
FINANCIAL AID BULLETIN

2016-2017

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

Financial Aid Office

<http://financialaid.buffalostate.edu>

FINANCIAL AID ON THE INTERNET

U.S. Department of Education

Portal to find information about going to college:

www.studentaid.ed.gov

U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid

Portal for all things related to federal aid:

www.studentaid.ed.gov

FSA ID

The Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID is used to electronically sign or edit your FAFSA, make SAR corrections, check FAFSA status, and view aid history:

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

FAFSA on the Web

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

TAP on the Web

Complete New York State TAP application online:

www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/

NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

View TAP status; change TAP college code/address; Request duplicate TAP form; View TAP Application Instructions:

www.hesc.ny.gov

Federal Direct Student Loans

Complete Federal Direct & Federal PLUS MPN's; complete entrance and exit counseling; general loan info:

www.studentloans.gov

SUNY Student Loan Service Center

Complete Perkins Master Promissory Note and Entrance Interview:

<http://slsc.albany.edu>

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

View aid history; complete TEACH exit counseling:

www.nsls.ed.gov

Loan Consolidation

Apply for a consolidation loan:

www.studentloans.gov

Federal Student Aid Ombudsman

Resolves borrowers' disputes regarding loan problems:

www.studentaid.ed.gov

FINANCIAL AID NUMBERS

FAFSA School Code: 002842

New York State TAP Code: 0905

Federal Student Aid Information Center

FAFSA application status or assistance

Duplicate student aid report (SAR)

1-800-433-3243

1-800-730-8913 for hearing-impaired

1-319-337-5665 (callers without access to 800 numbers)

IRS Federal Tax Transcripts

1-800-829-1040

www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript

New York State

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

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 Group

P.O. Box 1843

Monticello, KY 42633

1-877-557-2575 (toll free)

1-202-377-3800

Fax: 606-396-4821

Admissions Office

716-878-5713

Records & Registration

716-878-4811

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

Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. To expedite this process, a student and the parent of a dependent student will need to have a federal FSA ID and password. Individuals apply for the FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm. The FSA ID serves as the individual's **electronic signature on the FAFSA**, as well as other aid documents, and provides access to confidential information on the Internet. For on-time consideration, the FAFSA must be on file by March 1st for the fall semester or November 15th for the spring semester. Be sure to list Buffalo State College's federal school code (002842) in the college section.

A grant is also available for New York State residents. To apply, students should complete the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application at www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/. Be sure that the SUC Buffalo (0905) state school code is listed in the college section.

When Will I Hear About My Awards?

Once Buffalo State receives your FAFSA information from the federal processor, it will be reviewed. At that time it may become necessary to request additional documentation before we are able to determine your eligibility for aid. In most cases, two to four weeks after all paperwork is received and reviewed; 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 log in to Banner at banner.buffalostate.edu to accept or decline these funds.

All students who wish to borrow a loan must:

- complete a Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and;
- complete an Entrance Interview

Complete both tasks at: www.studentloans.gov. Failure to do so will prevent your loans from disbursing.

New York Higher Education Service Corporation (HESC) will notify students via email when the TAP Award Certificate is available for viewing on their website. This occurs after the state budget is passed, sometime in spring/summer.

Scholarships

Students can locate scholarship information at financialaid.buffalostate.edu/scholarships. The site promotes Buffalo State scholarships along with resources for searching other scholarships from external sources. Buffalo State is migrating all scholarships to a new system called AcademicWorks. AcademicWorks will provide a centralized location for all scholarships and streamline the process for students. Scholarships will be migrated over the course of the spring 2016 and fall 2016 semesters. If you have questions, email scholarship@buffalostate.edu.

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)

The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs to undergraduate and graduate students on and off campus. Students must be awarded FWS before being considered for a job. More students are awarded work-study than there are available positions so motivated students must be diligent in seeking a position at the start of the semester. The work-study job postings are made available in the Online Resource for Career Advancement (ORCA) one week prior to the start of the fall/spring semesters. ORCA Access: buffalostate-csm.symphlicity.com/students/

Student Employment Office

The Student Employment Office, located in the Career Development Center, provides a list of part-time jobs at buffalostate-csm.symphlicity.com/students. For further information, contact: Student Employment Office, Cleveland Hall 306, (716) 878-5811.

Textbook Deferments

If students have aid in excess of their charges, they can request a textbook deferment before the fall, spring, and summer semesters through the first week of class. The deferment allows students to purchase books and supplies in the campus bookstore before their aid is disbursed. Student campus identification is required at the time of purchase or pickup at the bookstore. Book deferments can be requested online in Banner or in-person at the Financial Aid or Student Accounts Office. More information: financialaid.buffalostate.edu/maximize-textbook-deferment.

Financial Aid Office Hours

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

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