

# Financial Aid Checklist

## First-Year – Regular Admission – 2020-2021



### To Apply

#### ***By January 4***

- ☐ Note all applicable deadlines ([bu.edu/finaid/apply/incoming/deadlines](https://bu.edu/finaid/apply/incoming/deadlines)).
- ☐ Submit the **2020-2021 FAFSA** ([bu.edu/finaid/apply/profile-fafsa](https://bu.edu/finaid/apply/profile-fafsa)).
- ☐ Submit the **2020-2021 CSS Profile™** ([bu.edu/finaid/apply/profile-fafsa](https://bu.edu/finaid/apply/profile-fafsa)).  
If your biological or adoptive parents are divorced, separated, and/or do not share the same household list both parents and any stepparents on your Profile, as instructed. The parent you live with most must provide their information on your FAFSA and Profile. Your other (noncustodial) parent must also complete a Profile, which will later be appended your Profile. Enter your other (noncustodial) parent's email address on your Profile, as instructed, so CSS can send them information on how to create their separate Profile account log-in.
- ☐ Submit a **CSS Profile Waiver Request** ([bu.edu/finaid/forms-calculators/forms/application-forms](https://bu.edu/finaid/forms-calculators/forms/application-forms)) if getting a Profile from your other (noncustodial) parent will be impossible.
- ☐ Regularly check the MyBU portal and for email requests for additional information.

### After You Receive Your Aid Decision

#### ***Beginning in Late March***

- ☐ Expect to receive a tentative financial aid award by late March, provided you submitted your aid application by the deadline.
- ☐ Questions? Make an appointment to meet with a financial aid representative during your school/college April Open House event or contact BU Financial Assistance.
- ☐ Create a four-year plan for financing your education and use our college expense planning calculator at our planning page ([bu.edu/finaid/aid-basics/plan](https://bu.edu/finaid/aid-basics/plan)).

#### ***By May 1***

- ☐ Acknowledge your Financial Aid Award via the MyBU portal ([bu.edu/finaid/apply/incoming/next-steps](https://bu.edu/finaid/apply/incoming/next-steps)).
- ☐ Submit your Enrollment Deposit.

### After You Deposit

#### ***By June 1***

- ☐ Submit Income Verification ([bu.edu/finaid/apply/incoming/income-verification-incoming](https://bu.edu/finaid/apply/incoming/income-verification-incoming)) in order to confirm your tentative financial aid award. Expect a finalized award by early July, provided you submitted all required documentation in a timely manner.

#### ***Mid-May through the summer***

- ☐ Payments for the fall semester are due in early August. Payments for the spring semester are due in mid-December. Information about the monthly payment plan is at [bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/payment-plans](https://bu.edu/studentaccountingservices/your-bill/payment-plans). Credit-based loan information is at [bu.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/loans/credit-based-loans/undergraduate](https://bu.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/loans/credit-based-loans/undergraduate).

As we review your financial aid application we want to do all we can to take your particular circumstances ([bu.edu/finaid/apply/special-circumstances](https://bu.edu/finaid/apply/special-circumstances)) into consideration. We encourage you to contact our office ([bu.edu/finaid/contact-us](https://bu.edu/finaid/contact-us)) with any questions about your financial aid.