



Financial Aid Checklist

for 2024-25 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 2024-25 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. The application will be available starting December 2023.** (Students should submit before **June 1, 2024** 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 (**March 15-June 1**) at www.bhc.edu/about-us/foundations/.
- ❑ **Actively monitor your myBlackHawk email for status updates. The first 2024-25 financial aid email notifications will be sent in April 2024.**
 - 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.
- ❑ **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. _____

Backup code: _____

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 an 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 2024-25 FAFSA, any contributor may need:

- FSA ID
- Date of birth
- Social Security number or Permanent Resident Card
- 2022 federal tax return
- 2022 W-2/1099 forms
- 2022 child support received
- Current bank statements
- Current net worth* of investments (excludes retirement)
- Current net worth* of business or farm

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



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