



BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

How to Apply for Financial Aid

1. Complete the *FASFA*

Complete a *Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)* on or after January 1, 2008. **You must apply each year.** Financial Aid is not renewed automatically.

- **APPLY Online at www.fafsa.ed.gov**
- Go to FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Request a federal PIN. (Both students and Parents of Dependent students need separate PIN numbers).
- List “Bethune-Cookman University” and the BCU Federal Code (001467) as a school choice in Step Six of the *FAFSA*.
- Sign your *FASFA*. You and your parents can sign it electronically using your separate PIN numbers.
- After applying, check the status online at www.fafsa.ed.gov

2. Receive your *SAR*

The *Student Aid Report (SAR)* indicates your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which determines your financial eligibility. The *SAR* also lists the information you recorded on your *FAFSA*, so you can check your information for accuracy.

- If you provided an email address on your *FAFSA*, you will get an online *SAR* with your financial aid records.
- If necessary, make corrections or changes at www.fafsa.ed.gov

3. Follow up on application. It may be selected for Verification/ Quality Assurance

- Submit required documents to the BCU Office of Student Financial Aid.
- **Do not wait** until school starts to submit required documents or ask questions about the application process.

4. You will receive a Notification of Financial Aid Award from us

- When BCU receives your application information from the federal processor and you have been admitted to BCU, the Office of Student Financial Aid will award you with an aid package based on your eligibility.
- You will be sent an Award Notification by email if you provided an email address on your *FAFSA*. If there is no email address provided the Award Letter will be mailed.

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