

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 provide their financial aid letter in order to be considered.

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 twice a year for all semesters.

Please note: Passport processing time varies, with average processing time being 6 to 8 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.

Application Deadlines:

January 15	recommended for Fall and Summer semesters
August 15	recommended for Spring semester

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 after the deadline 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.
- We do not reimburse students who've already applied to their passport.

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 a Passport Grant:

- ☐ Complete page 1 of the application.
- ☐ Download your financial aid award letter from MyBUStudent.
- ☐ Submit page 1 of the application with your award letter to BU Study Abroad

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

This form is to be completed in its entirety by the student. Please print legibly.

Are you applying for a first-time adult passport book or a passport book renewal?

- ☐ First-time Adult Passport Book
- ☐ Passport Book Renewal

Please explain what the Your Free Pass to a Passport Grant means to you and your ability to study or travel abroad:

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List all forms of financial aid you will receive for the program (loans, scholarships, grants, etc.):

Are you currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate BU student?

- ☐ Undergraduate
- ☐ Graduate

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