RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Begin your FAFSA Oct. 1, and be sure to submit no later than May 1.

Monitor your BU email once it's assigned – this is our official way of communicating with students.

Ask questions and make sure you understand your aid package and estimated expenses.

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

Apply for scholarships through BU and local organizations where you live.

bloomu.edu/scholarships

Contact us to discuss your situation or review financial aid options.

570-389-4297
buaid@bloomu.edu

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Yearly Costs
(based on 2019-20 cost information)

- Tuition $19,290
  • Your classes
  • Academic advisement
  • Academic support services
- Board $3,550
  • Meal plan
  • Extra spending money for food
- Room $6,918
  • Residence hall room
  • On campus amenities
  • Learning communities
- Fees $3,492
  • Student Recreation Center
  • Student services
  • Organizations
  • Health & Wellness Services

FINANCIAL AID 101

PELL
A federal grant for students who have completed their FAFSA, are pursuing their first bachelor's degree, and have a low EFC (estimated family contribution).

FSEOG
A small federal grant for students who have completed their FAFSA, are pursuing their first bachelor's degree, and have the lowest EFC. Funds are limited.

Subsidized Loans
A loan for students who have completed their FAFSA and have a moderate EFC. The federal government pays the interest while the student is enrolled in college and for the six-month grace period.

Unsubsidized Loans
A loan for students who have completed their FAFSA. Interest accrual begins immediately upon disbursement.

First Year Scholarships
An award provided to incoming, first year students. Award criteria includes academic performance in high school, SAT or ACT scores, intended major, and date of admission. Early applicants receive priority consideration.

Transfer Scholarships
An award provided to incoming transfer students. Award criteria includes academic performance at previous college, intended major, and date of admission. Early applicants receive priority consideration.

Athletic Scholarships
An award provided by the Bloomsburg University Athletic Department. Prospective student-athletes should work with their coach to determine eligibility for scholarships.

External Scholarships
An award provided by your high school, local community, or an outside organization.

WORK-STUDY

Part-time jobs on campus for students who have completed their FAFSA, have been hired, and completed the work-study application (job postings available at bloomu.edu/aid/guide/employment.)

Wages are paid in a bi-weekly paycheck (not deducted from tuition).


DISPELLING FINANCIAL AID MYTHS

Myth #1
My parents make too much money, so I won’t qualify for any financial aid.

Answer:
Even high-income families will qualify for student loans and work-study.

Myth #2
I should wait until I’m accepted to a college before I fill out the FAFSA form.

Answer:
Don’t wait! You can add up to 10 schools at a time to the FAFSA. Please note, that only your first school choice will receive PA State Grant eligibility information.

Myth #3
It doesn’t matter when I fill out my FAFSA.

Answer:
For full consideration including the PA State Grant, you must file the FAFSA by May 1st each year. However, BU encourages you to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1.

Myth #4
Only students with good grades get financial aid.

Answer:
Students with varying academic profiles qualify for financial aid, but it’s important to understand the satisfactory academic progress policy for continuing your eligibility. Our policy can be found at: bloomu.edu/aid.

Myth #5
If I didn’t receive enough money for school, I’m just out of luck.

Answer:
Visit our Financial Aid website at bloomu.edu/aid/guide to discover possible options.