

FINANCIAL AID BULLETIN

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www.buffalostate.edu/financialaid

FINANCIAL AID ON THE INTERNET

U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid

Portal to find information on federal student aid:

www.studentaid.ed.gov

FAFSA on the Web

Fill out and transmit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid PIN

Used to electronically sign FAFSA, SAR corrections, check FAFSA status and aid history:

www.pin.ed.gov

Completing the FAFSA

Offers general information, overview of application process and detailed help with application questions:

www.studentaid.ed.gov/completefafsa

TAP on the Web

Complete TAP application online:

www.tapweb.org

New York State

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

View TAP/Stafford loan status; change TAP college code/address; Request duplicate TAP form; View TAP Application Instructions; complete Master Promissory Note (E-MPN):

www.hesc.com

Stafford Loan Entrance Interview

Select "Stafford Entrance" under the "complete Online Student Loan Counseling" to complete entrance interview:

www.mappingyourfuture.org

SUNY Student Loan Service Center

Service Federal Perkins Loans for SUNY campuses:

<http://slsc.albany.edu>

National Student Loan Data System

View loan and grant history. Useful for identifying the current loan holders:

www.nsls.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid Ombudsman

Resolves borrowers' disputes regarding loan problems:

www.ombudsman.ed.gov

FINANCIAL AID NUMBERS

FAFSA School Code: 002842

New York State TAP Code: 0905

Federal Student Aid Information Center

Application status checks, application assistance

Duplicate SARs, Loan tracking

1-800-433-3243

1-800-730-8913 for hearing-impaired

IRS Federal Tax Account Summary

1-800-829-1040

New York State

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

Federal Stafford Loan or TAP – inquiry

1-888-697-4372

1-518-473-1574

SUNY Student Loan Service Center

(Federal Perkins Loan repayment)

1-518-525-2626

U.S. Department of Education

Federal Student Aid Ombudsman

830 First Street, NE

Fourth Floor

Washington, DC 20202-5144

1-877-557-2575 (toll free)

Fax: 202-275-0549

Academic Standards

716-878-5222

Admissions Office

716-878-5713

Records & Registration

716-878-4811 / 878-4905

Student Accounts

716-878-4121

Financial Aid Office

Moot Hall 230

1300 Elmwood Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14222-1095

716-878-4902

Fax: 716-878-4903

Email: finaid@buffalostate.edu

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Though the FAFSA is available in paper form it is strongly recommended that students complete the FAFSA electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To expedite this process a student and the parent of a dependent student will need to have a federal pin number. Pin numbers can be requested at www.pin.ed.gov. The pin number serves as the individual's electronic signature on the FAFSA as well as other aid documents and gives access to confidential information on the Internet. For on time consideration, the FAFSA must be on file on or before March 1 for the fall semester or November 15 for the spring semester. Make sure to list Buffalo State College's federal code (002842) in the school section.

What Happens Next?

After submitting the FAFSA a student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processor. Students who supplied an e-mail address on the FAFSA will receive an e-mail with a link to an electronic version of the SAR on the web which they can access and print out. Review the SAR carefully for errors and the appropriate school listing(s). If errors are found, students must correct them. Contact the Financial Aid Office with questions.

Once a student files a FAFSA they can complete the TAP application electronically at www.tapweb.org. If you do not have Internet access, contact New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) for a paper application. Only when this procedure is completed will the student receive a valid TAP Award Certificate for the terms desired. Make sure that SUC Buffalo (0905) is listed in the college section.

When Will I Hear About My Awards?

After you submit the FAFSA we may notify you that you need to submit additional documents. Two to four weeks after all documents are received students will receive an award letter detailing their estimated financial aid eligibility. If the aid package includes a loan, work-study or certain scholarships, you must go to the Banner site at <https://banner.buffalostate.edu:8585> to accept or decline these funds. If this is your first time accepting a Federal Stafford Loan, you will need to complete an Electronic Master Promissory Note (EMPN) and an entrance interview. The EMPN can be completed at www.hesc.com and the entrance interview can be completed at www.mappingyourfuture.org. You must complete both to receive your loan. Continuing borrowers will receive an approval notice from their lender. The notice of your actual TAP award eligibility will come electronically from HESC.

Scholarships

Students can locate scholarships on Buffalo State College's website at www.buffalostate.edu/scholarship. There's a searchable scholarship database for both BSC and private scholarships. For further information, contact:

Scholarship Coordinator
Moot Hall 230
(716) 878-4902
scholarship@buffalostate.edu

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)

The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs to undergraduate and graduate students on and off campus. You must be awarded FWS before being considered for a job. For further information contact the Financial Aid Office.

Student Employment Office

The Student Employment Office located in the Career Development Center, provides a list of part-time jobs at www.buffalostate.edu/offices/cdc/joblist.html. For further information, contact:

Student Employment Office
Cleveland Hall 306
(716) 878-5811

Financial Aid Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am-6:00 pm

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