



Applying for Financial Aid

► Which Financial Aid application should I submit?

FAFSA: If you are a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, submit a *FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Aid*, studentaid.gov.

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WAFSA: If you are unable to submit a FAFSA, submit a *WAFSA-Washington Application for State Financial Aid* at wsac.wa.gov.

Processing:

- Expect 7-10 business days for your application to be uploaded into our system
- Priority Processing Dates:

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| Summer Quarter | May 1 |
| Fall Quarter | June 1 |
| Winter Quarter | Oct 1 |
| Spring Quarter | Feb 1 |

► Complete all “To Do” list items in your BTC ctcLink Student account

- “To Do” list items are forms or documents that must be submitted before your financial aid will be processed.
- Read all forms carefully for guidelines.
- See Priority Deadlines below.
 - Students will receive a financial aid offer before the start of the quarter if applications and documents are submitted by priority deadlines.
- > **New students** must apply for admission to BTC to access your ctcLink student account. www.btc.edu/FutureStudents

Submitting Documents:

- A physical signature in pen is required
- For security reasons, do not email sensitive information such as tax or citizenship documents, identification, or paystubs.
- Some documents won’t be accepted by email such as release of information.

► Register for Classes

- Register for classes as soon as available.
- Students who are registered for classes are given priority awarding over those not yet enrolled.

*Financial aid is default awarded at full-time enrollment (12+ credits) for program required credits.

When can I register for class?

See the BTC Registration Calendar www.btc.edu/Calendar

**Taking less than 12 credits?*

Submit an *Enrollment Revision Form* before the quarter starts.

Priority Deadlines

- Students who submit the FAFSA/WAFSA *and* all required documents by the priority deadlines *and* register for class(es) will receive a financial aid offer before the start of the quarter.
- Submitting after the priority deadlines?
- Please contact us to discuss expectations, timelines, and alternative payment options.

| FAFSA/WASFA Submission | Document Submission |
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| Summer quarter – May 1 | Summer quarter – June 1 |
| Fall quarter – June 1 | Fall quarter – July 1 |
| Winter quarter – October 1 | Winter quarter – November 1 |
| Spring quarter – February 1 | Spring quarter – March 1 |

Refund Preference with BankMobile Disbursements

After financial aid is awarded, students receive instructions to set up a BankMobile account.

- Financial aid first applies to students BTC ctcLink Student account to pay tuition and fees.
- Any remaining funds are sent to the student as a refund using BankMobile Disbursements by direct deposit or check.
 - BTC initiates a BankMobile account then students receive an email with a set up link and personal code to complete the setup of the account.
 - Do you have a BankMobile account with another college?

*If you have a previous BankMobile account with another college, contact our office. A different email must be used to set up a profile for BTC.

Contact BankMobile:

1-877-327-9515

1-866-309-7454

Hours of Operation:

Eastern Time 7 days a week from
8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Additional Funding Resources:

WorkForce Funding

Are you currently receiving food benefits, or have you received unemployment benefits in the last four years?

WorkForce Funding is available to eligible students before financial aid is finalized or to fill gaps in funding.

For more information, www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/FinancialResources/WorkForceFunding.html

Scholarships

Scholarship resources available on the Scholarship webpage at www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/FinancialResources

The BTC Foundation Scholarship applications are open to all BTC students. Over 130 scholarships are available using one simple application. Typically, applications open mid-April with a due date at the end of June.

For more information, www.btc.edu/AboutBTC/BTCFoundation

Work Study

Work Study is a form of financial aid that pays students directly as they work. Review eligibility requirements and open positions before completing the application at www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/FinancialResources/WorkStudy.html

Student Loans

Student loans can come from the federal government, from private sources such as a bank or financial institution, or from other organizations. Please contact the Student Financial Aid office to discuss options.

Veteran's Benefits

VA education benefits help Veterans, service members, and their qualified family members pay college related expenses such as tuition, textbooks, etc. www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/StudentResources/VeteransSupport.html#VeteransSupport

Passport to Careers

A scholarship and support services for former foster youth and unaccompanied homeless youth.

www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/FinancialResources/Passport.html

Questions and More Information

Location: College Services Building – CS Suite 101

Office hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 am – 5 pm, Friday 8 am- 12 pm

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Website: www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/FinancialResources

Student Financial Aid Handbook: www.btc.edu/CurrentStudents/FinancialResources/index.html