

## FINANCIAL AID

**FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT BCC**

A comprehensive list of programs and guidelines is available at [www.BristolCC.edu](http://www.BristolCC.edu). Choose Enrollment Center, choose Financial Aid, then choose Financial Aid Programs.

**Federal and State Grants**

Federal Pell Grant  
 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant  
 Federal Teach Grant  
 Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant  
 Massachusetts Agnes Lindsay Scholarship  
 Massachusetts Christian Herter Scholarship  
 Massachusetts Early Childhood Education Grant  
 Massachusetts Educational Rewards Grant  
 Massachusetts Foster Child Grant  
 Massachusetts Furcolo Grant  
 Massachusetts Gear-Up Grant  
 MassGrant  
 Massachusetts John and Abigail Adams Scholarship  
 Massachusetts Need-Based Tuition Waiver  
 Massachusetts Part-time Grant  
 Massachusetts Paraprofessional Grant  
 Massachusetts Public Service Grant  
 Massachusetts Stanley Koplic Waiver  
 Rhode Island Challenge Grant  
 Rhode Island Promise Grant  
 Rhode Island State Scholarship

**Loans**

Federal Direct Student and Parent Loan  
 Alternative (Private) Loans

**Work Programs**

Federal Work Study  
 Student Employment Program

**Institutional Grants**

Foundation Grant  
 Presidential Scholarship

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about financial aid, contact the Financial Aid office at (508)678-2811, ext. 2513.

# Financial Aid

Bristol Community College receives some of its funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is subsidized by state tax revenues. This means that students pay only a portion of the total cost of a BCC education.

**PAYING YOUR WAY**

The mission of the Financial Aid Office is to help remove financial barriers to assist students in meeting the cost of attendance to BCC. The office helps fill the gap that exists between the cost of attendance and funds available from family, savings, and other resources. The staff assists with completing applications for financial aid, determining level of need, and offering financial aid to meet educational expenses. The staff is available to answer any questions you may have regarding financial aid in order to address your eligibility concerns.

The Financial Aid Office provides assistance and counseling in completing the financial aid application, evaluation and determination of need. Advisors and counselors are always available via email. Walk-in hours are available weekly, and appointments are available.

Financial aid awards may include grants, loans, and work. The Financial Aid Office uses the standards and procedures developed by the U. S. Department of Education to estimate a fair student and family contribution and determine financial need.

***All those forms confuse me. Where can I get help in filing the right ones?***

The Financial Aid Office provides students and their families with information and assistance in completing the forms and application process. The FAFSA and BCC Supplemental Financial Aid Application are required from all applicants. Additional documentation may also be requested. You should never pay a fee to complete the FAFSA. Contact the Fall River, New Bedford, or Attleboro locations for information on walk-in counseling or appointments. For more information, visit [www.BristolCC.edu](http://www.BristolCC.edu), choose Enrollment Center and then choose Financial Aid.

***The financial aid process can take a while. What can I do to speed up the process?***

Completing the FAFSA on the Web is the best option. You will get your Student Aid Report sooner than with the paper version. A link to the FAFSA and more information is available at [www.BristolCC.edu](http://www.BristolCC.edu), choose Enrollment Center, choose Financial Aid, and then choose Forms.

***Is there a deadline for applying for financial aid?***

You may apply for aid anytime, but we give priority to students who complete their financial aid file by May 1. Some Rhode Island grant deadlines are March 1. Some Massachusetts grants have a May 1 deadline.

***Once I have received financial aid, is it guaranteed for my whole college career?***

You must apply for financial aid every year you need it, but every time you demonstrate financial need, we will work with you and your family to help meet your education-related expenses.

***Are there any special requirements?***

Assistance is available to a student who demonstrates financial need, is a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the USA, meets Selective Service requirements, maintains satisfactory progress towards an eligible degree or certificate program, does not owe a refund to a federal or state grant program, or is not in default on a federal or state education loan, and meets criteria in specific programs. Students in the USA on F1, F2, J1 or J2 student visas are not eligible for assistance.

Further information on eligibility criteria, deadlines, and applications is available from the Financial Aid office.

**STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The College and the Financial Aid office reserve the right to determine the type, amount, and/or revision of financial aid. Awards are contingent on the availability of funding, student's course load, and regulations governing those funds.

Financial aid may be denied or cancelled if a student does not continue to meet eligibility requirements at any time during the academic year. If a student fails to meet satisfactory progress standards or is in default on Title IV or state grant or loan funds, financial aid will be denied or cancelled.

