**About Financial Aid Page**

The BYU-Idaho Financial Aid Office has the responsibility of helping student’s understand their financial aid options, verifying financial aid documents, and releasing funds to the BYU-Idaho Bursars Office. BYU-Idaho’s Bursar Office is responsible for all disbursement and charges made to the students' accounts. Financial aid encompasses any financial resources from federal aid to scholarships.

This website is built to help each student; new freshman, transfer students, and continuing students to be able to easily understand the financial aid options available to them.

These options include scholarships ranging from academic to needs based~~.~~ As well as federal aid, which includes student loans and /or Pell grants.

**Who is my financial aid counselor?**

Keep the same. Good.

**How can I use financial aid money? Move this section above advisor section**

Financial aid funds are to be used for education expenses that a student incurs while completing their education.

Intended uses: (not a complete list)

*Certain financial aid awards, such as private scholarships, have requirements limiting their use only for tuition based costs.*

* Tuition and class based fees
* Books and school supplies
* Outstanding school balances
* Living expenses
  + Housing
  + Food
  + Travel
  + Insurance

**Get rid of Financial Aid Office section.**

**Financial Aid Forms Page (To make it easier to find, I wouldn’t make this a subpage of About Financial Aid and make its own column on the side)**

**Which forms do I need?**

Students are often required to submit certain forms, applications, and worksheets to process their financial aid. Students can view what documents and requirements currently requested by the Financial Aid Office by visiting their Financial Aid Document Tracking (link to document tracking) page. This displays documents and forms received and processed by the Financial Aid Office and those documents which have not been successfully submitted or processed.

**Submitting documents to the Financial Aid Office**

**Students need to read and complete the documents carefully. Failure to do so, will mean it will take more time to process a student’s financial aid.**

Everything else keep the same.

**Federal Aid Verification Forms**

Change these links to open in new tab to match other forms

* 2012-2013
  + Child Support
  + Food Stamps
  + Independent Asset Cert.
  + Graduate/Bachelor Degree
* 2013-2014
  + Child Support
  + Food Stamp
  + Independent Asset Cert
  + Graduate/Bachelor Degree

**Acceptance and permission forms**

Change these links to open in new tab to match other forms

* 2012-2013
  + Authorization to Release Information
  + Plus Loan Acceptance
  + Robert R. Lee Promise form
* 2013-2014
  + Authorization to Release Information
  + Plus Loan Acceptance
  + Robert R. Lee Promise form

**Petitions and Requests**

Change these links to open in new tab

* 2012-2013
  + Petition Independent Status
    - Need to delete second page on PDF. It’s blank
  + Petition for Satisfactory Academic Progress
  + Petition for Special Circumstances
  + Petition for Financial Aid Determination Date
  + GRE
* 2013-2014
  + Petition for Independent Status
  + Petition for Satisfactory Academic Progress
  + Petition for Special Circumstances
  + Petition for Financial Aid Determination Date
  + GRE

**Financial Aid Staff**

* Holly and Aaron’s pictures are missing
* I would change the hierarchy that it’s at right now, or at least put it in alphabetical order
* Can we input lunch times into advisor’s schedules? ROD
* Aaron’s schedule link doesn’t work

**Policies**

Do we want to create everything in the box format like the rest of the website?

**Deadlines**

FAFSA Submission Deadline

2013 Spring Jan. 1, 2013

2013 Fall June 1, 2013

2014 Winter Oct. 1, 2013

Document Completion Deadline

2013 Spring Feb. 1, 2013

2013 Fall July 1, 2013

2014 Winter Nov. 1, 2013

Financial Aid Determination Dates

2013 Spring May 14, 2013

2013 Fall TBD

BYU-Idaho Scholarship Application (Heber J. Grant) Can we make it so all the words are all together? Also would it be appropriate to change this to say Open November 1 13 to April 1 14?

2013-2014 Academic Year April 1, 2013

**Federal Aid Priority Deadline**

**Need to make font match other pages, as well as make each section into a box like the other pages.**

This deadline applies to all FAFSA applicants who want their Federal Aid awards released by the tuition late charge date (typically 1 week after the start of term.) Students must complete and submit all applications, documents, and forms required to process their FAFSA. This includes any verification documents. All requirements need to be completed by the student by this date.

Students will not know if they need to complete and submit documents for verification (link to verification page) until after their FAFSA has been correctly completed and received by the school. Students can still receive federal aid (if they are eligible) after the deadline, however there is no guarantee that their aid will be available by the tuition late charge date. Students might become subject to late fees.

Students are encouraged to visit their Financial Aid Document Tracking (link to document tracking) page to determine if they are required to submit and complete documents for verification.

**Change deadline boxes to what’s on Deadline’s page**

Correctly complete and submit documents

Looks good

Federal Aid Awarded on academic year basis

Federal Aid is awarded on an academic year basis. Once a student has been awarded federal aid, he/she does not need to reapply for it for any subsequent semesters during that academic year. For ex: The 2012-2013 Academic Year spans from August 2012 to July 2013. A student who submits a FAFSA and receives a federal aid award package for Fall 2012 will also have an award package for the remaining semesters of the academic year.

**Loan Policies Put each section into boxes like other pages.**

Borrowers have agreed to many responsibilities and obligations. Borrowers (students and or parents) need to understand the following responsibilities concerning their loan.

For more information visit[**www.studentloans.gov**](http://www.studentloans.gov)

**Maintain Contact and communication with loan services** - Second sentence there is a word in Spanish. Change communique to communicate.

**Confirm Enrollment Verification with loan servicer** - Right before Enrollment Verification link the word is spelt wrong (their)

**Petitions Should we add Scholarship petitions?**

Separate all the different petitions with the boxes that we use on the other pages

**SAP**

Separate all the different petitions with the boxes that we use on the other pages

**Tuition and Test Fee Waivers**

Need to fix spacing, use boxes. Put each bullet point next to each other and put the sentence cutting them in half at the bottom