

Financial Aid Application

Application Deadlines

Early Action
November 1

Regular Decision
January 15

Late Admission
May 1

Spring Transfer
October 15

Fall Transfer
February 15

Checklist of Required Documents

Please use the following checklist to make sure that your financial aid requirements are complete.

Bard College Berlin's Financial Statement Form

Fully completed, printed out and signed by the applicant and parents. Please do not leave any fields blank. If a particular section or field does not apply to you, indicate "n/a" (not applicable) in the space provided. Forms with blank fields will be considered incomplete.

Supporting Documents

These documents help us verify your financial situation. Please provide proof for all the information included in your financial statement form. Documents not issued in English or German must be submitted with a translation. If any further documents are required during the review process, you will be notified by the Financial Aid Office.

Proof of income: accepted document types

- Recent tax returns: your own (if applicable) and both of your parents.
- 3 recent bank statements or paystips
- Proof of any additional income (e.g., child support, alimony, rental income)
- Profit and loss statements (if self-employed).
- Business tax returns (if self-employed).
- Unemployment benefits statement and termination/layoff letter (if applicable)

Proof of employment: accepted document types

- Statement from employer or work contract

Proof of debts and liabilities: accepted document types

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

Other Documents:

- Scholarship/award notification letter

For US citizens only: FAFSA

In addition to Bard College Berlin's financial aid form, US citizens are required to complete and submit the FAFSA school code **002671** for Bard College, NY. Please include a copy of your FAFSA submission confirmation along with your supporting documents.

Double-check that all items above are complete and upload them to your applicant portal by the deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

Resources: [Scholarships](#) | [Financial Aid](#) | [External Aid](#) | [Tuition and Fees](#) | [Payment Schedule](#)

Student Financial Statement

Academic year 2025-26

Confidentiality & data protection

Information contained in financial aid applications (as well as conversations with the student, family or agency) is strictly confidential and processed according to data protection guidelines.

Applications will be reviewed by trained staff and approved by the Financial Aid Office and its committee only.

Which funds will you apply for to cover the cost of attendance at Bard College Berlin in 2025-26?

Government funding:

FAFSA(USA)

BAföG (Germany)

other relevant government loans or grants

External scholarship(s):

Bard College Berlin institutional scholarships:

Please submit Section A-G and signed 'Certification and Authorization' and Consent Form' along with your supporting documents.

Academy Year Scholarship
AP Capstone Scholarship
Berlin Scholarship
First Generation Scholarship
Global Citizen Scholarship
Global Fellow Scholarship
IB Scholarship
Jens Reich Scholarship

Open Europe Scholarship
PIESC
Scholarship in Aesthetics
Scholarship in Art
Scholarship in Literary Arts
Scholarship in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
UWC Scholarship
Voluntary Engagement Scholarship

For a full description of scholarships and eligibility, [please visit this link>>](#)

Bard College Berlin need-based institutional financial aid:

Please submit Section A-G and signed 'Certification and Authorization' and 'Consent Form' along with your supporting documents.

Student Financial Statement

Academic year 2025-26

Guidelines for completing the 2025-26 Bard College Berlin Student Financial Statement

Students wishing to apply for need-based financial aid and scholarships should complete the Student Financial Statement. Candidates will be automatically considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. Please see our website for more information on available scholarships:
<http://www.berlin.bard.edu/admissions/finances/scholarships/>

Answer all questions that apply to you and your family. Convert all currency figures to EUR (€) before entering them on the form.

Some of the questions on the Student Financial Statement Form are self-explanatory; the instructions that follow are only provided that may need further explanation.

Section A - Student's Information

This section pertains to the student who is applying for aid.

Section B - Family Information

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

13. Write in the number of people who live in your parents' household and are supported by their income.

14. Complete all parts of this question. Include family members counted as your dependents in question and/or counted as your parents' dependents in question 13.

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.

Please provide supporting documentation in addition to this form. Please send copies of tax return forms / statement from employer / other confirmations of information provided in the financial statement form.

Section A - Student's Information

1. Name:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

2. . Which program are you applying for?

3. E-mail:

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BA

4. Current address:

Street, Number, Apt., etc.

City

State

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Telephone (including country and city code)

5. Mailing address (if different from above):

Street, Number, Apt., etc.

City

State

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Telephone (including country and city code)

6. Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

9. Marital status:

Married

7. Place of birth:

Not married

8. Present citizenship:

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

Section B - Parents' Information

10. Your parents' marital status:

Married or in a domestic relationship

Separated/ Divorced

Widowed

Remarried

Never married

Other:

11. Parent 1 Name:

12. Parent 2 Name:

Last Name

First Name

Age

Last Name

First Name

Age

Relationship:

Relationship:

Address:

Address:

Occupation/Title:

Occupation/Title:

Employer:

Employer:

Number of years with current employer:

Number of years with current employer:

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

14. List each dependant. Provide information for all family members you included in q.13 above. Exclude yourself.

Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Full name of family member	Relation-ship to you*	Age	Educational Information 2024 - 25					Educational Information 2025- 26				
			Name of school/ college	Year in school/ college	Tuition/ Fees	Room and board	Scholarships/ Gift aid	Amount of parents' contribution	Name of school/ college	Total cost	Amount of parents' contribution	

*Code: 1=parent; 2=stepparent; 3=legal guardian; 4=brother/sister/stepbrother/stepsister; 5=spouse; 6=son/daughter; 7=grandparent

Section C - Financial Information

15. What documentation will you be providing to verify income and asset information requested on the form?

Tax return (preferred)

Other (specify - for example, bank statement):

Statement from employer

16. What is the official exchange rate of your country's currency to the EUR (€) today?

= €1

17. Does your government currently impose restrictions on the exchange and release of funds in Germany?
If yes, describe restrictions:

Yes

No

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

19. If yes, name source and amount available in EUR (€)

20. Please indicate the source(s) of your money for your transportation costs to Berlin:

21. What is the total amount of money you expect to have when you arrive at this institution for personal expenses?

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

23. If yes, name source and amount available in EUR (€) for your summer stay:

24. During 2023/24, how much of your household income (before taxes/expenses) came from the following sources in €?

Parent 1 work	Family business	Interest/dividends
Parent 2 work	Family real estate holdings	Housing, food, and other living allowances
Your work	Pension/annuity/retirement	
Your spouse's work	Other members of the household	Other (explain)

25. Will there be a significant increase or decrease in your family's income next year? Yes

No

26. If yes, explain:

Section D - Asset Information

27. Does your family own its house? Yes No

Year purchased	Original purchase price (€)	Amount still owed on the home (€)	Present market value (€)
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28. Does your family own a business? Yes No

Date business commenced	Type of business
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Your parents' share of business value (€)	Your parents' share of business indebtedness (€)
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29. Please list the value of the following family assets (if applicable):

Land and buildings (other than home or business)	Assets owned by student
Indebtedness on land and buildings	Money owed to family by others
Savings	Repayment (of p. above) expected this year
Investments (such as stocks and bonds)	Other (jewelry, artwork, antiques, etc.)

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

31. If yes, complete the grid below. Include the amounts in q. 29 above.

	EUR (€) value	In which country(ies)?	Asset owner
Money			
Property			
Assets			

Section E - Expenses

32. How much did your family spend on the following expenses during the most recent year you have information for (2023/2024)? Specific amounts in EUR (€) are needed.

Rent or mortgage	Amount allocated to savings/retirement
Utilities	Automobile maintenance
Food	Insurance (health and property)
Clothing	Entertainment
Household necessities	Vacations
Medical expenses	Other
Educational expenses	Please explain:
Loan payments	
Taxes	

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

34. Amount paid on debt in 2023/24:

35. Reason for debt:

36. Does your family employ other people?

Yes No

37. If yes, how many in the home?

In the family business?

Section F - Educational Support

38. The anticipated 2025-26 comprehensive fee for students living on campus is €36,375 (includes tuition, room, and board), and for students living off campus is €26,000 (includes tuition only). In the table below, please specify how much you expect to be able to contribute to the comprehensive fee from the sources listed in EUR.

	2025-26 <i>(annual)</i>	2026-27 <i>(annual)</i>	2027-28 <i>(annual)</i>	2028-29 <i>(annual)</i>
Student's earnings				
Student's assets				
Family's income				
Family's assets				
Relatives and friends				
Your government				
Agencies and foundations				
Private sponsor (explain in Section G)				
Other (explain in Section G)				

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

<i>Agency/Foundation</i>	<i>Application Date</i>	<i>Notification Date</i>	<i>Expected Amount (EUR)</i>
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Section G - Explanation/Special Circumstances

40. Use this space to tell us about any facts or circumstances that are relevant to financial assistance, but may be not be included in or obvious from the data supplied in this form. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Please provide supporting documentation in addition to this form. Please send copies of tax return forms / statement from employer / other confirmations of information provided in the financial statement.

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 information reported by obtaining documentation as needed. We understand that we must give notice to the Financial Aid Office if our financial situation changes. We recognize that providing fraudulent information is grounds for the termination of the application process. In a case where admission has already been granted, we recognize that it may jeopardize one's student status.

Student's signature _____

Spouse's signature _____

Date completed:

Parent's signature _____

Day Month Year

Parent's signature _____

Consent Form

For use of electronic notification

I hereby grant Bard College Berlin permission to send me notification of a financial aid award to the email address indicated below. My signature below represents my understanding that email is considered an insecure medium. I release the college from any responsibility or liability should a breach of privacy result from this email communication. This permission remains in effect until such time as I revoke it in writing.

Student's name _____

Student's signature _____

Student's E-Mail Address _____

Parent's E-Mail Address _____

Date

Day Month Year

Please upload this form to your Bard College Berlin Applicant Portal along with your supporting documentation. Be advised that incomplete applications will not be processed. For US citizens, in addition to applying for BCB institutional aid, please be sure to file your FAFSA to Bard College, NY (school code: 002671). You will receive login details for the portal via email upon submission of your application for admission.