



Financial Aid Checklist

for 2025-26 Student Success

- 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 should create a FSA ID *as soon as possible* at www.studentaid.gov/fsa-id/ by selecting "Create an Account."
- Complete the **2025-26 FAFSA** at www.studentaid.gov. The application will be available by December 1, 2024. (Students should submit before **June 1, 2025** 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 myBHC (mybhc.bhc.edu/) to access your BHC email. This is how the Financial Aid Office will communicate important information!
- Apply for BHC scholarships in the spring – visit www.bhc.edu/scholarships for deadlines and details!
- Actively monitor your myBHC email for status updates. The first 2025-26 financial aid email notifications will be sent in early April 2025.**
 - 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 myBHC under My Financial Aid.** 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 www.bhc.edu/bookstore.
 - Review additional details and what to expect at www.bhc.edu/financialaid.
- Thinking about adding or dropping classes after the semester has started?** Contact the Financial Aid Office first to understand how your aid may be impacted!
- Learn how to maintain your financial aid eligibility by reviewing our Financial Aid Policies at www.bhc.edu/financial-aid-policies.

For more information, contact:

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FAFSA Checklist

Create your FSA ID and start your FAFSA!

New users can create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at studentaid.gov/create-account.

FSA ID: _____

Username: _____ Password: _____

Email: _____ Phone (cell): _____

Challenge question answers:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Parent/Contributor FSA ID

All FAFSA contributors must have their own FSA ID and password using a different phone number and email address.

Problems creating or using your FSA ID?

Contact the Financial Aid Office or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

Keep it safe!

Your FSA ID and password act as your legal, electronic signature – you will use it every year to apply. Do NOT share it with others.

Don't wait! New users should create an FSA ID now as it can take 2-3 days to authenticate before use.

When completing the 2025-26 FAFSA, any contributor may need:

- FSA ID
- Date of birth
- Social Security number or Permanent Resident Card
- 2023 federal tax return
- 2023 W-2/1099 forms
- 2023 child support received
- Current bank statements
- Current net worth* of investments (excludes retirement)
- Current net worth* of business or farm (some exclusions apply)

*Net worth means current value of asset minus debt related to that asset.

