



We are excited about your continued interest in Benedictine University. Enclosed is key information about the scholarships you currently qualify for each academic year at Benedictine. Please review this information carefully and read the accompanying materials.

- ❖ **Institutional Scholarship Letter** – This document highlights the current scholarship(s) you are eligible for at Benedictine upon admittance. This may not be a comprehensive list of all the financial aid for which you are eligible. In order to be considered for additional financial assistance, please file your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) as soon as possible. Our federal school code is **001767**.
- ❖ **Out-of-Pocket Worksheet** – This document helps you determine your estimated out of pocket cost for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. If your total offered aid does not cover your total costs, review the additional resources listed on the Out-of-Pocket Worksheet to evaluate other options that are available to you.

### **Tuition**

Please note that Benedictine University tuition for the 2020-2021 Academic Year is \$32,700. This tuition rate is locked in throughout your time at Benedictine upon enrolling for the fall 2020 semester and making satisfactory academic progress each semester. View our [video](#) regarding the announcement.

### **Financial Aid Communication**

Please regularly check your Benedictine email account for important messages from the Office of Financial Aid.

## **Benedictine Scholarship and Award Guidelines**

Institutional scholarships are available to eligible students enrolled in the traditional undergraduate program for the fall and spring semesters only.

Students are eligible to receive these awards each semester as long as they are enrolled as a full-time student and continue to achieve satisfactory academic progress. Failure to do so can result in a loss of the scholarship.

All Benedictine scholarships and awards are designated for tuition only. The total amount of institutional assistance (from all sources) offered will not exceed the standard full-time tuition rate, which is based on enrollment of 12-18 credit hours. A student who chooses to not enroll in a traditional undergraduate program as a full-time student will receive a pro-rated amount of their Benedictine scholarships and awards.

Tuition Exchange or Tuition Remission awards and Benedictine University institutional scholarships and awards are mutually exclusive and may not be combined.

### **Disbursement**

Financial aid offered to a student is posted and disbursed to a student's account following the add/drop period for each semester. You may review your account activity by accessing the [MyBenU](#) system.

### **Special Circumstances Appeal**

Under Federal law, a student and their family are primarily responsible to cover the cost of attending their college of choice to the extent that they are able. However, The Department of Education and Benedictine University's Office of Financial Aid recognizes that the information collected by the FAFSA may not accurately reflect each student's unique financial circumstances. If you feel that the information that was required to be reported on your FAFSA does not accurately reflect your or your family's ability to contribute towards affording the cost of your degree, you may be eligible to appeal on the basis of special circumstances.

Only certain situations qualify for a special circumstance appeal. Some examples of special circumstances include loss of income due to job loss, medical expenses not covered by insurance, and divorce or separation, among others. You must follow up with a Financial Aid Counselor and provide documentation to verify the circumstances submitted in your appeal. It is best to gather as much written evidence of your situation as you can.

### **Payment Options**

The Business Office is responsible for billing, maintaining tuition accounts, and posting funds after it has been authorized by the Office of Financial Aid. Tuition and fees are incurred at the time of registration. Payment of tuition, fees and housing charges are due seven (7) calendar days after the first day of class unless the balance is covered by student's offer funds or a [payment plan](#) has been set up.

A statement of account is generated each month and is available on [MyBenU](#). An email notification will be sent to the student's BU email address when the new statement is available.

Please visit the Business Office's website for [payment options](#). The Business Office may be contacted by email at sar@ben.edu or by phone at 630-829-6503.

### **Award Revisions**

The Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to modify financial aid awards at any time based on the availability of federal, state, and institutional funds; outside scholarships; or if changes occur in your FAFSA, financial need calculation, course enrollment, or academic status.