



SMFA 2012-2013 Financial Aid Application Instructions

WELCOME
TO THE SMFA
FINANCIAL AID
APPLICATION
PROCESS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the financial aid application process and to tell you how the Financial Aid Office can help you and your family afford your education at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (SMFA). Our Financial Aid staff members are available to discuss the many financing options available to you and your family.

GUIDELINES FOR
FINANCIAL AID
2012-2013

BFA, Studio Diploma, Post-Baccalaureate

We strongly urge you to carefully read this information. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all the required documents are received on or before the priority guideline date as listed below:

New Students Fall 2012	March 15, 2012
New Students Spring 2013	October 15, 2012
Returning Students Fall 2012	April 15, 2012
Returning Students Spring 2013	April 15, 2012

If there are no significant changes in your family's finances and you complete all the appropriate paperwork on time, the School will match the SMFA grant in each of your four years enrolled. However, there is no guarantee that funds will be available for late applicants.

Combined Degree Students

Apply for aid directly through Tufts University. For more information visit <http://finaid.tufts.edu>, call 617-627-2000 or email StudentServices@ase.tufts.edu.

Northeastern BFA

Apply for aid directly through Northeastern University. For more information contact Northeastern Student Financial Services at 617-373-3190 or sfs@neu.edu.

International Students

Complete the International Student Financial Aid Application located on www.smfa.edu.

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Student may complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA anytime beginning January 2, 2012.

- 1 Student and Parent should apply for a Federal PIN Number at www.pin.ed.gov.
 - This allows you to electronically sign your FAFSA
- 2 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - SMFA's federal code is 004667
 - Tufts University's federal code is 002219

Filing the FAFSA if you have not yet filed your 2011 tax return

- Applying is easier with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool:
- Beginning February 1, 2012 students and parents who have completed their 2011 IRS tax return may have their tax information securely transferred to the FAFSA.
- We suggest you estimate based on either on your 2010 tax return on your current year's W-2 forms and 1099's.
- You do not have to pay to submit your FAFSA. Submit your FAFSA for free online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Returning students should complete a FAFSA renewal application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- 3 Submit the completed Financial Aid Application.
- 4 Submit any additional information requested by the Financial Aid Office if selected for verification.
- 5 Contact the Financial Aid Office to schedule an appointment either in person on the telephone for an in-depth financial overview of the costs and options available.



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Legal Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of birth: _____
(mm/dd/yy)

Student's email: _____

Parent's email: _____

Phone: _____
Home phone Cell phone

Permanent home address: _____

City State ZIP code Country

If different from permanent home address, please give your current mailing address.

Current mailing address: _____

City State ZIP code Country

ENROLLMENT STATUS

Enrollment status for 2012-2013

Expected enrollment date at SMFA: Fall 2012 Spring 2013

First-time Freshman Transfer Returning student

SMFA program

Studio Diploma Bachelor of Fine Arts Post-Baccalaureate

Fall number of credits: _____ Spring number of credits: _____

Current year in school: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected graduation date from SMFA: _____
(mm/yy)

We will base our review for financial aid on the above enrollment information. It is extremely important that you notify the Financial Aid Office of any change to your planned enrollment. Changes in the number of credits you take each semester can have a major impact on your financial aid.

RESOURCES

Important Notice: We highly recommend choosing the IRS Data Retrieval option on the FAFSA. This allows the IRS to upload your information directly to the FAFSA. If you do not choose this option and you are selected by the Department of Education for verification, you will need to request an IRS transcript which can take 6-8 weeks.

Parent(s) check one: (DO NOT leave this question blank. Without the following information your application will be incomplete):
 I (we) have filed or will file a 2011 federal tax return. I (we) did not and will not file a 2011 federal tax return.

Student (and spouse) check one:
 I(we) have filed or will file a 2011 federal tax return. I (we) did not and will not file a 2011 federal tax return.

Untaxed income/benefits—total amount received from January 1 to December 31, 2011:
 (If it doesn't apply, please enter 0)

	PARENT(S)	STUDENT (AND SPOUSE)
Food Stamps*	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support/Paid out*	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____

*You must submit an Agency Benefit Statement verifying the amount you received in 2011.

If parent and/or student are not required to file a 2011 tax return, list below any taxed or untaxed income received during 2011. Use W-2 or other earnings statements if available.

SOURCES	2011 INCOME
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

FAMILY/HOUSING
INFORMATION

How do you plan to meet any outstanding educational cost?
 Private Loan Parent Plus Payment Plan Private Financing Combination Unsure

It is highly recommended that the student and/or parent discuss financing options (over the phone or in office) with a Financial Aid Counselor before borrowing for education and/or living expenses.

Anticipated housing status
 Commute from home/live with relatives Apartment off campus SMFA housing

If off-campus, please indicate monthly rent (if known): _____

List all members in your household, including yourself:

NAME	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT	NAME OF COLLEGE <small>Attending at least half-time.</small>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please attach a letter to describe any special circumstances, such as age, illness, unusual expenses, etc. that may make it difficult for you and/or your family to contribute to your educational expenses. Please also include documentation or proof of your situation.

SIGNATURES

We have read over the answers to all the questions on this form and so do solemnly affirm the accuracy and the completeness of the answers to the best of our knowledge. We will notify the Financial Aid Office in writing if the student withdraws from the School, or reduces his/her course load in any given semester. We understand that unsatisfactory academic progress or failure to fulfill the aforementioned obligations may result in the discontinuance of any financial aid awarded.

We certify that we will send timely notice of any significant change in our family situation: in family income or assets; in college plans of other children; or upon the receipt of any other scholarships or grants.

Student's signature _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____

Spouse's signature (if student is married) _____ Date: _____

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