

## Understanding the Financial Aid Process

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships is here to assist you. All files are handled with careful attention in the order they are received. Student email (username@brazosport.edu) and myBC are the primary means of communication for our office. Check your myBC account and student email for notifications from the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships. Return required completed forms before the semester priority deadlines to ensure financial aid is in place before payment deadlines. It is the student's responsibility to confirm that all required documents have been received in the financial aid and scholarships office.



### IT STARTS ONLINE

The first step in receiving financial aid is to fill out the FAFSA® online. Students and their parents need to complete this application every year they are enrolled in college. To begin your application, visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)



### DID YOU KNOW?

Not all financial aid is based on income. Merit based scholarships are available to BC students at [brazosport.edu/scholarships](http://brazosport.edu/scholarships). You will need to complete your FAFSA® even if you are applying for scholarships that are merit based.



### CHECK YOUR STATUS

Students can check their financial aid status at [myBC.brazosport.edu](http://myBC.brazosport.edu). Any additional forms or information needed from the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships will be listed on myBC. Your financial aid award is also available to review on myBC.

## CONTACT US



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# How Do I Apply for Financial Aid?



Complete your FAFSA® at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

To assure financial aid is awarded prior to payment deadline, a complete file must be in our office by:

Fall I semester: **May 1**  
Fall II semester: **September 1**  
Spring I semester: **November 1**

Spring II semester: **February 1**  
Summer semester: **April 1**



Check your myBC account

Each financial aid package begins with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

- Create an FSA ID and password for the student and parent.
- Use school code 007287.
- Import tax information from the IRS into the FAFSA®.

Our office will receive your FAFSA® in two to three business days. Your myBC account will be updated to indicate what additional forms or information is required to complete your file.



Complete your financial aid file

All files must contain:

- A completed FAFSA®
- High school transcript or GED
- College or trade school transcripts.

25%

50%

75%

## IMPORTANT!

Your BC email and the myBC student portal are the primary means of communication for the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships. Any updates to your file, including if you need to contact us, will be listed on your myBC account. Awards will also show on your myBC account and a letter will be emailed to the address listed on the FAFSA®.

# What is the Financial Aid Process?

The federal government provides more than \$150 billion in financial aid grants, work-study, and loans) for college or career school. To apply for this aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA®. The State of Texas also uses this application to award you money for college.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Brazosport College offers merit scholarships (scholarships based on academic achievement or other talents or skills). A completed FAFSA® application must be on file with the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships in order to be considered for any of Brazosport College's scholarships.

The FAFSA® is designed to be simple to fill out. Tips throughout the application help you understand the questions. If you would like assistance completing the form, the Career and Guidance Center at Brazosport College will assist you in completing the FAFSA online.

## PREPARING FOR THE FAFSA

The FAFSA® process is quicker and easier when you have a username and password called an FSA ID. If your parent is providing information on your FAFSA®, he or she will need his or her own FSA ID as well. Learn more about the FSA ID and how to create yours at [studentaid.gov/fsaid](http://studentaid.gov/fsaid).

## SUBMISSION OPTIONS

### Electronic Form

- Fill out at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

### Mobile App

- Download the FAFSA mobile app, available in the Apple and Google Play stores.

## GET AHEAD

Each October, the FAFSA® is available for the next school year. It is important to fill it out as soon as possible to meet school and state financial aid deadlines.

## GATHER THIS INFORMATION

The FAFSA asks questions about you and your finances, so have the information below handy.



SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER



ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER



FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION



RECORDS OF UNTAXED INCOME



CASH, SAVINGS AND CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCES



INVESTMENTS OTHER THAN THE HOUSE IN WHICH YOU LIVE



## HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department of Education: 1 (800) 433-3243  
Financial Aid Fax: (979) 230-3543  
Financial Aid Phone: (979) 230-3377

Financial Aid Email: [finaid@brazosport.edu](mailto:finaid@brazosport.edu)  
IRS: 1 (800) 829-0922  
Website: [www.brazosport.edu/finaid](http://www.brazosport.edu/finaid)



# WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is money that helps students pay for college. There are several types of aid:

## GRANTS

Grants are the most sought after kind of aid. Grants at Brazosport College include federal grants such as PELL and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. State grants include Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) and Texas Educational Opportunity Grant. Federal and State grants are awarded based on need. Students must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy posted on our website. This money doesn't have to be paid back as long as they stay enrolled in courses and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students may have to pay back funds if they withdraw, fail, or have a combination of "F" & "W" from all courses.

To be eligible to receive grants, submit the following:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
- All forms requested for The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships listed on the student's myBC account
- Transcripts from every college/institution attended

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are an opportunity to apply for local funds. This aid generally does not have to be paid back. Students may be awarded scholarships based on need, merit, or educational goals.

To qualify for scholarships, submit the following:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- Scholarship application at [www.brazosport.edu/scholarships](http://www.brazosport.edu/scholarships)

## LOANS

Loans are debts that students must pay back once they separate from college for more than six months. Brazosport College does not automatically process for loans.

If a student is interested in a loan, submit the following:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)
- All forms requested for The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships listed on the student's myBC account
- Loan application, available at the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

## COST OF ATTENDANCE AT BC

DEPENDENT	IN DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT
Tuition	\$1,560	\$2,376
Fees	\$612	\$612
Books/Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000
Room/Board	\$3,845	\$3,845
Transportation	\$1,353	\$2,870
Personal	\$3,004	\$3,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,374</b>	<b>\$13,707</b>
INDEPENDENT	IN DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT
Tuition	\$1,560	\$2,376
Fees	\$612	\$612
Books/Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000
Room/Board	\$9,122	\$9,122
Transportation	\$1,353	\$2,870
Personal	\$3,586	\$3,586
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,233</b>	<b>\$19,566</b>

## WORK-STUDY

Brazosport College participates in Federal and State work-study programs. This program offers jobs on campus and at local nonprofit institutions. Advantages of being a student worker are:

- \$10/hour pay, up to 19 hours a week available
- Flexible scheduling
- Learning skill sets in their field
- Making contacts on campus

If a student is interested in work-study, submit the following:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- Brazosport College student worker application at [employment.brazosport.edu](http://employment.brazosport.edu)

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Exemptions are a type of financial assistance allowing some Texas residents to attend a public college or university in Texas without paying tuition or, in some cases, tuition and fees. Hazlewood Act and Hazlewood Legacy Programs are also available through the financial aid office. Check [www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com) for more information. Dual credit students may be eligible for dual credit aid up to \$500 per semester. For more information <https://brazosport.edu/students/paying-for-college/financial-aid/apply/dual-credit/>