- Create an expandable college folder where you can store all of your printed information, applications and forms for future reference.
- Obtain your **Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) username and password.** New users can create a FSA ID at studentaid.gov/create-account.
- Complete the **2023-24 FAFSA** at www.fafsa.gov. The application will be available starting Oct. 1, 2022. (Students should submit before **June 1, 2023** to avoid delays, late fees and dropped classes.)
- Are you a new student or returning after a two-year absence? Submit your online application for admission at www.bhc.edu/apply.
 - After receiving your acceptance email, log in to myBlackHawk (<u>www.bhc.edu/myblackhawk</u>) to access your BHC email. This is how the Financial Aid Office will communicate important information!
- Apply for BHC scholarships beginning March 15 at www.bhc.edu/scholarships.
- Actively monitor your myBlackHawk email for status updates. The first 2023-24 financial aid email notifications will be sent in April 2023.
 - Did your financial aid email ask you to complete additional requirements? Complete them before July 1 to avoid delays and dropped classes for the fall semester.
 - Did your financial aid email confirm your eligibility? Don't forget to review the information and resources included in the email notification it's important, too!
- □ To confirm your financial aid is ready by the payment deadline, review your *Charges* & *Financial Aid for Term* on myBlackHawk under the Student tab. Allow 24 hours after registration for updates.
 - Have a balance due? Learn about making payment arrangements at www.bhc.edu/payments.
 - Need a student loan? Learn more and apply before July 1 at www.bhc.edu/loans.
 - Expecting a financial aid refund? Learn how to select a refund method at www.bhc.edu/refund.
 - Need books and supplies? You can use leftover financial aid at either BHC bookstore each semester (<u>www.bhc.edu/bookstore</u>).
 - Want additional details? Review our Award Information, available at www.bhc.edu/award-information.
- ☐ **Thinking about adding or dropping classes after the semester has started?** Contact the Financial Aid Office first!
- Learn how to maintain your financial aid eligibility by reviewing our Financial Aid Policies at www.bhc.edu/financial-aid-policies.

FAFSA Checklist create your FSA ID and start your FAFSA!

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Student's FSA ID	Parent's FSA ID
Username	rear parent mast eleate a separate restrict and
Password	password using a different phone number and email address.
Email	
Cell phone	Problems creating an FSA ID? You can submit a paper signature page instead!
Challenge question answers:	Select this option at the end of the FAFSA
1 2	application.
3 4	Your FSA ID and password act as your legal, electronic signature. Do NOT share them with others.

File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov.

When completing the 2023-24 FAFSA, you and parent(s) may need:

- **FSAID**
- Date of birth
- Social Security number or Permanent Resident Card
- 2021 federal tax return
- 2021 W-2/1099 forms
- 2021 child support received or paid
- 2021 untaxed income (living allowances, veterans benefits, money received or paid on your behalf, etc.)
- Current bank statements
- Current assets and investments (excludes retirement)



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