

Applying for Graduate Financial Aid Academic Year 2022-2023

The Bentley University Office of Financial Assistance offers federal loans and need-based grants to eligible graduate students. In order to be eligible for federal loans, 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

- * 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

 Apply on-line at http://www.fafsa.gov/. The FAFSA code for Bentley is 002124.
- * 2022-2023 Bentley Graduate Aid Application
 Available on-line at https://forms.office.com/r/NUGXUTHwEN

Additional Application Materials (May Be Required)

*2020 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 2020 Federal Tax Return and W-2 Forms.

*Students in the Falcon Fast-Track Program & 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 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 2020 income suggest that you may not be self-supporting, you will most likely be required to submit a PROFILE Form. Students seeking federal aid only can opt to waive this requirement at any time.

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. Additional time may be needed 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 2022-2023 FAFSA (on line)	May 15, 2022	June 1, 2022
Bentley Graduate Aid Application (on line)	May 15, 2022	June 1, 2022
May Be Required of Some Applicants Signed 2020 Federal Tax Return, Schedules and W-2 Statements (mail to Bentley)	May 15, 2022	June 1, 2022
College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE Form (for students in the Falcon Fast-Track Program)	May 15, 2022	June 1, 2022

Alternate Deadlines for New Graduate Students

Early Aid Notification for New Graduate Students for Fall 2022

If you are a newly admitted graduate student for Fall 2022, you may qualify for early notification of financial aid. If we receive all required materials by April 15, 2022, your aid notification letter will be sent by May 15, 2022. To meet this deadline, you should plan to submit your FAFSA to the federal processor by April 1, 2022.

Deadline for New Graduate Students Entering Spring 2023

If you are planning to enroll as a new graduate student for Spring 2023, you should plan to submit a FAFSA by October 15, 2022 and all other required forms by November 1, 2022. A financial aid notification letter will be sent by November 21, 2022.

Important Reminders

- * The Bentley School code for the FAFSA is 002124.
- * The Bentley School code for the CSS PROFILE is 3098 (note: this form is usually required only from students in the Falcon Fast-Track program seeking need-based grant assistance).
- * 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.