

How to Qualify for Financial Aid

1. Students must first complete the Admissions process and be matriculated into a **Certificate or Degree** program.
2. Students must also have a **High School Diploma or GED**, be a **US Citizen or eligible non-citizen**, have a **valid Social Security Number**, be **registered with Selective Service** if required, and **owe no refund on any federal or state educational grant nor be in default on any previous educational loan**.
3. The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** needs to be completed and can be picked up at the Financial Aid Office on the Charlestown campus.
4. Students can also choose to file their **FAFSA** on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov
Approximate time line for completion of **FAFSA**:
Paper FAFSA: (4-6 weeks)
On-line FAFSA: (2-4 weeks)
5. Students applying for the 2002-03 Academic year will need their **2001 Federal tax forms** and **W-2 s** to complete the application.
6. All applications must be filled out completely. If there are any questions that students do not understand or are unsure of, they may contact the Financial Aid Office at (617) 228-2275 or stop by the Charlestown Campus, and a Financial Aid Counselor will assist them in completing the application.
7. Once the **FAFSA** has been submitted to the Department of Education, the student will receive a **SAR (Student Aid Report.)** This report contains the information that the student supplied on the FAFSA. If the student has chosen **Bunker Hill Community College** as a school designated to receive this information, the Financial Aid Office will receive an electronic version of the student's **SAR (Student Aid Report.)**
8. This information is what is used by the Financial Aid Office and in accordance with Federal and State regulations to determine a student's Financial Aid Award. A random selection of student files will result in letters being sent to students requesting additional information (e.g. Copies of Tax forms, W-2 s, Citizenship Documentation, etc.)
9. Once all information has been received and processed by the Financial Aid Office, a letter of award will go out to the student notifying them of their financial aid award for the academic year.
10. **If** it has been determined by the Financial Aid Office that there is substantial aid amounts over and above the cost of tuition and fees, a book voucher will be issued to the student for a predetermined amount, which will then be deducted from a student's award when funds are brought in.
11. **Financial Aid available:**
GRANTS: Do Not Have To Be Paid Back
Federal Pell Grant
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
Massachusetts Tuition Waiver
Massachusetts Cash Grant
Massachusetts State Grant
Massachusetts Part-Time Grant
LOANS: Must Be Paid Back
Federal Stafford Subsidized Loan
Federal Stafford Unsubsidized Loan
Massachusetts No-Interest Loan (NIL)