



BSC Financial Aid
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Financial Aid Award Notice
Academic Year 20XX-20XX

Dear Student,

Bismarck State College is pleased to offer you this Financial Aid Award Notice. ***Please read the following information thoroughly*** to assist you with the processing of your award. While reviewing this email, it is recommended that you open the financial aid award manual for further instructions and answers to FAQ's regarding Federal Financial Aid. See the Manual [HERE](#).

In addition to the information provided below, to be fully aware of your rights and responsibilities in regard to this financial aid offer, read the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Eligibility [HERE](#).

If, after you have completed the outlined steps and reviewed the information provided, you still have questions/concerns regarding your aid package, contact the Financial Aid office through the Contact FA Office link on the bottom of the Award Package page on Campus Connection or reply to this email.

Award Notice Instructions

1. Access your financial aid award

- Log onto campus connection. <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/connection/>
- Click on Student Center>Accept/Decline Awards>Select the appropriate aid year

2. Review the specific awards offered to you and accept, decline or reduce the awards as appropriate for your situation.

- To accept or decline full amount of award: click on the accept all or decline all button.
- To accept/decline specific awards: use the check mark to the right of the appropriate award.
- To reduce the amount of an award: select the 'Accept' check mark to the right of the award, enter the desired amount in the 'Accepted' column.

NOTE: Unless specifically noted, awards will disburse half in fall semester and half in spring.
If you do not plan to attend the full year, contact the FA office to make the correct adjustment.

NOTE: Be sure to decline any aid you do not want – this will help prevent you from receiving unwanted emails from the Financial Aid Office instructing you to accept/decline your offered award.

Continuously check your Holds and To-Do list in campus connection to ensure you are providing any requested documentation to the various offices on campus.

3. If you are accepting Federal Direct Loans for the First Time:

These steps must be completed in order for us to process your federal loans.

- Go to the website: <https://studentloans.gov>
- Sign in with your SSN, Date of Birth, and PIN number. (This is the same PIN used to sign the FAFSA)
- In the 'Manage My Direct Loan' section:
 - Sign the Master Promissory Note
 - Complete Entrance Loan Counseling

ESTIMATED Cost of attendance. If you are trying to determine what your actual costs for attendance may be, you can see an estimation [HERE](#). Keep in mind these are estimated costs and may be higher or lower depending on your residency status, method of instruction, program of study, living expenses, etc