

Financial Aid Renewal - Academic Year 2027-2028

Application Deadlines

Returning Students

April 1

Required Documents

Please use the checklist below to make sure that all requirements are complete. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

☐ **Bard College Berlin Financial Aid Renewal 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)**

US citizens and permanent residents must renew their [FAFSA](#) each year and send it to school code **002671** (Bard College, NY). Please include a copy of your FAFSA submission confirmation in your supporting documents.

Submission

Please complete this [form](#) in order to submit your renewal documentation. You will be asked to upload this application along with your supporting documents in a single PDF file.

Confidentiality & data protection

All application details, submissions, and related conversations are strictly confidential. Your information is processed in accordance with data protection guidelines and is reviewed solely 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 receiving an institutional scholarship or financial aid must complete the Financial Aid Renewal Application each academic year. Institutional aid is generally awarded for the regular period of study, i.e. four consecutive years (8 semesters). For transfer students, the duration of your award will be aligned with your projected graduation following your official credit transfer.

- 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 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. Citizenship(s) _____

6. Marital Status ☐ Married ☐ Not married

If married, how many people are
financially dependent on you?

7. Did you receive a scholarship/financial aid from Bard College Berlin in 2026-27? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate the amount awarded in EUR (€):

_____ Amount

8. 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:

9. Parents' marital status:

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

Parent 1	Parent 2
Name _____	Name _____
Relationship _____	Relationship _____
Age _____	Age _____
Address _____	Address _____
Occupation/Title _____	Occupation/Title _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Years with employer _____	Years with employer _____

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

11. Provide information for all family members you included in Q.6 and Q.10. Attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.

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 Amount	Name of School	Total Cost	Family Contribution Amount

*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

12. 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 _____	

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

If yes, explain:

Section D - Asset Information

14. Does your family own their house? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

15. 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 _____

16. 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
(stocks, bonds, etc.) _____

Assets owned by student _____

Money owed to family by
others _____

Repayment of money owed
expected this year _____

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

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

18. If yes, complete the grid below. Include the amounts in Q. 26 above.

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

Section E - Expenses

19. 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 _____

Utilities _____

Food _____

Clothing _____

Household necessities _____

Medical expenses _____

Educational expenses _____

Loan payments _____

Taxes _____

Savings/retirement _____

Automobile maintenance _____

Insurance (health & property) _____

Entertainment _____

Vacations _____

Other _____

Please explain:

20. How much money does your family owe to other people or financial institutions? _____
21. Reason for debt: _____
22. How much debt was repaid in 2025/2026? _____
23. 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 – Student Financial Information & Educational Support

24. Student's Annual Income

	2026 in EUR	2027 in EUR (estimated)
Applicant's earnings – On-campus Employment	_____	_____
Applicant's earnings – Off-campus Employment	_____	_____
Other (explain in Section G)	_____	_____
Total net income	_____	_____

25. Student's Annual Expenses

	2026 in EUR	2027 in EUR (estimated)
Food, clothing, personal care, telephone:	_____	_____
Travel, transportation	_____	_____
Annual taxes paid/social security contributions	_____	_____
Medical/dental costs (not covered by insurance)	_____	_____
Other (explain in Section G)	_____	_____
Total expenses	_____	_____

26. 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)
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)			

27. 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

28. Please use this space to explain any special circumstances or share financial details that are not reflected in the rest of this application. Use 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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