



Applying for Financial Aid

As a BW student, you may have questions about financial aid at Baldwin Wallace University. General information about federal, state, and BW financial aid is available on our website, www.bw.edu/finaid. Information about applying for financial aid is outlined below. Please note that BW's Financial Aid Office can only package financial aid awards for accepted students.

- ◇ Complete the FAFSA online (www.fafsa.gov). *BW's federal school code is **003014**.*
 - If possible, we encourage you to utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool within the FAFSA. This tool will import your prior-prior year's tax information directly into the FAFSA. If you do not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to complete the FAFSA, or are unable to use the tool for any reason, you may be required to submit additional information to the Financial Aid Office before your financial aid award can be finalized. For additional information - www.bw.edu/finaid/verification.
- ◇ You will need a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) from the Department of Education to electronically sign your (FAFSA). If you are a dependent student, a parent will also need a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) to sign your FAFSA. To create an FSA ID, visit fsaid.ed.gov.
- ◇ If additional information is required from you or your parents, BW Financial Aid will contact you.
- ◇ After reviewing your FAFSA and any other required information, you will receive your Financial Aid Award letter.
- ◇ Be sure to review your Financial Aid Award upon receipt. Certain types of financial aid may require additional action by you or your parent:
 - **Federal Direct Loans** have requirements for first time borrowers before the funds can be disbursed to your BW student billing account. More information, including step-by-step instructions for this process can be found on our website at www.bw.edu/finaid/loans/direct.
 - **Federal Direct Parent Loan** – PLUS, Private Education loans, or Federal Direct GradPLUS loans that are included as part of your Financial Aid Award require the borrower to request these funds each academic year. PLUS is a loan for parents of dependent students only. GradPLUS is a loan for graduate students only. Private Education loans can be used by any student. More detailed information on each program can be found on our website at www.bw.edu/finaid/loans.
- ◇ A list of scholarship resources outside of BW, can be found at www.bw.edu/finaid/outside.