

BOSTON COLLEGE

2009-10 GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION/VALIDATION

Any student applying for financial assistance and his/her spouse are required to complete all sections, attach requested documentation, and sign this form. **Please include the student's name and Eagle ID number in the upper-right hand corner of all correspondence.** The 2009-10 Graduate Financial Aid Application/Validation will not be considered complete nor can an award be made until all forms have been properly completed, signed, and received. Financial aid renewal is not automatic. Students must re-apply each year. It is advisable that students keep copies of all forms submitted, and be certain to read the policy about submitted aid application documents at the end of this application.

STUDENT GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

EAGLE ID NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PERMANENT PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (Non BC) _____

MARITAL STATUS SINGLE MARRIED DIVORCED/SEPARATED WIDOWED

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN? YES NO IF NO, ARE YOU AN ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZEN? YES NO

Please note: your Cost of Attendance will be partially based on your answers to the following enrollment questions. Failure to complete this section will delay action on your application for assistance.

WHICH GRADUATE SCHOOL WILL YOU BE ENROLLED IN FOR THE 2009-10 ACADEMIC YEAR?

- GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES LYNCH SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
- CARROLL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT WOODS COLLEGE OF ADVANCING STUDIES
- GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CONNELL SCHOOL OF NURSING
- SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

IF NURSING, HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES? YES NO

DURING 2009-10, WHAT WILL BE YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY AT BOSTON COLLEGE?

- CERTIFICATE (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____ MASTER'S DEGREE DOCTORAL DEGREE

WHICH YEAR WILL YOU BE IN YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM?

- 1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH DOCTORAL CONTINUATION OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE? MONTH _____ YEAR _____

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS YOU MUST BE ENROLLED AT LEAST HALF-TIME (6 CREDITS IN MOST CASES).

SUMMER 2009* _____ CREDITS **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK OR INDICATE FULL-TIME. A NUMBER OF CREDITS IS REQUIRED. APPLICATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED IF SPACES ARE LEFT BLANK.**

FALL 2009 _____ CREDITS IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW MANY CREDITS YOU ARE TAKING PLEASE CONSULT YOUR DEPARTMENT.

SPRING 2010 _____ CREDITS DOCTORAL CONTINUATION INDICATE ONE CREDIT PER SEMESTER.

*IF YOU WILL BE ENROLLED AT LEAST HALF-TIME DURING THE SUMMER 2009, DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SUMMER STAFFORD LOAN? YES NO

DO YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SUMMER FEDERAL WORK-STUDY? YES NO

Incoming students admitted for the 2009-10 academic year are not eligible for summer Federal Work-Study. Refer to the instruction sheet concerning deadlines for applying for summer loans or summer Federal Work-Study.

WILL YOU BE ENROLLED IN A DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM DURING THE 2009-10 ACADEMIC YEAR? YES NO

IF YES, INDICATE WHICH PROGRAMS _____

IF YES, WHICH PROGRAM WILL YOU BE ENROLLED IN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER? _____

IF YES, WHICH PROGRAM WILL YOU BE ENROLLED IN FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER? _____

List all colleges previously attended including summer schools. You may be asked to provide a Financial Aid Transcript(s).

INSTITUTION	DATES ATTENDED
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List sources and amounts of any assistance expected during 2009-10 from sources other than Federal Financial Aid, including assistantships, fellowships, grants, scholarships, stipends, and tuition remission from your department and/or employer reimbursement. Please submit copies of award notification to the Office of Student Services.

VALIDATION

It is the policy of both the U.S. Department of Education and Boston College to validate the information on a percentage of financial aid applicants. Complete this section in its entirety, and enter zeros or not applicable "N/A" where necessary.

Household Information

You are considered independent for federal aid. Complete the chart below with information about your household. You must include yourself, your spouse, and your dependent children. You should also include others who now live with you if they receive more than half their support from you and will continue to receive this support next year.

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP (SELF, SPOUSE, SON, DAUGHTER, ETC.)	SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT WILL ATTEND IN 2009-10*	IF IN COLLEGE, PLEASE INDICATE ENROLLMENT STATUS: FULL-TIME, HALF-TIME, OR LESS THAN HALF-TIME
1. <i>Student</i>		<i>Self</i>	<i>Boston College</i>	
2.				
3.				
4.				

CHECK HERE IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ATTACH ADDITIONAL NAMES TO THIS APPLICATION.

*IF UNDECIDED, PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES IN WRITING WHEN A DECISION IS MADE.

Tax Information (check one):

- I (We) have filed/will file a 2008 federal income tax return. If selected for verification or rejected through the FAFSA processing system, a signed copy is attached/will be sent.
- I (We) have requested a tax extension from the IRS. Attached is a copy of Form 4868 and copies of my (our) statement certifying estimated adjusted gross income for 2008.
- I (We) have not and will not file a 2008 federal income tax return. Listed below are the sources and amounts of income and benefits I (we) received in 2008.

Untaxed Income Information (enter zeros where appropriate)

Listed below are the sources and amounts of income and benefits I (we) received in 2008, but will not be required to report on the federal income tax return.

WAGES (IF NO FEDERAL TAX RETURN WAS FILED) \$ _____

CHILD SUPPORT RECEIVED FOR ALL CHILDREN \$ _____

HOUSING, FOOD, AND OTHER LIVING ALLOWANCES \$ _____

UNTAXED CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT /PENSION PLANS \$ _____
(401K, 403B, IRA, KEOGH)

OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY SOURCE) _____ \$ _____

TOTAL UNTAXED INCOME FOR 2008: \$ _____

Asset Information

	CURRENT VALUE	SOURCE (GIFTS, FROM OTHER RELATIVES, EARNINGS, ETC.)
CASH AND SAVINGS	\$	
UNIFORM GIFT TO MINORS	\$	
STOCKS, BONDS, CDs, INVESTMENTS	\$	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS (ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

I, the student, or we, the student and student's spouse, certify that all information presented is correct at this time and that I/we will send timely notice of any significant change in my/our family situation, family income or assets, or upon receipt of other scholarships or grants. If I am selected as a recipient of a Boston College endowed or donor-sponsored award, I agree to allow the release of pertinent information by college officials.

I, the student, affirm that I will be attending Boston College on at least a half-time basis and that I must maintain satisfactory progress in the course of study that I am pursuing according to the standards and practices of Boston College. In addition, I authorize Boston College to retain Federal Financial Aid funds to cover the cost of tuition, fees, room, board, and other costs associated with my attendance at Boston College. If at any time I wish to change this authorization, I understand that I must notify the Office of Student Services in writing of the change.

The student and the student's spouse must sign and date this form.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: it is the responsibility of the student and the student's spouse to ensure that all required forms are received by the stated deadlines. All deadlines are published in our 2009-10 Graduate Financial Aid Application Instructions sheet. All summer correspondence is sent by the Office of Student Services to the student's permanent home address that is maintained in the student record system.

Send this completed and signed application to: Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center
P.O. Box 489
Randolph, MA 02368

Policy for Returning Submitted Aid Application Documents

It is imperative that you retain copies of all documents you submit to Boston College to complete your student aid application. All aid application forms, correspondence, and supporting documents including federal tax returns become the property of Boston College once submitted to the Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center. The Office of Student Services at Boston College is committed to being a paperless environment. All submitted materials are imaged, and the paper originals are destroyed within 30 days of receipt. Therefore, the College is unable to return original documents to students or their families.

You may check the status of your application on-line at <http://www.bc.edu/finaidapp>. Students with a BC username and password can also check their status through their Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. If you have specific questions regarding the 2009-10 financial aid process, contact the Office of Student Services at 1-800-294-0294.

Please note that students must reapply for federal financial aid each year. Students must plan ahead and be prepared to pay for books and/or living expenses until the funds have been disbursed.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1863, Boston College is dedicated to intellectual excellence and to its Jesuit, Catholic heritage. Boston College recognizes the essential contribution a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff makes to the advancement of its goals and ideals in an atmosphere of respect for one another and for the University's mission and heritage. Accordingly, Boston College commits itself to maintaining a welcoming environment for all people and extends its welcome in particular to those who may be vulnerable to discrimination, on the basis of their race, ethnic or national origin, religion, color, age, gender, marital or parental status, veteran status, disabilities, or sexual orientation.

Boston College rejects and condemns all forms of harassment, wrongful discrimination, and disrespect. It has developed procedures to respond to incidents of harassment whatever the basis or circumstance. Moreover it is the policy of Boston College, while reserving its lawful rights where appropriate to take actions designed to promote the Jesuit, Catholic principles that sustain its mission and heritage, to comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in its educational programs on the basis of a person's race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital or parental status, veteran status, or disability, and to comply with state law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation.

To this end, Boston College has designated its Executive Director for Institutional Diversity to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities to prevent discrimination in accordance with state and federal laws. Any applicant for admission or employment, and all students, faculty members, and employees, are welcome to raise any questions regarding this policy with the Office for Institutional Diversity. In addition, any person who believes that an act of unlawful discrimination has occurred at Boston College may raise this issue with the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education.

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2009-10 GRADUATE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please retain this sheet and use it to check off the required components of your financial aid application as you complete them. No action can be taken on your application until all application information has been received. Please be sure to answer all questions on both the Boston College financial aid application and FAFSA, including the asset section of the FAFSA regardless of tax return status. Incomplete applications will delay the review of your file.

You may check the status of your application online at www.bc.edu/finaidapp. Students with a BC username and password can also check their status through their Agora Portal at portal.bc.edu. If you have specific questions regarding the 2009-10 financial aid process contact the Office of Student Services at 1-800-294-0294 or 617-552-3300.

Applicants applying to programs with admission deadlines before February 1 are advised to submit a FAFSA and BC graduate financial aid application by February 16.

Financial aid application materials should be sent to:

Boston College Financial Aid Processing Center
P.O. Box 489
Randolph, MA 02368

Required Materials

2009-10 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete a FAFSA, or Renewal FAFSA, on the web as soon as possible after January 1 as it normally takes several weeks for Boston College to receive the processed data. If you have not yet completed your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return, we recommend that you use estimated figures on the FAFSA so that you may submit the form in a timely manner.

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> Boston College's Federal School Code: 002128

NOTE: Please be certain to electronically sign your FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA, which requires a PIN. If you do not have a PIN or forgot it, go first to <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

2009-10 Boston College Graduate Financial Aid Application/Validation

You must complete every question on the 2009-10 application. If a question does not apply, please note "N/A" in the blank provided. **If any questions are left blank it may delay the review of your file.** Any special circumstances that you would like us to consider must be addressed in the Additional Information/Comments section or attach an addendum to the application. Be sure to include your name and Eagle ID number on each page. We recommend that you copy your application for your records prior to sending it in for review.

SUMMER Loan and/or Summer Federal Work-Study Applicants

Priority Deadline for FAFSA January 19, 2009
Date submitted electronically _____

Priority Deadline for BC Financial Aid Application February 27, 2009
Date sent to the BC Financial Aid Processing Center _____

ACADEMIC YEAR only applicants

Priority Deadline for FAFSA: March 2, 2009
Date submitted electronically _____

Priority Deadline for BC Financial Aid Application: April 15, 2009
Date sent to the BC Financial Aid Processing Center _____

Message to Late Applicants: In order to be considered for Federal Financial aid, your application and processed FAFSA must be received by us before the end of the enrollment period. Application materials for summer only students must be received by June 16, 2009. Application materials for summer and fall only students must be received by November 2, 2009, and application materials for academic year only (fall and spring) students must be received by April 1, 2010. **Students must plan ahead and be prepared to pay for books and/or living expenses until the funds have been disbursed.**

THE VERIFICATION PROCESS

You are not required to submit a copy of your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return to the Office of Student Services unless your application is selected for verification by the federal government. The Office of Student Services will notify you of additional application requirements if your application is selected for the verification process. There are several factors that may lead to the selection of a FAFSA application for the verification process. The most common reason is that the Federal government randomly selects 30% of all FAFSA applicants for verification. Other reasons may include having blank, illegible, or confusing information reported on the FAFSA. Applicants with incomplete verification requirements at the time of initial review will be issued a conditional financial aid award. The award will be verified following receipt and review of all requested documents. **If the verification process results in a change in your eligibility, your financial aid will be re-calculated**, and notification of a revised electronic award letter will be sent by email. Awards are not considered final until the verification process is complete; however, please read the section concerning Boston College Institutional Funds which may also affect financial aid that has been awarded to you at any time during the year.

FINANCIAL AID TRANSCRIPTS AND HEALTH PROFESSION STUDENTS

Incoming Graduate School of Nursing students who received educational financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be required to have an FAT completed by each post-secondary educational institution previously attended before federal financial aid funds can be disbursed and credited to the student's account. This requirement is due to the fact that HHS/DSA student borrower information is not currently available from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). An incoming graduate nursing student who has indicated receiving financial assistance for a previous health profession program will be sent further information and a blank FAT form. That blank FAT may be photocopied and sent to each institution previously attended.

STUDENT LOAN DISBURSEMENTS

Federal financial aid regulations require that all Federal Stafford Loan funds be disbursed in two equal installments for loan periods longer than one semester. Therefore, summer/fall and spring applicants will receive three separate loan disbursements—two during the summer/fall loan period and one during the spring period. The first disbursement for each loan period will be scheduled for the beginning of the loan period, and the second disbursement for each loan period will be scheduled for the midpoint of the loan period. The loan proceeds do not credit your bill until the funds have been received from your lender. **Students must plan ahead and be prepared to pay for books and/or living expenses until the funds have been disbursed.** Detailed information about the Federal Stafford loan can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/stafford>.

GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT PLUS LOAN OR ALTERNATIVE LOAN

Information about the Graduate or Professional Student PLUS Loan or about private alternative education loans can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/plus>.

BOSTON COLLEGE INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

Boston College Institutional funds (assistantships, fellowships, grants, scholarships, stipends, and tuition remission) are awarded by the individual graduate schools. Students who wish to be considered for institutional funds should contact the appropriate graduate school. Notice of receipt of these awards are electronically forwarded to the Office of Student Services by the individual graduate schools to ensure proper coordination of all University financial aid resources as required by federal financial aid regulations. **Total financial aid cannot exceed total calculated federal eligibility. If your total financial aid resources, including assistantships, fellowships, grants, scholarships, stipends, and tuition remission (but excluding alternative loans) exceeds your total calculated federal eligibility, an adjustment to need-based financial assistance is required.** Alternative loan funding may be used to fill the gap between calculated federal eligibility and the total cost of attendance for the academic year. **Depending on the timing of the notification from the academic department, it is very possible that adjustments to your award will be made anytime after the start of the academic year. These adjustments may necessitate the return of loan proceeds that have already been disbursed and may create a balance on your student account.**

DEFERMENT OF PRIOR FEDERAL EDUCATION LOAN(S)

Under certain circumstances, you may qualify for a deferment for prior federal education loan(s) that you have borrowed. If you are enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program, you may qualify for a deferment. These loans may include Direct or FFEL Stafford Loans, or Federal Perkins Loans. Information about deferment provisions is available at the United States Department of Education website at <http://studentaid.ed.gov>. Click on the link "Repaying Your Loans." You also may contact your lender or loan servicer for information about a possible deferment of your prior federal education loans.

PLEASE NOTE: Financial aid renewal is not automatic. Students must re-apply for financial aid each year in which they are interested in being considered for assistance. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the graduate student financial aid application annually from the Office of Student Services or from our website or from the appropriate graduate school.