



Boston University School of Social Work

## **2017/2018 SSW FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST**

In order for your financial aid to appear as pending or as a credit to your Student Account, the following items must be complete and accurate. Please see below for more information:

**FAFSA COMPLETE AND ACCURATE**

Your FAFSA data can be found online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Your 2015 Federal Income Tax information should be used instead of your 2016 information. You are encouraged to use the FAFSA's IRS Data Retrieval Tool, if possible. Any issues that need to be resolved will be indicated on your Student Aid Report.

**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION TO RESOLVE**

Federal regulation requires that we verify certain information on the FAFSA. If you receive a request from us for additional information (i.e. a tax return, citizenship documentation, etc.), or a request to update information, please respond as soon as possible since your financial aid cannot be processed until the information is resolved.

**REGISTERED**

You must be registered for the proper number of credits for your status. If you are a part-time student you must be registered for 6 to 11 credits to be eligible for financial aid. If you are a full-time student you must be registered for 12 or more credits in order to be eligible for full-time financial aid.

**ENTRANCE COUNSELING**

If you are borrowing a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and/or the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan at BU for the first time, you must complete the Entrance Counseling requirement for each loan. You can complete this requirement at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

**MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE**

If you are borrowing a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and/or the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan for the first time, you must complete the Master Promissory Note requirement for each loan. You can complete this requirement at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

**BU MEDICAL INSURANCE**

If you are taking 9 or more credits in one semester, you will be charged for the University's medical insurance. If you have other, comparable medical insurance, you can waive the University's medical insurance in the Student Link at [www.bu.edu/studentlink](http://www.bu.edu/studentlink) under Money Matters, Medical Insurance. Please check the information carefully to make sure you don't miss the waiver deadline.

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