

## Boston University Financial Assistance

### SPRING SEMESTER

Application for Undergraduate Financial Aid  
2008/2009

#### Complete this application if:

- **You believe your calculated financial eligibility has increased.**  
Students denied aid for the academic year on the basis of financial eligibility and those who received aid but seek additional funds will both be considered. Decreased family income or increased non-discretionary expenses must be documented.
- **You are regaining satisfactory academic progress.**  
Students who did not meet 2007/2008 academic progress standards and thus forfeited 2008/2009 Boston University aid, and expect to meet fall 2008 semester academic progress standards, will be considered for a spring semester award on a tentative basis.
- **You are applying to be a first-time Boston University grant recipient.**  
Students who have never received BU grant in the past, although they may or may not have applied for it previously.
- **You are returning from a Leave of Absence (LOA).**  
Students who are returning from a LOA and would like to be considered for the spring semester.

*Priority for limited spring semester funds will be given to students who demonstrate substantial unmet financial eligibility and high academic achievement. Students and their parents are expected to avail themselves of loan and work opportunities. Information about loan and work opportunities can be found at [www.bu.edu/finaid](http://www.bu.edu/finaid).*

Your spring semester aid application will be considered if **all materials** listed below are received by **November 17, 2008**. Contact BU Financial Assistance if you have questions about any of the following requirements:

- Spring Semester Application for Undergraduate Financial Aid, with all required signatures and including PART "B" if requesting aid based on increased need.
- 2008/2009 CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE: indicate date completed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2008/2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): indicate date completed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parent 2007 U.S. income tax return, if required to file, signed, with all W-2 forms and schedules, or signed Non-tax Filer Statement if not required to file a 2007 tax return. \*
- Student 2007 U.S. income tax return, if required to file, signed, with all schedules. \*
- Noncustodial Parent PROFILE, (Required only if biological/adoptive parents are separated, divorced, or were never married to each other. Go to [www.bu.edu/finaid/special/ncp.html](http://www.bu.edu/finaid/special/ncp.html) for more information.)
- Business Tax Returns, if you or your parents hold an ownership interest in a business or are self-employed.

\* If you received need-based financial aid in 2007/2008 do not submit tax returns directly to Boston University. Send all tax documents to the CSS Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC), where they will be imaged and electronically transmitted to BU. You must use the pre-printed IDOC Cover Sheet that was sent to you. If you misplaced your Cover Sheet, download and print a duplicate copy at: <http://idoc.collegeboard.com>. If you cannot recall your IDOC ID number, call IDOC at 305-829-9793.

**Your Spring Semester application will not be considered** until any outstanding balance due to Boston University has been paid in full.

**If you received a CONTINGENT GRANT for the fall 2008 Semester**, the spring portion of your aid (with grant equal to the fall grant) will be renewed automatically if your fall 2008 semester grades are within satisfactory academic progress guidelines. You do not need to submit this application to secure your spring semester grant, unless your family's financial circumstances have changed and you wish to apply for additional grant as an applicant with increased need.

**Freshmen and transfer students entering (or deferring to enter) in January 2009** do not need to complete this application to be considered for financial aid for the spring semester.

**Decisions will be mailed during the month of December.** Awards will be TENTATIVE until fall 2008 semester grades have been posted and reviewed. The tentative spring semester award will be canceled if the student fails to earn a fall 2008 semester grade point index (GPI) of at least 2.30 and earn at least 12 credit hours with no incomplete (I) or missing grades. Those who have never received a BU grant in the past will be considered only if they earn at least a 2.50 minimum GPI for the fall 2008 semester and complete at least 12 credit hours.

## **CONTACTING BOSTON UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

For information about financial assistance at Boston University, visit us online at [www.bu.edu/finaid](http://www.bu.edu/finaid). Enrolled Boston University students can establish a University computing account through BU Information Technology. With a computing account password, students can access application status and other secure University information, including Federal Work-Study and student employment job listings, through the Student Link.

Information about how to select and apply for a credit-based loan, such as the Federal Direct PLUS Loan, can be found online at [www.bu.edu/finaid](http://www.bu.edu/finaid); click on "Loans and Financing Options" and select, "Credit-based Loans."

Correspond with BU Financial Assistance via e-mail at [finaid@bu.edu](mailto:finaid@bu.edu) or call us at **617-353-2965**. Please include your name and Boston University ID number in any e-mail communication. In most cases we are able to respond to e-mail within two business days.

***Contact us with your questions about the financial aid application process, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions of merit awards, and financing options.***

## **CORRESPONDING WITH BOSTON UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

When writing to BU Financial Assistance, please address your correspondence to the assistant director responsible for your application. The name of your assistant director, based on the first two letters of your last name, is listed below:

<b>A</b>	to	<b>CL</b>	<i>Patricia Briggs</i>	<b>LB</b>	to	<b>OK</b>	<i>Alison Loffredio</i>
<b>CM</b>	to	<b>GO</b>	<i>Jonathan Brett</i>	<b>OL</b>	to	<b>SH</b>	<i>Brian Attardo</i>
<b>GP</b>	to	<b>LA</b>	<i>Phil Dardeno</i>	<b>SI</b>	to	<b>Z</b>	<i>Patricia Fidler</i>

\* We recommend *First-Class U.S. Mail* when submitting materials directly to BU Financial Assistance. Certified mail cannot be tracked or confirmed by BU Financial Assistance since it will be signed for at the BU Mailroom.

**PART A:**

**Spring Semester** Application for Undergraduate Financial Aid - 2008/2009  
*DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17, 2008*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SOC. SEC. or BU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CREDIT HRS SPRING SEM \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT STATUS:** (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)

- Applicant with increased financial eligibility  
*(MUST also complete PART B)*
- Applicant regaining satisfactory academic progress
- Leave of absence fall 2008  
(If enrolled at another college/university during fall 2008, please specify the name and location of that institution): \_\_\_\_\_
- Deferred admission to spring 2009
- Never received University Grant in the past
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENSES:**

(Standard semester resident budget - \$25,550; standard semester commuter budget - \$21,700. Explain if your expenses will be different than standard.)

*(line A)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOURCES:**

- Federal Direct Stafford Loan \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other spring semester aid already awarded \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Student savings (as of November 3, 2008) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Parents' contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit-based Loan (PLUS/other credit-based loan) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimated Federal Work-Study earnings \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Estimated Non-Federal Work-Study earnings \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other *(please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Resources** *(line B)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**UNMET NEED:** (Expenses minus Total Resources) *(A minus B)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all information provided above is complete and accurate, that I have read and understand the criteria for spring semester aid and that I understand that failure to comply with instructions and/or deadlines may result in the denial of aid.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B:**

If your appeal is based on a claim of INCREASED FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY, complete PART B below and attach appropriate documentation to verify increased non-discretionary expenses and/or reduced income.

**DOCUMENTATION OF INCREASED FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY:**

- If there are changes in your family's financial circumstances such as increased non-discretionary expenses, describe them below. Please be specific. Include relevant dates and itemize costs. **You must attach supporting documentation.**

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- If there has been a reduction in family's income for 2008 compared to 2007, complete below. **You must attach supporting documentation**, such as most recent pay stub, letter of termination, etc.

	ACTUAL 2007 INCOME	ESTIMATED 2008 INCOME
Father's wages	_____	_____
Mother's wages	_____	_____
Student's wages	_____	_____
Spouse's wages	_____	_____
Interest/Dividends	_____	_____
Business/Farm income	_____	_____
Other taxable*	_____	_____
Other non-taxable*	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____	_____

\* Include unemployment benefits, severance pay, etc. Itemize and explain below:

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**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that all information on this form is complete and correct. I understand that if actual 2008 family income is greater or if expenses are less than estimated, I must notify Boston University Financial Assistance immediately, and that any award resulting from this application may be canceled, which could result in a balance due on my account. I also understand that I may be denied BU aid in the future if any change is not promptly reported to BU Financial Assistance.

Student's signature _____	Date _____
Spouse's signature _____	Date _____
Mother's signature _____	Date _____
Father's signature _____	Date _____