

Applying for Graduate Financial Aid Academic Year 2023-2024

The Bentley University Office of Financial Assistance offers federal loans and need-based grants to eligible graduate students. To qualify for federal loan funding, you must be registered at least half-time (4.5 credits) each semester. To be eligible for Bentley grant funds, you must be registered full-time (minimum 9 credits) each semester. You must also be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and meet other general eligibility criteria outlined in the FAFSA instructions.

Required of All Applicants

- * 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

 Apply on-line at http://www.fafsa.gov/. The FAFSA code for Bentley is 002124.
- * 2023-2024 Bentley Graduate Aid Application Available on-line here

Additional Application Materials (May Be Required)

*2021 Federal Income Tax Return and W-2 Forms

Full-time students seeking institutional need-based grant funding may be required to submit a signed copy of their 2021 Federal Tax Return and W-2 Forms.

*Bentley alumni & students with unusually low wages

may be required to submit a College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE Form *with parent information* to be considered for Bentley graduate need-based grant funding. You can apply on-line at: https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile. The CSS code for graduate students at Bentley is 3098.

Bentley University reserves the right to request parent information from *any* graduate student seeking institutional grant assistance. Should your 2021 income suggest that you may not be self-supporting, you will most likely be required to submit a PROFILE Form.

Important Dates for Applying for Financial Aid

If you want to be considered for Bentley University grant funds, pay close attention to the application deadlines. Late applicants will be awarded on a funds-available basis.

The FAFSA form could take up to two weeks to be processed if corrections are required. Plan to complete your forms by the *Transmit/Mail By* dates to ensure they are received prior to the *Bentley Receipt Date*. Mail all other required forms directly to:

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Please allow sufficient mail time since we will record our receipt date, not the postmarked date.

<u>Form</u>	Transmit/Mail By:	Bentley Receipt Date
Required of All Applicants 2023-2024 FAFSA (on line)	May 15, 2023	June 1, 2023
Bentley Graduate Aid Application (on line)	May 15, 2023	June 1, 2023

Alternate Deadlines for New Graduate Students

Early Aid Notification for New Graduate Students for Fall 2023

If you are a newly admitted graduate student for Fall 2023, you may qualify for early notification of financial aid. If we receive all required materials by April 15, 2023, your aid notification letter will be sent by May 15, 2023. To meet this deadline, you should plan to submit your FAFSA to the federal processor by April 1, 2023.

Deadline for New Graduate Students Entering Spring 2024

If you are planning to enroll as a new graduate student for Spring 2024, you should plan to submit a FAFSA by October 15, 2023 and all other required forms by November 1, 2023. A financial aid notification letter will available by November 21, 2023.

Important Reminders

- * The Bentley School code for the FAFSA is 002124.
- * If you fail to meet application deadlines and an aid decision cannot be made before your student account bill is due, you must make arrangements to pay your bill. If aid is awarded later and credited to your student account, you may request a refund of any credit balance.
- * In order to remain eligible for student aid, you must be making satisfactory progress toward your degree. Academic eligibility is evaluated at the end of each semester. For details on the standards you must meet to remain eligible, contact the Office of Financial Assistance.
- * If you have any questions about the application or award process call the Office of Financial Assistance at (781) 891-3441, or send e-mail to finaid@bentley.edu.