

Financial Aid - Academic Year 2027-2028

Application Deadlines

Early Action	Regular Decision	Late Admission	Fall Transfer
November 1	January 15	May 1	February 15

Required Documents

Please use the checklist below to make sure that all requirements are complete. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Applications and supporting documentation should be uploaded to the Financial Aid area of your applicant portal. You should receive login details for the portal via email within 24 hours of submitting your admission application.

☐ **Bard College Berlin Financial Aid Application**

The application must be completed and signed by the applicant and their parents. We recommend using a PDF editor such as Adobe Acrobat.

☐ **Supporting Documents**

You must provide proof for the information included in your financial statement form. If a document is not issued in English or German, the original must be submitted with a translation. The examples listed below are non-exhaustive. If further documents are required during the review process, you will be notified by the Financial Aid Office.

Proof of income

- Recent tax return (preferred) **OR** 3 recent pay slips or bank statements. Include your own (if applicable) and both parents.
- Proof of any additional income (e.g., child support, alimony, rental income, government benefits)
- If self-employed: Profit and loss statements & business tax return
- Unemployment benefits statement and termination/layoff letter (if applicable)

Proof of employment

- Statement from employer or work contract

Proof of debts and liabilities

- Loan statements (e.g., student loans, car loans, credit card statements)
- Documentation of monthly debt obligations.

Other Documents

- Scholarship/award notification letter

☐ **FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (US citizens and permanent residents only)**

In addition to Bard College Berlin's financial aid form, US citizens and permanent residents must submit a [FAFSA](#) to school code **002671** (Bard College, NY). Please include a copy of your FAFSA submission confirmation in your supporting documents.

Confidentiality & data protection

All application details, submissions, and related conversations are strictly confidential. Your data is processed in accordance with data protection guidelines and reviewed by trained staff on a need-to-know basis.

Resources: [Tuition and Fees](#) | [Financial Aid](#) | [Scholarships](#) | [Payment Options & Deadlines](#)

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Instructions

Students seeking need-based financial aid and scholarships should complete this application. Applicants will be automatically considered for all forms of institutional aid for which they are eligible. Most questions on the Student Financial Statement Form are self-explanatory. Below are instructions for questions that require further explanation.

- Answer all questions that apply to you and your family. If a particular section does not apply to you, indicate "n/a" (not applicable) in the field.
- Convert all currency figures to **EUR (€)** before entering them on the form.

Section A - Applicant Information: This section pertains to the student who is applying for aid.

Section B - Family Information: In this application, "parents" means the custodial parent(s) - the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) with whom the student lives. If the student's biological or adoptive parents are divorced/separated, the custodial parents are the parents with whom the student has lived the most in the 12 months prior to filling the application. If the custodial parent has remarried, "parents" includes the student's biological/adoptive parent and stepparent.

Section D - Asset Information: Asset information pertains to the parents or to the student and the student's family if the student is married and lives independently of the parents. Write in the value of assets and, where asked, any debt against the asset as of the time you complete this application.

Section E - Expenses: Write in the annual amount your family spent on the items listed. If you do not know the actual amount, please estimate.

You must provide proof for the information included in your application, such as tax returns, loan statements, etc. See the checklist on page 1.

Section A - Applicant Information

1. First Name	
2. Last Name	
3. Preferred Name	
4. Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
5. Place of birth	
6. Citizenship(s)	
7. Marital Status	☐ Married ☐ Not married
8. If married, how many people are financially dependent on you?	
9. Email address	
10. Permanent Address	

11. What is the official exchange rate of your country's currency to the EUR (€) today? For example, US\$1.13 = €1.

Please use this rate to convert all figures in this application into EUR.

	= €1	
Local currency		Date accessed

Section B – Family Information:

12. Parents' marital status:

☐ Married/domestic partnership ☐ Separated/ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Remarried ☐ Never married

Parent 1

Name _____

Relationship _____

Age _____

Address _____

Occupation/Title _____

Employer _____

Years with employer _____

Parent 2

Name _____

Relationship _____

Age _____

Address _____

Occupation/Title _____

Employer _____

Years with employer _____

13. How many people, including yourself, depend on the family's income for daily expenses? _____

14. Provide information for all family members you included in Q.8 and Q.13.

Use additional sheets of paper if necessary. List amounts in EUR.

Family Member			Educational Information 2026-27						Educational Information 2027-28		
Full Name	Age	Relation*	Name of School	Year in School	Tuition Fees	Room & Board	Scholarship Aid	Family Contribution	Name of School	Total Cost	Family Contribution

*Code for relation to applicant: 1=parent; 2=stepparent; 3=legal guardian; 4=sibling/stepsibling; 5=spouse; 6=child; 7=grandparent

Section C - Financial Information

15. Does your government currently restrict the exchange of funds with Germany? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain restrictions:

16. Do you have a source of emergency funds once you arrive in Germany? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name your source of funds and amount available in EUR (€)

Amount

Source

17. Please indicate your source of funds for your transportation costs to Berlin:

Amount

Source

18. What is the total amount of money you expect to have for personal expenses when you arrive to the College?

_____ Amount _____ Source

19. Do you plan to remain in Germany during the summer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name source of funds and amount available in EUR (€)

_____ Amount _____ Source

20. During 2025/2026, how much of household income (before taxes/expenses) came from the following sources?

Please use the year for which you have the most complete information. Amounts should be in EUR.

Parent 1 work	_____	Family business	_____	Interest/dividends	_____
Parent 2 work	_____	Family real estate holdings	_____	Housing/food/living support	_____
Your work	_____	Pension/annuity/retirement	_____	Other (explain in Section G)	_____
Your spouse's work	_____	Other household members	_____		

21. Will there be a significant increase or decrease in your family's income next year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain:

Section D - Asset Information

22. Does your family own its house? ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____	_____	_____	_____
Year purchased	Original purchase price (€)	Amount still owed (€)	Present market value (€)

23. Does your family own a business? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date business commenced _____

Your family's share of business value (€) _____

Your family's share of business indebtedness (€) _____

Type of business _____

24. Please list the value of the following family assets (if applicable):

Land and buildings
(other than home or business) _____

Indebtedness
on other land/buildings _____

Savings _____

Investments
(such as stocks and bonds) _____

Assets owned by student _____

Money owed to family by others _____

Repayment of money owed expected this year _____

Other
(jewelry, artwork, antiques, etc.) _____

25. Do you or your family have money, property, or assets in another country? ☐ Yes ☐ No

26. If yes in Q. 25, complete the grid below. Please also include the amounts in Q. 24 above.

	Value (€)	In which countries?	Asset Owner
Money			
Property			
Assets			

Section E - Expenses

27. During 2025/2026, how much did your family spend on the following expenses?
Please use the year for which you have the most complete information. Amounts should be in EUR.

Rent or mortgage	_____	Savings/retirement	_____
Utilities	_____	Automobile maintenance	_____
Food	_____	Insurance (health & property)	_____
Clothing	_____	Entertainment	_____
Household necessities	_____	Vacations	_____
Medical expenses	_____	Other (explain in Section G)	_____
Educational expenses	_____		
Loan payments	_____		
Taxes	_____		

28. How much money does your family owe to other people or financial institutions? _____

29. Reason for debt: _____

30. How much debt was repaid in 2025/2026? _____

31. Does your family employ other people? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many in the home? _____

If yes, how many in the family business? _____

Section F - Educational Support

32. In the table below, please specify the **amount** in EUR you expect to be able to contribute to the comprehensive fee from the sources listed below. More information on tuition and fees can be found [here](#).

	2027-28 (annual)	2028-29 (annual)	2029-30 (annual)	2030-31 (annual)
Student's earnings				
Student's assets				
Family's income				
Family's assets				
Relatives and friends				
Your government				
Private sponsor (explain in Section G)				
Other (explain in Section G)				

33. List agencies, foundations other than Bard College Berlin to which you are applying for financial assistance, e.g. FAFSA, BAföG, government loans and grants, third-party scholarships, (if more than two, please attach a list):

Agency/Foundation	Application Date	Notification Date	Expected Annual Amount

Section G - Explanation/Special Circumstances

34. Please use this space to explain any special circumstances or share financial details that are not reflected in the rest of this application. Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Certification and Authorization

We declare that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. Bard College Berlin has our permission to verify the reported information by obtaining documentation as needed. We understand that we must notify the Financial Aid Office if our financial situation changes. We recognize that providing fraudulent information is grounds for terminating the application process or, if admission has already been granted, jeopardizing our continued funding.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Consent to use of electronic notification

I hereby grant Bard College Berlin permission to send my financial aid award notification to the email address indicated below. By signing, I acknowledge that email is an insecure medium and release the college from any liability should a breach of privacy occur. This permission remains in effect until I revoke it in writing.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

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