

Summary of the Financial Aid Overview Video

Financial Aid Office

Reviews FAFSAs and awards financial aid

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Business Office

Handles billing, payments, stipends, direct deposit, and 1098Ts

- Be sure to submit a Direct Deposit Form to your college's Business Office
 - Finance forms located at www.schs.edu/students/financial-aid/forms

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How to Apply for Financial Aid

There are three mandatory steps each student must complete to apply for financial aid

1. FAFSA (create an FSA ID if you do not have one, parents need separate FSA ID)
2. Entrance Counseling
3. Master Promissory Note

All these steps can be completed at studentaid.gov

FAFSA FAQs

1. What is the school code for SCHS?
 - a. 012744
2. Am I a dependent or independent student? An independent student must be one of the following:
 - a. 24 years old before the date FAFSA specifies
 - b. Married
 - c. Have a child and provide at least 50% of the child's financial support
3. What taxes do I use when completing the FAFSA?
 - a. Taxes from 2 years prior
 - i. For example, for the 24-25 academic year you will use 2022 taxes.
4. What is my Grade Level and Degree for the FAFSA?
 - a. SCHS students start as *Freshman (either option)* and will choose *associate degree (either option)*
5. Am I working on a master's or doctorate?
 - a. No

Ways to pay for College

- Federal Financial Aid
 - Federal Student Loans
 - Federal Parent PLUS loans
 - Pell Grant (need based)
- Guild Tuition Benefit
 - For Bon Secours Employees
 - FAFSA is required
 - Guild application required prior to semester
- Private Loans
 - Options on our website
- Veteran's Benefits
 - Certificate of Eligibility is required
- Outside Scholarships
 - Outside scholarship form must be submitted
- 529 plans
 - Third party authorization form is required
- Tuition Reimbursement from a non-BSMH employer
 - Letter of intent is required
 - Third party authorization form is required

Financial Aid Counseling

- Personalized financial estimate
- Detailed explanation of options
- Discuss your plans and next steps
- Answer questions

Financial Aid Awarding Process

- Award Letter notification via email sent after all required paperwork has been submitted and reviewed
- Log into the student portal to accept, reduce, or decline federal student loans
 - This is a required step
 - Grants and scholarships are already accepted

Payment Deadline

- Should you need to make a payment to the school:
 - Payments can be made through your Student Portal
 - Preferred payment deadline is 2 weeks before classes start
 - Final payment deadline is at noon the Friday before classes start

Resources

- College Website www.schs.edu/students/financial-aid
- Federal Student Aid Website studentaid.gov
- The Financial Aid Department

One of your biggest resources is going to be me. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions!

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