



INFORMATION GUIDE

STUDENT LOAN ENTRANCE & EXIT COUNSELING

Online Entrance Counseling is required of all first time borrowers of Federal Direct and Perkins Loans.

For Direct Loan Entrance Counseling, logon to <http://www.dl.ed.gov> and click on the Entrance Counseling option. Follow the link to the Entrance Counseling tutorial. When you have completed the counseling session, be sure to print the results.

For Perkins Loan Entrance Counseling, logon to <http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/finaid/>, click on the Perkins Loan Entrance Interview option, and follow the instructions.



CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL AID HISTORY

Using your PIN, view information about federal grants and loans you have received by logging on to <http://www.nsls.ed.gov>.

CHECK YOUR APPLICATION STATUS

Logon to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> to check the results of your processed FAFSA and access your Student Aid Report (SAR). You may also correct any errors you made while filling out your application.

Check the status of your TAP application by logging on to <http://www.hesc.com>. You may change your TAP college or your home address or make other corrections to your NYS application.

CONDUCT YOUR OWN ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

BMCC awards more scholarships than any other CUNY college. Log on to <http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/finaid/> and click on "Scholarship Information" in the left hand column. Here you will find information and applications for scholarships that BMCC administers along with links to several free online scholarship search engines.

REGISTER WITH SELECTIVE SERVICE

If you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25 who has not yet registered with Selective Service, or if you wish to confirm your registration, log on to: <http://www.sss.gov> and follow the instructions.

FINANCIAL AID WEB LAB



WEB LAB N764

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Office of Financial Aid
199 Chambers Street
New York, New York 10007

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL AID WEB LAB?

The Financial Aid Web Lab provides students who don't have access to the internet the ability to both search and apply for a variety of financial aid programs online.

The lab provides web access to:

- ✓ apply for aid
- ✓ request a PIN
- ✓ make corrections
- ✓ check award status
- ✓ complete loan entrance/exit counseling
- ✓ view information about loans and grants you have received
- ✓ register with selective service
- ✓ search for scholarships

Financial Aid Web Lab Hours:

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

The Lab is located in room N764

The Financial Aid Web Lab is equipped with 12 computers and staffed with financial aid representatives who will help you take full advantage of on-line financial aid services.



HOW TO USE THE LAB TO APPLY FOR AID ONLINE

✓ Step One: Get your PIN!

The Federal Student Aid PIN is a personal identification number you use to access various online financial aid services provided by the U.S. Dept. of Education. Your PIN serves as an electronic signature for FAFSA on the Web. If you're a dependent student, your parents can sign your online FAFSA electronically with their own PINs.

If you and a parent don't already have a PIN, you can both request one at: <http://www.pin.ed.gov>. You will be able to view your PIN instantly or have it emailed to you immediately.

You can also use your PIN to:

- ✓ view and print your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ✓ make corrections to your information after your application has been processed
- ✓ view information about federal loans and grants you've already received
- ✓ reapply for financial aid in the future

Be sure to safeguard your PIN. Don't lose it or share it with others, even if you have someone else help you with your application.

Get Your PIN Today

✓ Step Two: Print the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet

We suggest you complete the FAFSA on the Web Worksheet before filing FAFSA on the Web. The questions on the worksheet follow the order of the FAFSA on the Web questions. Using the worksheet will help you stay on track as you go along.

✓ Step Three: Complete FAFSA on the Web

Log on to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> to electronically file your application. You will be provided instructions as you go along. If you miss a required item or enter an invalid answer, you will be prompted to furnish missing or corrected information.

HINT

Provide a valid email address when submitting your online FAFSA. You will receive an e-mail with a link to your SAR on the Web in no more than 5 days.

✓ Step Four: Sign Your FAFSA and Print The Confirmation Page

When you have finished, be sure to print the Confirmation Page as proof you have filed your FAFSA.

✓ Step Five: File TAP on the Web

Before leaving the Confirmation page, click on the link for New York State residents to complete TAP on the Web. This will allow you to apply for NYS tuition assistance programs.