

# Applying for Financial Aid

## **STEP 1: Apply early!**

### **BCC's FAFSA-filing deadline is July 1.**

To receive Massachusetts state aid consideration at BCC, file your FAFSA by July 1.

\*BCC will award financial aid year-round but on a first-come, first-served basis and only while funds last.

## **STEP 2: Create an FSA ID**

You can create an FSA ID at StudentAid.gov. Your FSA ID will need to be verified prior to filing your FAFSA. This process can take 4-6 business days to complete. Record your user name, password, and challenge questions/answers and file for future reference.

## **STEP 3: File a FAFSA**

BCC requires just one form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA for short) found online at [www.StudentAid.gov](http://www.StudentAid.gov). There's no charge for filing your FAFSA application at this free government website. File a new FAFSA each fall to receive consideration for all forms of federal and state aid administered by BCC (grants, jobs, loans).

Gather and enter all required information as requested. If you are a dependent student, parent information will need to be provided such as their Full Name, Date of Birth, Email address and Social Security Number.

## **STEP 4: Submit your FAFSA**

Make sure you receive confirmation verifying that you successfully submitted it. Print and save your confirmation.

## **STEP 5: Verification**

"Verification" does not necessarily mean you did anything wrong — it just means your FAFSA has been randomly selected for quality control purposes. Inceptia will send you an email to inform you about the additional steps or forms required to complete your financial aid application and the verification process. The sooner you respond, the sooner we can process your application and determine your eligibility for financial aid.

## **STEP 6: Apply for Admission**

If you have not already done so, you will need to apply for Admissions. You must be admitted to a certificate or degree program before you can be awarded financial aid. Be sure to submit your final official high school transcript with senior grades to the Admissions Office, especially if you applied for admission and were accepted prior to graduating from high school.

## **STEP 7: Follow up on your FAFSA**

If you do not hear from the BCC One Stop Enrollment Center within 2-3 weeks of filing your FAFSA, contact us at 413-499-4660.

***We're here to help you!***

**BCC's Federal School Code:**

**002167**