



# FAFSA APPLICATION TIPS & ADVICE 2011 - 2012

To qualify for BCSC scholarships that have a financial need requirement, a completed FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) must accompany the application. You must submit either the three page SAR (*Student Aid Report*) summary provided by the government or the complete application worksheet used to determine financial need. A document confirming that you submitted a FAFSA is not acceptable. Applications with incomplete or missing financial information will not be considered for any BCSC scholarships with financial need as a requirement.

In addition, please note:

- All FAFSA applications must be completed online. You can find the correct form at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- You will need data from your 2011 Federal income tax return to complete this application. Make sure you have these numbers available when you begin filling out the form.

It may be helpful to review the current application now so that you are familiar with the information required to complete this form.

- You will need two "PIN" (personal identification number) codes—one for the parent and one for the student—in order to print your submission. You can set up your PIN codes with FAFSA at any time. BCSC suggests that you do this immediately. It takes several days to get a valid PIN. If you wait until just before our February 29, 2012 application deadline, you may not receive your PIN codes in time to print a SAR needed for our BCSC submission.
- Finally, if you do wait until right before the BCSC deadline to complete the FAFSA form, please print a copy of your finished application worksheet **BEFORE** you hit the submit button. Once you submit your application, you will not be able to access your file until you have valid PIN codes and your application has been processed. Processing can take several days. You can submit your multipage FAFSA worksheet document to meet BCSC's deadline and follow up with the official SAR once this document becomes available for printing.

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