



Boston University School of Social Work

## **2019/2020 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). Please review your Student Aid Report carefully since most issues that need to be resolved will be indicated on your Student Aid Report. You may also receive an email from us requesting information.

**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 received and accepted.

**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 each semester, 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 <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>. You need to complete this requirement before a loan is processed for you.

**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 <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>. You need to complete this requirement before a loan is processed for you.

**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. BU medical insurance plan is no longer available to online students.

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