

1. You must submit a completed Admissions application and be accepted (matriculated) into a Certificate or Degree program in order to receive financial aid. But don't wait until you are accepted to apply for financial aid. You should apply as early as possible.
2. You do not have to be enrolled full-time (12 credits) to receive financial aid. Although in most cases, you do need to be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits.
3. In order to qualify for federal or state financial aid, you must:
 - be a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen (see FAFSA for more information regarding who qualifies as an eligible non-citizen),
 - have a valid Social Security Number,
 - be registered with Selective Service (if required) and
 - not owe a refund on any federal or state educational grant nor be in default of any previous educational loan.
4. The entire process for applying for Financial Aid can take up to a few months so you should apply by the suggested deadlines:
Fall Semester – April 15th
Spring Semester – November 1st
5. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) needs to be completed. It is recommended that you complete your FAFSA on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Note: Bunker Hill Community College's school code is 011210. Approximate timeline for processing the FAFSA is 4-6 weeks for a paper application and 1-4 weeks for an on-line application.
6. When applying for the 2007-2008 academic year, you will need your 2006 Federal tax forms and W-2's (and, if under 24 years old, your parent's 2006 Federal tax forms and W-2's) to complete the FAFSA form. See Step Three of the FAFSA to determine if your parent's information is required.
7. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (617) 228-2275 or stop by B213 so a Financial Aid Counselor can assist you with any questions.
8. Once the FAFSA has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, you will receive a SAR (Student Aid Report) with the information you supplied on the FAFSA. If Bunker Hill Community College is listed on the FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office will receive an electronic version of your information.
9. The information listed on the SAR is what is used by the Financial Aid Office to determine your Financial Aid Award, in accordance with Federal and State regulations. The Financial Aid Office will contact you if further information is required (i.e. tax forms, citizen documentation, etc.).
10. Once all of your information has been reviewed, an award letter will be mailed to you within two weeks. The award letter will notify you of your financial aid award for the academic year. If you do not qualify for grant funding, a letter will be sent containing information regarding low-interest student loans. Awards are based on full-time enrollment (12 credits). All awards are adjusted after the schedule adjustment date (after the 2nd week of class). Generally, students enrolled in less than 6 credits are not eligible for financial aid.
11. Financial aid funds are disbursed to your account after the 60% point in the semester. The disbursement dates for the fall semester is mid-November and the spring semester is mid-April.

Financial Aid Myths:

“I have to be taking 12 credits to get financial aid.”

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“My grades aren’t good enough to qualify for financial aid.”

You need to have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to qualify for financial aid. You must also have successfully completed 66% of your attempted credits per the federal regulations. See the Student Handbook for details.

“The forms are too hard to fill out.”

The staff of the financial aid office is available to assist you with completing all of the required paperwork. Please contact our office with any questions.

“I (or my parents) make too much money.”

There are many sources of financial aid available such as grants, work study jobs and low interest loans. Income is not the only factor in determining eligibility. Complete the FAFSA and let the financial aid office determine your eligibility.

Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (617) 228-2275 or finaid@bhcc.mass.edu with any questions. The Financial Aid Office is located in B213. The office is open Monday-Wednesdays 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, Thursdays 11:00 am – 7:00 pm and Fridays 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

How to Apply for Financial Aid 2007-2008



There are many types of financial aid available!

Don't assume that you do not qualify, apply today and let the financial aid office determine your eligibility.

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