



Summer 2025

## Money Matters

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Part 1. Accessing Financial Aid

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## Financial Aid Process

- FAFSA
- Verification Competed (if applicable)
- Supplemental Information Submitted (if applicable)
- Financial Aid Package Issues (RavenZone)





### Financial Aid Process

- Accept Offer Letter
- Notification of any/all outside scholarships
- Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling (DL Website)
- Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (DL Website)
- Parent PLUS Loan Application (DL Website)
- Alternative Loan Application (BC Website)



## Manage and Repay Your Federal Student Loans

**Get Repayment Tips** 

View Your Loans

#### **POPULAR TOPICS**

Use Loan Simulator To Compare Repayment Plans >

Find Your Student Loan Servicer >

Apply for a Direct Consolidation Loan >

Apply for an Income-Driven Repayment Plan >

Fill Out a FAFSA® Form >

### **Considering School**

Federal Student Aid

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#### In School

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#### **Parent**

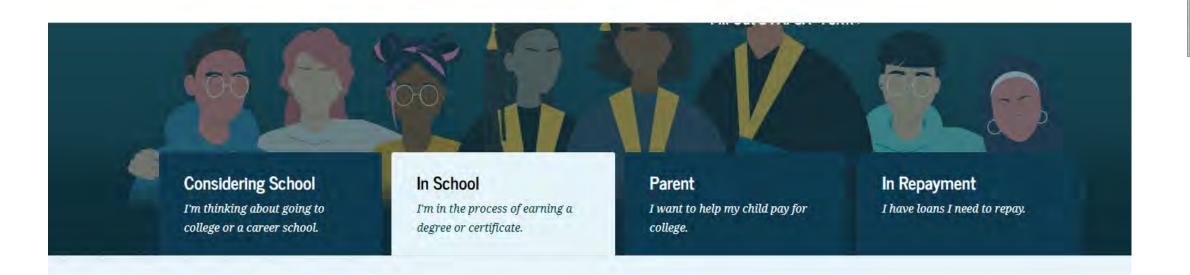
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### In Repayment

I have loans I need to repay.

Same Login as when filing your FAFSA





## We're here to help you access and manage your financial aid.

If you filled out the FAFSA® form, you may have been offered grants, work-study, and loans. Before you receive a Direct Loan, you must complete counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN). Before you receive a TEACH Grant, you must complete counseling and sign an Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement) each year in which you receive a TEACH Grant.

#### **POPULAR TOPICS**

Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School

Complete a Loan Agreement (Master Promissory Note/MPN)

Complete Loan Entrance Counseling

Use Loan Simulator

Complete TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement

Complete Loan Exit Counseling



### Federal Direct Student Loans (Stafford)

### **Subsidized**

- No Interest Accrues while in school (≥half-time)
- 6.533% for 2024-2025 (Fed Cap 8.25%)
- Goes into repayments 6 months after student is enrolled <1/2 time</li>

### <u>Unsubsidized</u>

- Interest accrues while in school
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- Goes into repayment 6 months after student is enrolled <1/2 time</li>
- Unpaid interest each year is capitalized

All federal student loans programs incur an origination fee, which is deduced from the original loan amount at the time of disbursement of the loan proceeds to the student's account (Sub/Unsub = 1.057% PLUS=4.228%)







## Parent PLUS Loans

- Credit based loan taken on behalf of the student
- 9.083% for 2024-2025 (Federal Cap is 10.5%)
- Interest accrues while student is in school at least half-time
- Payments as early as 60 days following the last disbursement
- Deferred payment option available contact your lender
- Requires approved application and signed MPN
  - Use same website as students
  - Login using parent FSA ID (NOT STUDENT'S)

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## We'll share useful info and walk you through the PLUS loan process.

We have resources for parents looking to save for college and learn about financial aid. We also make loans to eligible parents to help pay for their child's undergraduate education expenses.

#### **POPULAR TOPICS**

Apply for a Parent PLUS Loan

Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) for a Parent PLUS Loan

Complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment

Complete PLUS Loan Credit Counseling

Appeal a Credit Decision

Use Loan Simulator

### Use PARENT FSA ID...

Not Students



### Alternative/Private Loans

- Credit-based loan taken by the student
- Co-signer required for most applications
- Variable Interest accrues while enrolled at least half-time
- Payments schedules established by the lender
- Recently added Private Parent Loans

https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/Welcome.do?configId=1361559186442







#### Benedictine College

(913) 360-7480 finaid@benedictine.edu www.benedictine.edu



### Welcome to FASTChoice

Thank you for using FASTChoice to choose your private loan!





### Searching for a Private Loan?

There are many ways to pay for higher education, and choosing the right approach requires a good understanding of your options, your responsibilities, and the various details of each lender's loan products.

It's a lot to keep in mind. FASTChoice makes it easy by providing you with information about private loans in an easy-to-understand format, to help you determine which private student loan best meets your needs.



## Let's get started!



### **Borrowing Essentials**

Borrowing Essentials provides an interactive overview of some basic information about borrowing money to pay for your education.

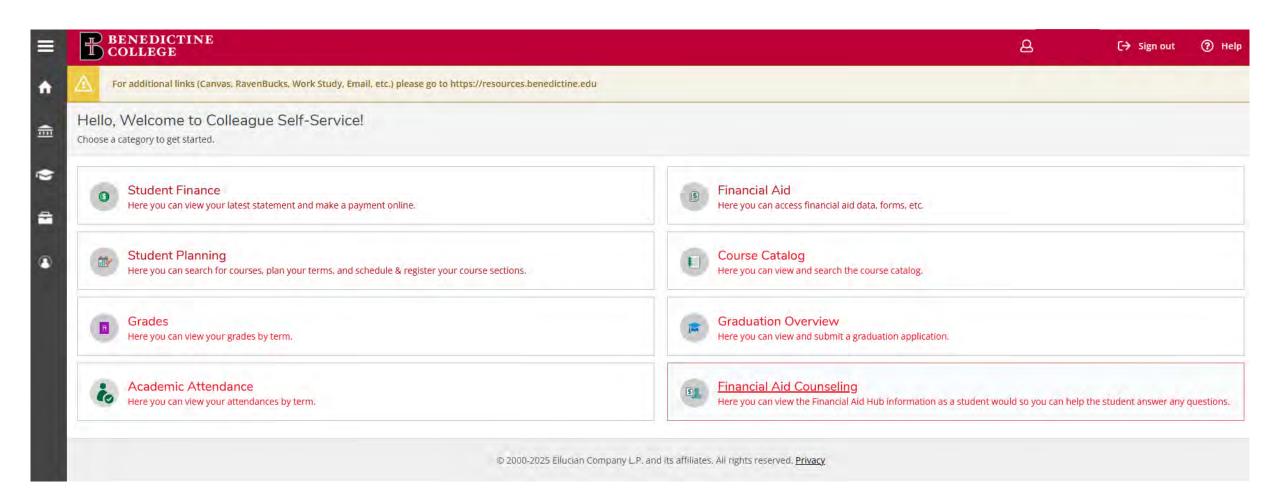
The next few pages will quickly get you up to speed. Having a good understanding of these topics will help you get the most out of what you borrow on the best possible terms. You'll be better equipped to make an informed decision.





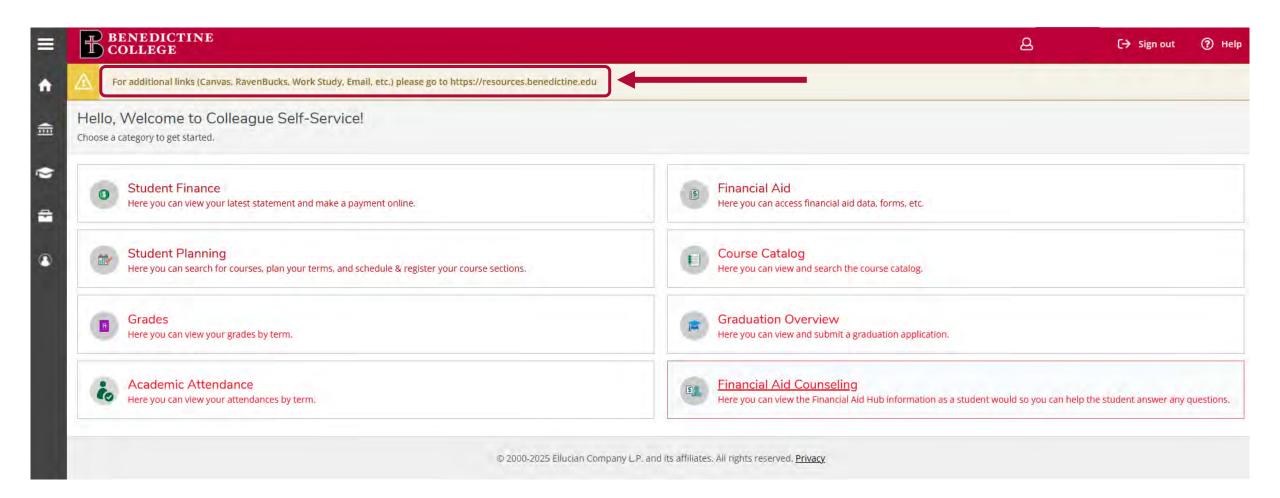
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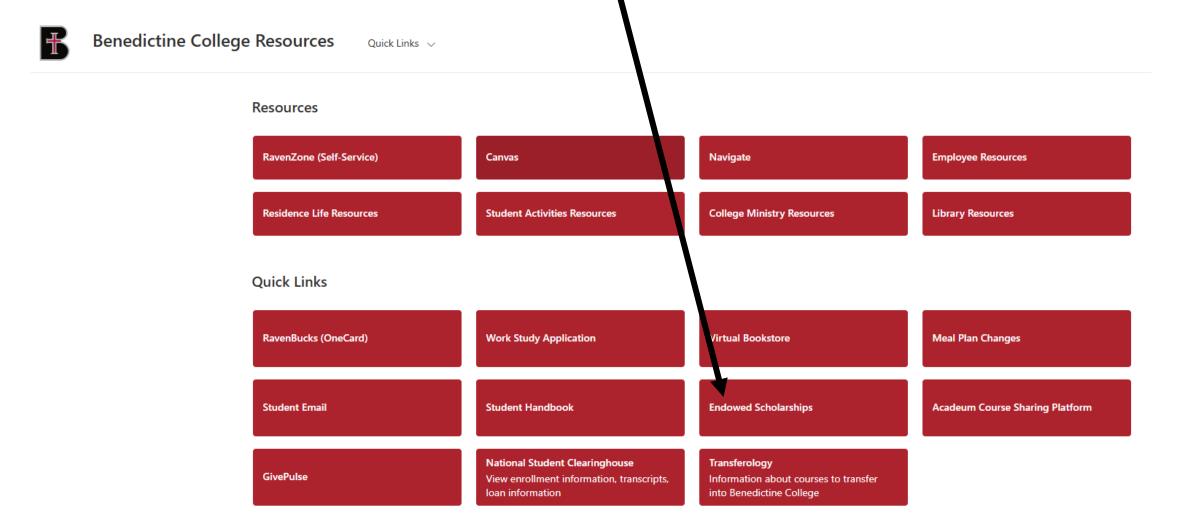
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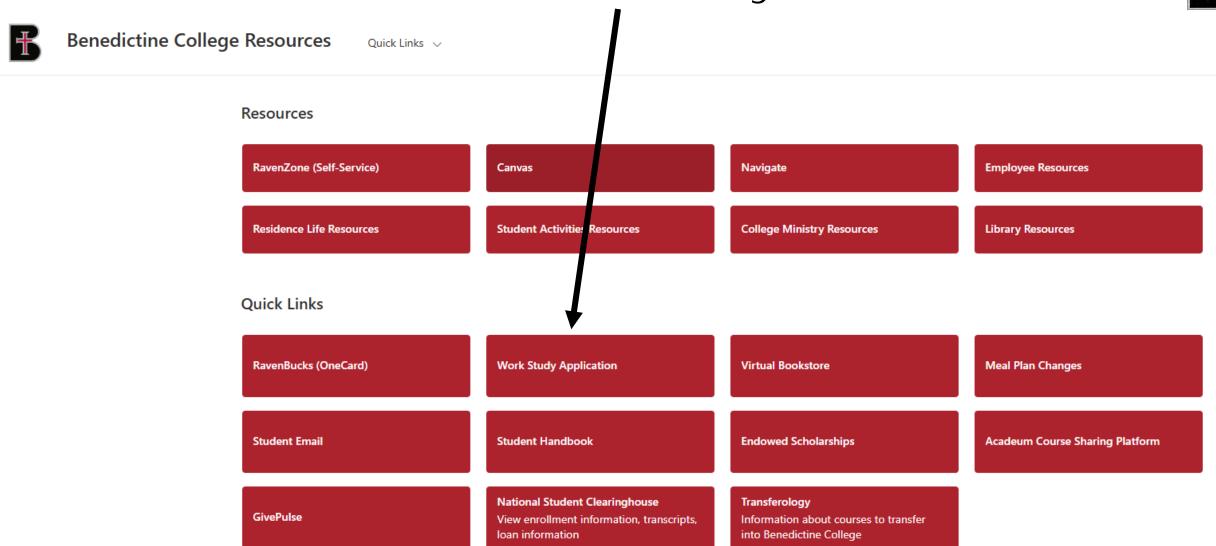
## Endowment Scholarships





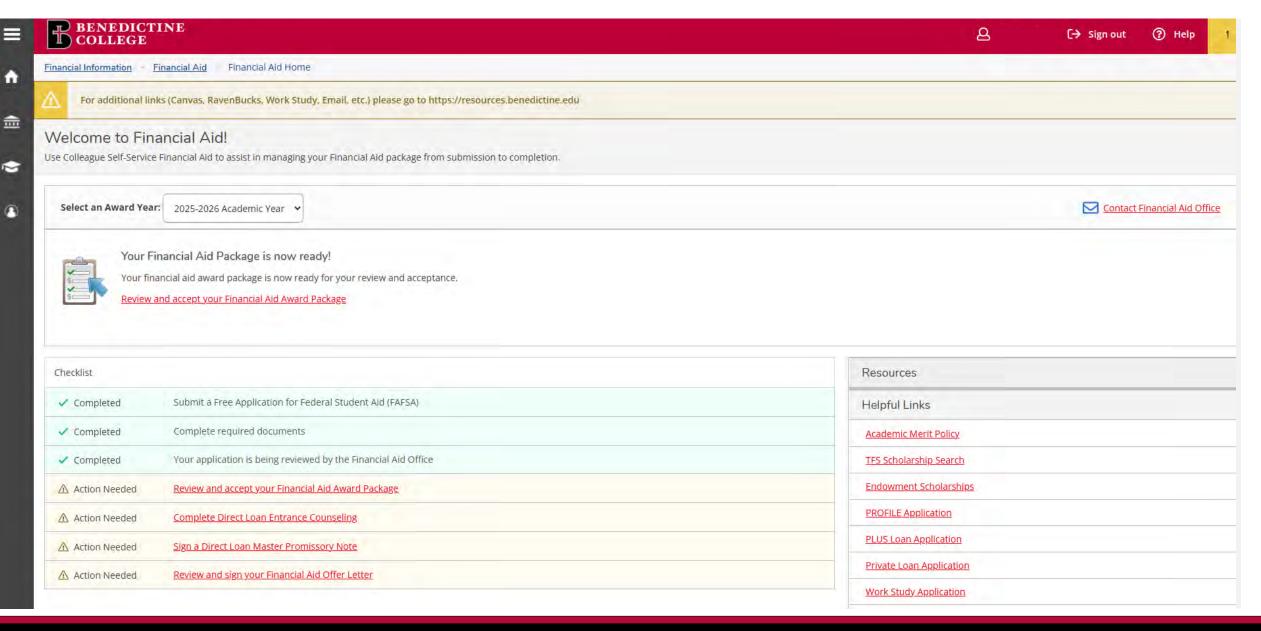
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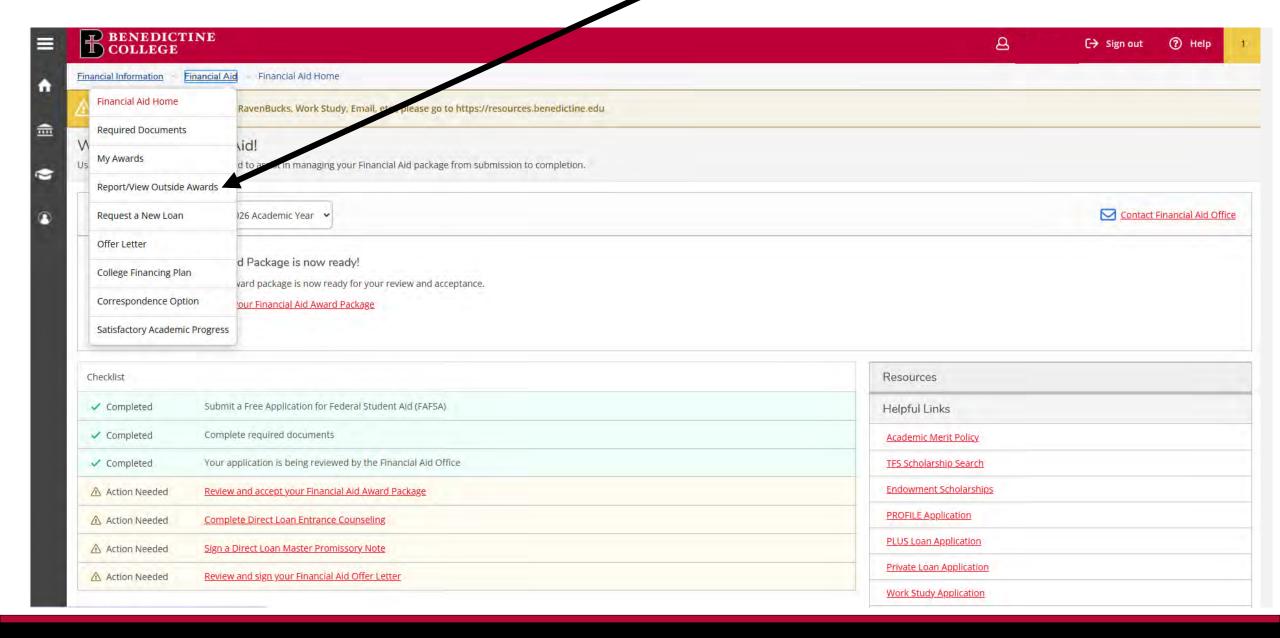
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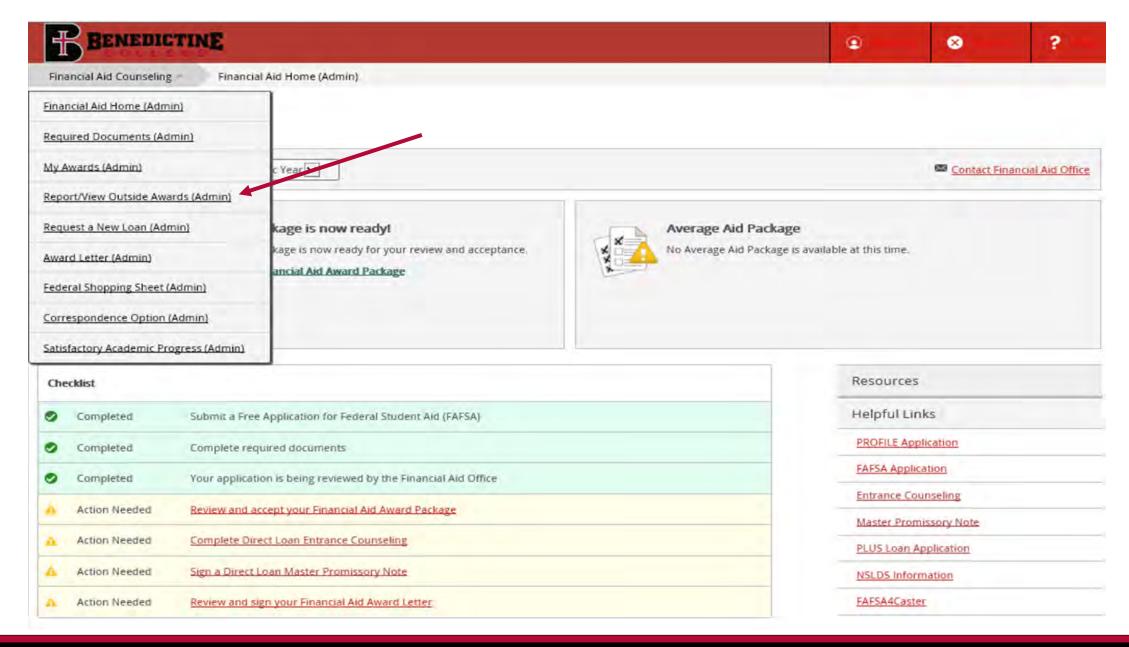
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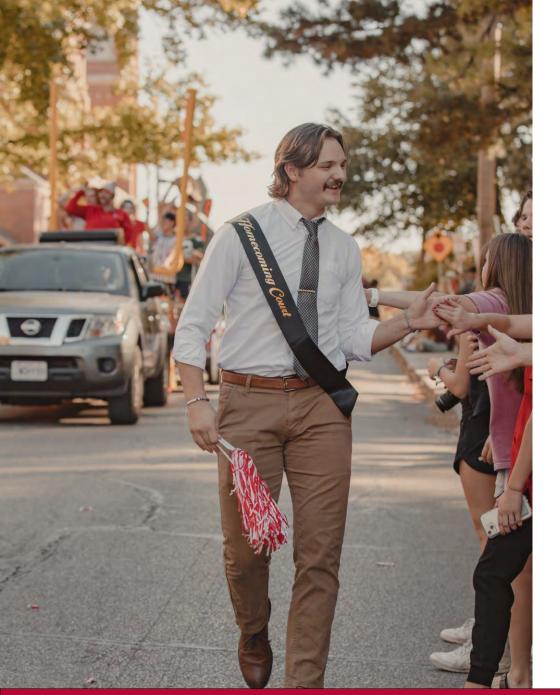




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### Academic Performance Standards

- Students will be required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA to retain original academic merit scholarship amount
- Evaluation of cumulative GPA will be performed following each term AFTER completion of the student's first two terms (first entire enrollment year)

## Academic Performance Standard



Evaluation Results	Impact on Merit Scholarship	
Meets/Exceeds minimum standard	Retains originally awarded merit scholarship amount	
Fails to meet minimum standard	Merit Scholarship reduced by \$500 for subsequent semester	
Fails to meet minimum standard in two consecutive semesters	Merit scholarship reduced by an additional \$500 for subsequent semester*	
Fails to meet minimum standard after three consecutive semesters	No further reduction of merit scholarship Original award amount less \$1000 remains	
Attains minimum standard at end of subsequent semester	Original merit scholarship amount is reinstated for subsequent semester	
Fails to meet minimum standard after regaining original award eligibility	Merit scholarship reduced by \$500 for subsequent semester	
*Merit Scholarship will not decrease by more than \$1000 for not meeting standards		

## Academic Performance Standard **B**



Scholarship Beginning Freshman	Cumulative GPA Requirement
National Merit/National Hispanic Merit	3.2
Presidential Scholarship	3.2
Tier 1 – Dean's / St. Benedict Scholarship	3.0
Tier 2 – St. Scholastica Scholarship	2.5
Tier 3 – Maathai Scholarship	2.3
Tier 4 – Abbot Scholarship	2.1
Tier 5 – Founders Scholarship	2.0
Tier 6 – Incentive Scholarship	2.0
Phi Theta Kappa (Transfers Only)	3.0
International Scholarship	2.5

### Financial Aid Office



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## Money Matters

Part 2. I've Received My Student Bill, What's Next?

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## Business Office



### Located in Cray-Seaberg Hall

### Student Billing and Cashier

- Student tuition account statements
- Billing notifications/due dates
- Payment and payment plans
- Student account refunds
- Virtual Bookstore-book vouchers

- Financial Responsibility Agreement
- Authorized Users
- Tuition adjustments for Withdrawal/Exit
- Purchase Raven Bucks
- Raven Bucks v. Dinning Dollars

### **Human Resources**

- Work Study onboarding
- Student Payroll questions







### RavenZone

Student Portal to all relevant activities

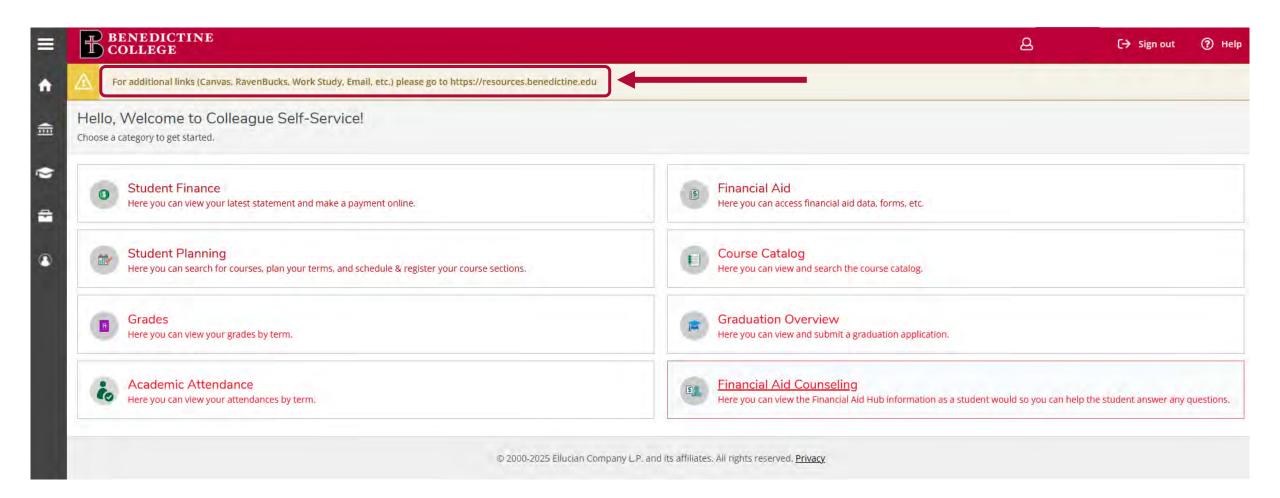
- Student Finance Student Billing
- Financial Aid
- Student Planning: Course Schedule
- Grades, transcripts
- Work Study Application Process
- Virtual bookstore (textbooks)
- Endowed Scholarships application process
- Add Raven Bucks
- Etc.

Encourage students to become familiar with RavenZone

Parents will need student's permission to access student's RavenZone information

### RavenZone









Financial Responsibility and FERPA

- Electronic Authorization (Financial Responsibility Agreement)
  - <u>Student's</u> consent to the agreement regarding his/her student account for educational services while at Benedictine College
  - <u>Required</u> first document the student will see when accessing his/her tuition statement
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
  - Federal law the protects the privacy rights of student education records
  - This right transfers from parent to student when the student enters college
  - Benedictine College has three ways students may grant permission for college officials to communicate with parents
    - 1. RavenZone Proxy User View academic & financial aid info
    - 2. TouchNet Authorized User View billing, submit payments
    - 3. FERPA Waiver- paper form student completes in Registrar's Office



### Authorized User vs. Proxy User

### Both require student action to activate

### TouchNet Authorized User

Link: Benedictine.edu/authorizeduser

- Student authorizes Billing staff to email and discuss financial matters with Authorized Users
- Highly recommend becoming an authorized user so you can receive billing emails and immediate assistance with billing questions
- Allows you to have a <u>direct</u> link to view your student's billing, submit payment, enroll in payment plans, etc.

### RavenZone Proxy User

Link: Benedictine.edu/proxyuser

 Student opts to give users permission to view grades, course schedule, financial aid information, satisfactory academic progress, and view general notification

Once classes begin, the student becomes Benedictine College's primary point of contact





Student Finance

Electronic statements only – **No paper statements** 

- Statements available online:
  - Students: through RavenZone, Student Finance, pass-through to TouchNet
  - Parents (Authorized Users): emailed link direct to TouchNet
- Business Office Communications:
  - Email sent to students' <u>Benedictine College Email</u> and Authorized Users' email set up by student
  - Please read monthly balance reminders, sent yearround
  - Student can enroll one phone number in text messaging via TouchNet





Payment Information

- Semester Payment Deadlines
  - August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Payment Options
- TouchNet, third party vendor, secure webpage
  - E-check
  - Visa, Discover, Mastercard, American Express (additional service fee)
  - By mail (check): Benedictine College

Attn: Business Office

1020 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.,

Atchison, KS 66002

- \*\*Please include Student Name and Student ID on check\*\*
- Semester Installment Payment Plan
- 529 College tuition savings plan request in advance of due dates
   \*\* If your plan requires action by the College, contact Cashier in the Business Office\*\*
- Unpaid accounts will be put on Business Office Hold, Incur monthly late fees





Payment Plans - Semester Payment Plans

Enroll in TouchNet; 4 or 5 month plans available

- Equal payments due 15<sup>th</sup> each month
  - Fall: (July), Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov
  - Spring: (Dec), Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
- \$55 semester application fee, fees do not accrue interest
- Online enrollment begins July 5<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Student (through RavenZone) or Authorized User (through direct link to TouchNet) can enroll; monthly email sent to the enrollee
  - Suggest student enrolls Authorized User in text messaging alerts; via TouchNet
- Payment Plan budget amount will include pending financial aid through August 15<sup>th</sup> installment; reverts to actual balance at that time

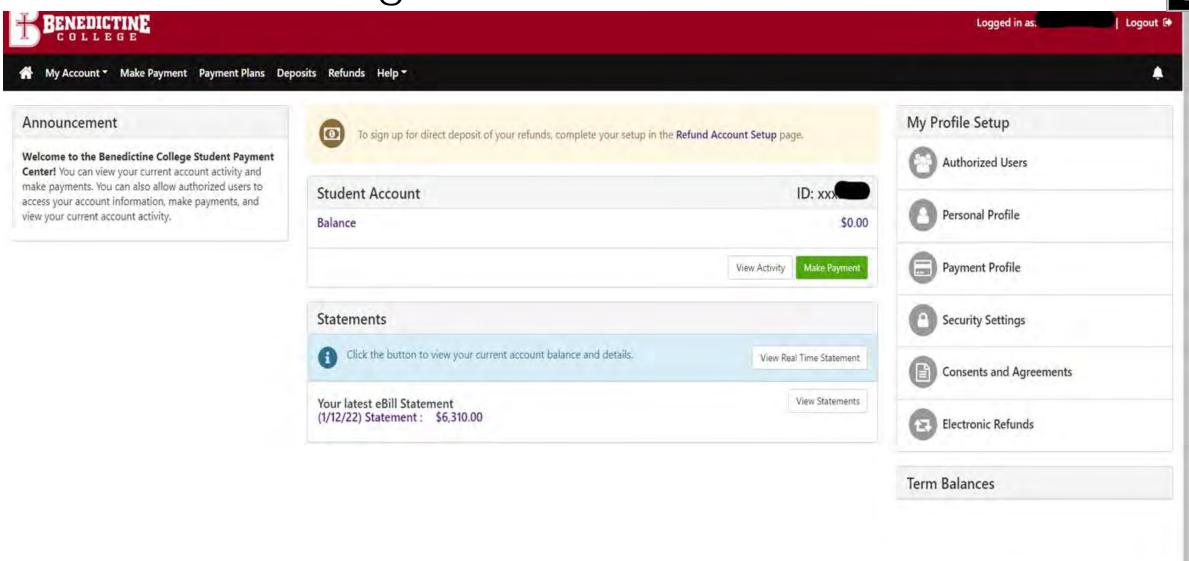




Student Account Refunds

- Sometimes a student may borrow more than needed to pay tuition and fees; this generates a credit balance which is refunded to the student
- This credit balance can be used to purchase books before the semester begins through the Virtual Bookstore
- First refund processed 10 days after semester begins; weekly after that
- Refund issued 2 ways:
  - <u>Electronic Refund</u> student enrolls through RavenZone link to TouchNet; deposits directly to bank account provided by the student
  - <u>Paper check</u> mailed to the home address (student: keeps this current)

## Student Billing - TouchNet Student View





Student Tuition Account

Tuition	18,375
Facilities and Access Fee	500
Room (Memorial/Turner) (vary by hall)	3,285
18 Meal Plan	3,080
Class fees (vary with class schedule)	50
Room Deposit (one time)	100
Orientation Fee (one time)	180
Subtotal Total	\$25,570

Typical Fall 2025 Semester Charges

\*does not include scholarships or other financial aid\*

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### Tuition & Room Adjustments for Withdrawal/Exit

- Process starts in the Student Success Center: Student is strongly advised to discuss consequences of early withdrawal/exit with the Financial Aid Office and Business Office
- Dept. of Ed prorates financial aid differently; causes imbalance between remaining balance due and aid received

Benedictine Policy	Tuition %	Room \$
1 <sup>st</sup> Partial week of semester (8/30/2024)	95%	
1st full week of semester (9/6/2024)	90%	Prorated based on
2 <sup>nd</sup> full week of semester (9/13/2024)	75%	days attended
3 <sup>rd</sup> full week of semester (9/20/2024)	50%	
Up to 20 <sup>th</sup> day of semester (9/24/2024)	25%	
After 20 <sup>th</sup> day of semester	NO ADJUSTMENT	NO ADJUSTMENT



## Human Resources-Payroll 🖺



Work Study Requirements

Student workers are required to complete the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-9 and clear the E-Verify system prior to beginning work

- All students applying for work study will be required to do the following
  - Complete an application through RavenZone
  - Once hired, complete the electronic onboarding process
  - Present <u>original unexpired</u> documents\* to certify ability to work in the US

\*Visit <u>www.uscis.gov/i-9</u> for complete list of acceptable documents

\*Students should bring these with them when coming to campus this Fall. Students WILL NOT be allowed to begin work without proper documentation





Raven Bucks - optional on-campus debit card system

- Raven Bucks work like an on-campus debit system;
   students use Benedictine student ID card
- Convenient to use in multiple ways
  - The Raven Store
  - All dining services on campus (different than Dining Dollars)
  - Certain vending machines on campus
  - Additional printing: in the Library and WEPA printing kiosks around campus
  - Mail Room (Rocky's Copies): Postage, copies
- Purchase Raven Bucks through student RavenZone:
   OneCard-RavenBucks
- Purchase through Cashier in Business Office, also during move-in weekend. Cash or check



## Raven Bucks vs. Dining Dollars

Both are used on Student ID and student must indicate with to use at the time of purchase

### Raven Bucks

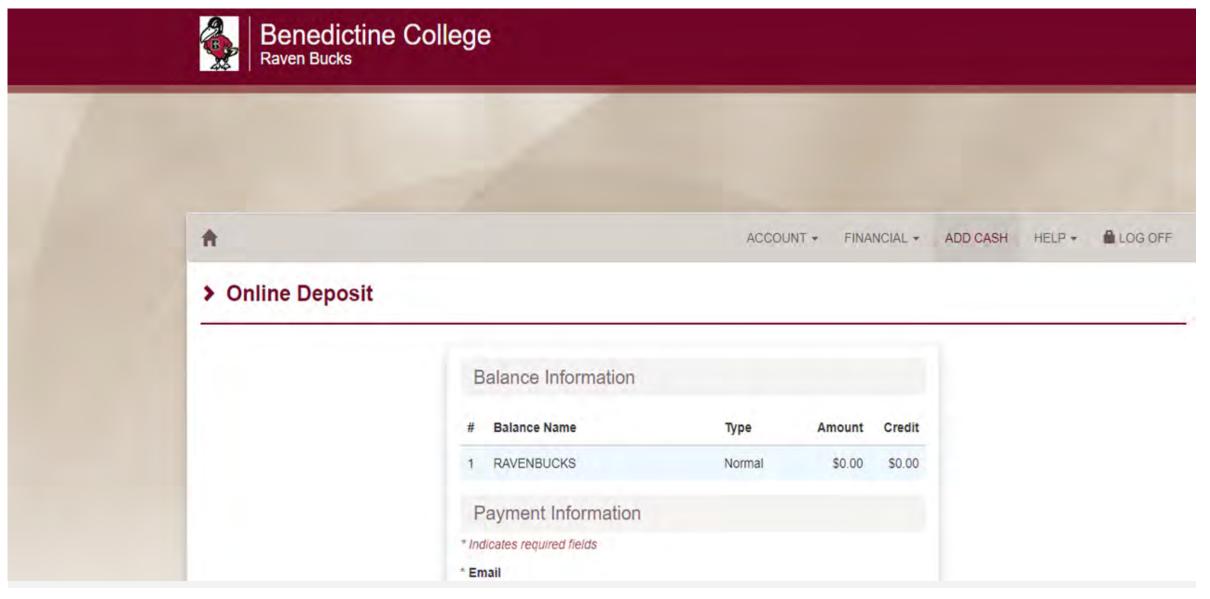
- Purchase by student
- Do not expire
- Accessible through student ID card
- Use only at on campus locations:
  - The Raven Store
  - Vending Machine
  - WEPA printing Kiosks
  - Rocky's Copies
  - Any Dining Facilities

### **Dining Dollars**

- Included with purchase of student's meals plan
- Pre-load to start each semester
- Accessible with student ID card
- Use only at on-campus dining Facilities
- Expire at the end of each semester along with meal plan
- Not reloadable, if run out purchase Raven Bucks

## Student Billing – Raven Bucks Student View





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# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?