



Financial Aid Checklist

for 2023-24 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 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 (www.bhc.edu/myblackhawk) 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 (www.bhc.edu/bookstore).
 - 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!

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

Student's FSA ID

Username _____

Password _____

Email _____

Cell 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.

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

- FSA ID
- 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)

Available
OCT. 1
2022

Complete each
year as soon as
possible!

For more information, contact:
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