



Boston University School of Social Work

2025/2026 SSW STUDENT 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 completed FAFSA data can be found online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and is called the FAFSA Submission Summary. Please review your FAFSA Submission Summary carefully since most issues that need to be resolved will be indicated on it. You may also receive an email from the SSW Financial Aid Office 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. As 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 student 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://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling>. **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://studentaid.gov/mpn/grad/landing>. **You need to complete this requirement before a loan is processed for you.**

☐ **BU HEALTH INSURANCE**

If you are taking 9 or more credits in one semester, you will be charged for the University's health insurance. If you have other, comparable health insurance, you can waive the University's health insurance in the Student Portal at <https://www.bu.edu/mybu/>. Please check the information carefully to make sure that you do not miss the waiver deadline. The BU health insurance plan is not available to online students.

For more information, please contact the SSW Financial Aid Office at sswfa@bu.edu or 617-353-1333.