012 at the websites listed above. **Priority deadline: March 15, 2012.**

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

All students are considered for merit scholarships. These academic awards are based on the information in your application for admission. No separate application is required and no additional information is required, unless instructed otherwise. Merit scholarship award announcements will begin in January 2012.

PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Public Service Scholarships are awarded to incoming students committed to careers in public interest law. To access our Public Services Scholarship application and for more information, please visit: www.bc.edu/schools/law/admission.

The Public Service Scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2012.

FEDERAL AID

If you are interested *only* in federal loans, please complete the FAFSA application. If eligible, you will be awarded \$20,500 in Stafford loans and you will be able to borrow additional funds through the Grad PLUS program. To complete the FAFSA, parental data is not required.

NEED-BASED AWARD LETTERS

All need-based financial aid will be awarded to incoming students beginning in early March. Award letters are viewed online via Boston College's intranet system, the Agora portal. The awarding process continues on a rolling basis as applications are completed. Awards are conditional until validated using federal tax return copies.

*For further details about financial aid, please visit our website at www.bc.edu/schools/law/admission/finaid.html
For questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 617-552-4243 or bc_lawfinaid@bc.edu.*