

Your Free Pass to a Passport Grant Application

Grant Information

Each semester, Boston University Study Abroad offers a limited number of grants and scholarships to eligible students. The Your Free Pass to a Passport Grant is based on financial need and students must submit both pages of the application.

The Your Free Pass to a Passport Grant covers the full cost of obtaining a first-time adult U.S. passport book (\$165.00) or renewal of a U.S. passport book (\$130.00). The grant does not cover the cost of passport photos, postage or expedited processing. The grant is awarded once a year for all semesters.

Please note: Passport processing time varies, with average processing time being 8-10 weeks, for standard processing. Please consider processing time and when your passport will be needed in the study abroad process when determining when to apply for the Your Free Pass to a Passport Grant. Students applying to study abroad for the spring semester should consider applying for this grant the year before they plan on studying abroad in order to receive their passport in time to apply for a visa.

Application Deadline:

January 15 Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters

Notification of Award:

- You may submit the grant application materials, prior to receiving an acceptance decision.
- If your grant application materials are complete by the deadline, you should receive an award decision within two weeks via email.
- Once checks are processed to cover the passport fees, students will be notified via email and expected to pick up the checks within two weeks and complete their passport application within one month for checks to remain valid. If the checks are not picked up, the grant will be voided.

Eligibility Guidelines & Application Instructions

Eligibility Guidelines:

- In order to be awarded the Your Free Pass to a Passport Grant, you must be considering a Boston University study abroad program.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and eligible for a U.S. passport
- Must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate BU student
- Must be Pell-eligible or provide demonstrated financial need
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Late applications will be considered depending on availability of funds.

Please use this form as a checklist when completing your application.

To Apply for the Your Free Pass to Passport Grant:

- Complete page 1 of the application and the student portion on page 2.
- Submit the application to the BU Office of Financial Assistance to have them complete page 2 of the grant application, and then submit the completed application directly to the BU Study Abroad office. The Office of Financial Assistance is not responsible for forwarding application materials. The student should submit the completed forms to BU Study Abroad before the application deadline.

Submit all Grant Application Materials:

Via mail:
Attention: Financial Aid Committee
Boston University Study Abroad
888 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02215
Fax: 617-353-5402

Via email:
abroad@bu.edu
Subject Line: Passport
Grant Application



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Printed Name of Student _____

BU I.D. # _____

With my signature below, I authorize the Office of Financial Assistance of my home institution to release the information requested on this form to Boston University Study Abroad.

Student Signature

Date

THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY A FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR (The student is responsible for submitting this form to the appropriate person for completion.)

Is the student eligible for federal financial aid? YES NO

Is the student eligible to receive financial aid through the home institution for the Boston University Study Abroad program? No application received to date YES NO

Loans: _____ \$ _____

Grants/Scholarships: _____ \$ _____

Other: _____ \$ _____

Expected family contribution for the current academic year \$ _____

Student's accumulated educational debt to date (exclude parental debt) \$ _____

If this student is awarded a Boston University Study Abroad Grant/Scholarship, will it affect his or her financial aid from your institution? Please explain:

Signature of Financial Aid Administrator

Date

Title

Printed name of Financial Aid Administrator

Email Address

Name and Address of College or University

Telephone#

Fax #