

Student Aid Newsletter

Welcome to the Bowdoin Student Aid Newsletter. Here to help continuing students navigate financial aid at Bowdoin.

Spring 2018



Is Your 2018–2019 Aid Application Complete? Check Your MyAid Portal

Financial aid awards for 2018–2019 will be released in June. Don't be surprised to discover that your financial aid application wasn't complete! Take a few minutes to double-check that you've submitted all the required documents. Visit your [MyAid](#) portal, and check "documents."

Remember, your [MyAid](#) portal is a great source of information for all your financial aid needs. Stay up to date on the following:

- Your Aid Award
- Documents and Messages
- Loan History
- Forms and Resources
- Disbursements



Speaking of Your MyAid Portal: New Login Requirements

As of March 28, login requirements for your [MyAid](#) portal will change. You'll still use your Bowdoin ID as your "Student ID" but your PIN will need to be upgraded to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum of nine characters
- Uppercase and lowercase letters
- At least one number
- At least one symbol

If you've given your parent(s) access to your portal, be sure to update them with your new password information.

You'll need to change your password periodically. Don't worry, you'll get a reminder! Let us know if you need assistance.



Off-Campus Study: Understand Your Financial Aid

Planning on studying away next year? You can take your financial aid with you!

After the Off-Campus Study Office (OCS) lets the Office of Student Aid know where you will be studying, we will review your aid and make adjustments based on the cost of the program you'll be attending. We will let you know when we've updated your award so you can view it on your [MyAid](#) portal.

Want to be certain you understand what your aid will look like while you are away? Our [Off-Campus Study](#) tip sheet is loaded with information. *We also encourage you to set up an appointment with your financial aid counselor.* Your counselor can give you an aid estimate, and explain the ins and outs of how we determine aid when you study off campus. Not sure who your aid counselor is? Check out the "Contact Us" box below.



Living Off Campus?

If you are planning to live off campus next year and/or considering reducing your meal plan, review our [Financial Aid and Living Off Campus](#) tip sheet to be sure you've thought of everything. Still not sure you understand how financial aid will work if you don't live on campus? Contact the Office of Student Aid at sao@bowdoin.edu, or 207-725-3144.



Don't Forget About Outside Scholarships!

At Bowdoin we let you benefit from your outside scholarships as much as possible. What does that mean? In most cases, any scholarships you receive will replace your summer work expectation (\$2,300) and campus job expectation (\$1,900) first. If you receive more than \$4,200 in outside scholarships, either your parent contribution or the Bowdoin Grant will be reduced, depending on federal regulations.

Check out our [Outside Scholarships](#) tip sheet for more information and resources.

Want to discuss your specific circumstances? Contact the Office of Student Aid at sao@bowdoin.edu or 207-725-3144.



Senior Section

Congratulations! You're set to graduate from Bowdoin, and start planning the next phase of your life. Don't forget that repaying your student loans needs to be part of your plan.

This spring, graduating seniors who have borrowed federal student loans should attend a student loan exit counseling session. During the counseling session, you will learn important information about your post-graduation loan repayment obligations. Make sure you're ready, and have the information you need!

- Loan Types and Servicers
- Loan Stages
- Repayment Plans
- Delinquency/Default
- Forgiveness/Cancellation
- Consolidation
- Repayment Calculator
- How to Pay

Check your email to register for an upcoming group session.



Important Dates for Fall

We want you to have a great summer, but we also want you to stay on top of deadlines for the fall. Here are a few to keep in mind!

- Mid-June: 2018–2019 financial aid awards released
- June 15: Off-Campus Study (OCS) Aid/Disbursement Survey available
- July 6: Charges for the Fall 2018 semester are released
- July 6: Student Payment Survey available
- August 3: Fall bill is due
- August 3: Health insurance waiver deadline
- August 3: Installment payment plan deadline



Contact Us—We're Here to Help!

Please feel free to be in touch any time throughout the year. Whether you're thinking about off-campus study, have had a change in your family circumstances, or just want to chat, we'll be happy to see or hear from you.

- 207-725-3144
- SAO@bowdoin.edu
- Ashby House: 254 Maine Street, open 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., M-F

WHO IS YOUR AID COUNSELOR?

If your last name begins with:

- A-F:** Steph Haines, shaines@bowdoin.edu, 207-725-3239
 - G-L:** Mike Bartini, mbartini@bowdoin.edu, 207-725-3146
 - M-SD:** Andrea Cross, across@bowdoin.edu, 207-725-3531
 - SE-Z:** LK Gagnon, lgagnon@bowdoin.edu, 207-725-3971
- Have a great summer, and we hope to see you soon in the Office of Student Aid.

Questions?

Call us at 207-725-3144, email us at sao@bowdoin.edu, or stop by Ashby House at 254 Maine Street.