



Financial Aid Checklist

for 2021-22 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 can create a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov.
- ❑ Submit the **2021-22 FAFSA** at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible! **You'll file a FAFSA each year.**
- ❑ Are you a new or returning student? Submit your online application for admission at www.bhc.edu/apply.
 - After receiving your acceptance email, log in to your myBlackHawk email and online portal – this is how the Financial Aid Office will communicate important information!
- ❑ Apply for BHC scholarships (**March 15-May 15**) at www.bhc.edu/scholarships.
- ❑ **Actively monitor your myBlackHawk email for status updates. The first 2021-22 financial aid email notifications will be sent in April 2021.**
 - Did your financial aid email ask you to complete additional requirements? Complete by July 1 to avoid delays and dropped classes for 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*.** Allow 24 hours after registration for updates. Financial aid will remain pending through the 10th day of enrollment.
 - Will you owe a balance due? Learn about making payment arrangements at www.bhc.edu/payments.
 - Need additional resources? Learn more about federal student loans at www.bhc.edu/loans.
 - Will you have leftover financial aid? Learn how to select a refund method at www.bhc.edu/refund.
- ❑ **Thinking about adding or dropping classes after the semester has started?** Contact the Financial Aid Office first!
- ❑ Learn how to maintain your eligibility by reviewing our Financial Aid Policies at www.bhc.edu/financial-aid-policies.

FAFSA Checklist



Create your FSA ID and start your FAFSA!

New users can create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at fsaid.ed.gov.

Student's FSA ID

Username _____

Password _____

Email _____

Mobile phone _____

Challenge question answers:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Parent's FSA ID

Your parent must create a separate FSA ID and password using a **different** phone number and email address.

Problems creating an FSA ID? You can submit a paper signature page instead! Select this option at the end of the FAFSA application.

*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.

Helpful information when filing the 2021-22 FAFSA:

- Date of birth
- Social Security number/Permanent Resident Card
- 2019 federal tax return
- 2019 W-2/1099 forms
- 2019 child support received or paid
- 2019 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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