

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

At Bryant University, the Office of Financial Aid administers a wide variety of programs designed to assist students in meeting the cost of their education. Academic scholarships and need-based grants, as well as education loans and part-time student employment are among the many programs administered by the Office of Financial Aid in its ongoing effort to serve Bryant's students and their families. The total volume of all financial aid programs, including education loans and benefits, at Bryant University exceeds \$109 million in annual volume.

All Bryant students are strongly encouraged to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the U.S. Department of Education, annually through www.fafsa.ed.gov (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>), regardless of their family's financial circumstances. This enables students to gain valuable and current information pertaining to eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study funds.

Introductory Note

Financial assistance is available to college students in three forms. The first is the grant or scholarship, which typically does not require repayment. The second is the education loan, which the student and/or parent is required to repay over time. Manageable repayment periods and low interest rates generally characterize these programs. The third type of financial assistance is part-time employment. In this type of program, students are paid hourly wages for working up to 20 hours per week during the school year.