



2013 FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

The Office of Financial Aid is delighted to add our congratulations on your acceptance to Boston College Law School. What follows is a brief introduction to the types of financial assistance we offer, a suggested timeline for your financial aid application, and our award notification schedule.

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

Eligibility is reviewed after admission and notification of awards will be available separately from the notice of admission.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

All admitted 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. Scholarship award announcements will begin in **February 2013**.

PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Public Service Scholarships are awarded to incoming students committed to careers in public interest law. To access our Public Service Scholarship application and for more information, please visit: www.bc.edu/schools/law/admission.
The Public Service Scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2013.

FEDERAL AID

We suggest that all applicants complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can file the FAFSA after January 1, 2013. You do not have to include parental data on this form. The Boston College Federal School Code is **002128** (there is no separate code for Boston College Law School). After submitting the FAFSA, the U.S. Department of Education will email you a link to your Student Aid Report (SAR) when your application has been processed. If eligible, you will be offered \$20,500 for the school year in a federal Stafford loan and you will be able to borrow additional funds for tuition and your living expenses through the federal Grad PLUS program.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

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

- *The **NEED ACCESS APPLICATION** at www.needaccess.org and
- *The **2013-2014 FAFSA** at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Boston College Law School'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 2012 federal income tax form. If you have not yet filed your 2012 taxes, use *estimated figures*. We recommend that you submit these two applications as soon as possible after January 1, 2013. Both the Need Access and FAFSA forms will be available online after January 1, 2013 at the websites listed above. **Priority application filing deadline: March 15, 2013.**

Need-based financial aid will be awarded to incoming students beginning in early March. The awarding process continues on a rolling basis as financial aid applications are completed, and as long as funds are available.

***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
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