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FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

2022-2023 MASSGrant

FAFSA Deadline Date: July 1, 2021 (extended from May 1)

How to Apply:

Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Federal Central Processor by the appropriate deadline. You can obtain a FAFSA from a high school guidance office, the local library, your college's Financial Aid Office or you can call the DHE's Office of Student Financial Assistance at (617) 391-6070 to request a copy. For more information about the MASSGrant program please visit the MASSGrant website. **Website:** <https://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/massgrant.asp>

2022-2023 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship Program

The 2022-2023 application will become available on April 1, 2022 and must be completed by the deadline on August 1, 2022. To get more information and to see if you are eligible, please visit:

Website: <https://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/earlychildhooded.asp>

Website: <https://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/massgrantawardterms.asp>

How to Apply:

Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can file your FAFSA electronically at <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES>

- Create a MASSAid Student Portal account [here](#) if you do not already have one.
- Complete the ECE Scholarship application in the [MASSAid Student Portal system](#).
- Applicants must have an active ECE Professional Qualifications Registry Number to be considered for the ECE Scholarship. If you do not have an active EEC PQ Registry Number, [click here](#) for the PQ Registry.

2022-2023 FAFSA for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

The 2022-2023 FAFSA requires your 2020 Federal Tax return and W-2's. The 2022-2023 FAFSA **MUST** be completed if you are considering using Federal Student Aid for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. By completing the FAFSA, you may also be eligible for other State Grant programs for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

If you need help completing your 2022-2023 FAFSA, please contact Jessica B. at 617-960-0253 or by email at Jessica.Barrera@urbancollege.edu. You can also schedule an appointment online at <https://urbancampus.mywconline.com/>.

Urban College of Boston's Federal School Code is: **031305**

Website: <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/ROLES>

URBAN COLLEGE OF BOSTON INVITES YOU TO...

FAFSA DAY

REGISTER THROUGH THE LINK
BELOW!

[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/URBAN-COLLEGE-OF-BOSTON-2022-FAFSA-DAY-TICKETS-294150932357](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/urban-college-of-boston-2022-fafsa-day-tickets-294150932357)

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH
12PM - 3PM

2 BOYLSTON STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST
BE VACCINATED! PLEASE
BRING A COPY OF YOUR
VACCINE CARD

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA ON THE SPOT! FAMILIES ARE WELCOME! WE'LL BE OFFERING
REFRESHMENTS, SNACKS, AND GIVING AWAY FREE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

> Here is the link for the UCB FAFSA Day on 4/9/2022: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/294150932357>



Good Students Refer Good Students!

*Invite a friend to join you on your academic
journey. Everyone needs a Study Buddy!*

Anyone interested should email Maggie at
margaret.rosemond@urbancollege.edu





HELPFUL RESOURCES

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition

MFFC focuses on food access, physical activity, youth development, utilizing our parks, gardens, and rivers (built environment), and empowering residents to advocate for the changes they seek by employing or providing stipends to lead our community projects, volunteering, bringing awareness to the challenges that our community holds, and providing educational guest speakers at our monthly community meetings.

Additionally, we have a year-round youth group focused on these activities. Our youth group also lead activities of their own such as Mattapan on Wheels and the youth-led farm stand.

Mattapan Square Farmers Market

The market runs from July to October and typically sees 200-400 shoppers per week. It is not only a place to purchase healthy food, but also serves as a place to bring residents together and as a resource for health education and other social issues.

The approach to our market is to ensure its accessibility to low income families and making sure food sold is culturally relevant. We do this through selecting farmers that are able to sell their produce at reasonable prices, encouraging and facilitating the use of SNAP and HIP benefits, outreaching to WIC recipients who receive WIC farmers' market coupons, and outreaching to elders who receive Senior Farmers Market coupons.

Three years ago before Covid I was watching a TV segment Food Insecurity on College Campuses and how MFFC can support local Colleges/Students with this Invisible Epidemic. Intern students from Boston College, Boston University, and a volunteer work with Interns to create took the lead survey and data collection and best to support students.

Vickey Siggers

Food Access Manager

Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition

617-980-0970

STUDENT SERVICES MONTHLY REVIEW OF A STUDENT POLICY

ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMMODATIONS

The Director of Student Services and Support at Urban College of Boston provides services to students who qualify as having a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Director of Student Services and Support is responsible for accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and applicable state law. The ADA defines disability as: “A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment.”

The services provided to registered students with disabilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Providing advocacy support for students with documented disabilities
- Coordinating services for students with disabilities, which includes verifying eligibility for academic accommodations based on documentation
- Providing assistance to members of the campus community in responding to disability-related issues and concerns
- Working with the larger campus community to overcome architectural, attitudinal, and administrative barriers
- Educating and training students on assistive technology resources
- Coordinating peer note-taking services
- Providing exam accommodations
- Assisting students with academic strategies
- Assisting with the diagnostic evaluation referral process

If you are a student who seeks accommodations, contact the **Director of Student Services and Support, Rosana Perella** at (617) 449-7380 or Rosana.Perella@urbancollege.edu to discuss your specific situation and needs.



STUDENT SERVICES

MONTHLY REVIEW OF A STUDENT POLICY (cont.)

ACOMODACIONES Y ACESABILIDAD

El Director de Servicios Estudiantiles y Apoyo de Urban College of Boston provee servicios a estudiantes quienes califiquen en tener una discapacidad bajo la ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)). El Director de Servicios Estudiantiles y Apoyo es responsable de organizar acomodaciones que conformen a la ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades, Artículo 504 de la ley de Rehabilitación, y leyes estatales aplicables. La ADA define una discapacidad como: “un impedimento físico o mental el cual restringe una actividad importante de la vida considerablemente; un registro de tal impedimento; o siendo considerado como tener tal impedimento.”

Los servicios proveídos a estudiantes inscritos con discapacidades pueden incluir, pero no se limitan a:

- Proveyendo apoyo de defensa para los estudiantes con discapacidades documentadas
- Coordinando servicios para estudiantes con discapacidades, los cuales incluyen verificando elegibilidad para acomodaciones académicas, basadas en documentación
- Proveyendo asistencia a miembros de nuestra comunidad en respondiendo a problemas y preocupaciones relacionadas a una discapacidad
- Trabajando con nuestra comunidad en general para superar obstáculos arquitecturales, de actitud, y administrativos
- Educando y entrenando estudiantes en recursos de tecnología de asistencia
- Coordinando servicios de la toma de notas
- Proveyendo acomodaciones para exámenes
- Asistiendo a estudiantes con estrategias académicas
- Asistiendo con el proceso de referencia de evaluación diagnostica

Si usted es un estudiante quien busca acomodaciones, contacte al **Director de Servicios Estudiantiles y Apoyo, Rosana Perella** at (617) 449-7380 or Rosana.Perella@urbancollege.edu, para hablar de su situación y sus necesidades.

STUDENT SERVICES

MONTHLY REVIEW OF A STUDENT POLICY (cont.)

可达性和調適安排

波士顿城市学院的学生服务和支持主任为根据美国残疾人法案 (ADA) 符合残疾条件的学生提供服务。学生服务和支持主任负责根据《美国残疾人法案》、《康复法案》第 504 节和适用的州法律提供調適安排。ADA 将残疾定义为：“严重限制主要生活活动的身体或精神障碍；有此类损害的记录；或被视为有这种损害。”

为注册的残疾学生提供的服务可能包括但不限于：

- 为有残疾记录的学生提供宣传性支持,
- 为残疾学生提供协调服务, 包括根据文件验证学术的調適安排资格,
- 为校园社区的成员提供帮助, 以应对与残疾相关的问题和關注,
- 与更大的校园社区合作, 克服建筑、态度和行政方面的障碍,
- 对学生进行辅助技术资源教育和培训,
- 协调同儕笔记服务,
- 提供考试調適安排,

协助学生制定学术策略

协助诊断评估转诊流程

如果您是寻求調適安排的学生, 请联系学生服务和支持总监 Rosana Perella, 电话 :

(617) 449-7380 or Rosana.Perella@urbancollege.edu 讨论您的具体情况和需求。



STUDENT DISCOUNTS

Students come and visit the ICA for Free!

The Institute of Contemporary Art\Boston University Membership:

Urban College of Boston is a University Member of the ICA. Your students, faculty, and staff have unique access to Boston's leading center of contemporary culture. Our bold and groundbreaking exhibition program features artists from all over the world, and in our galleries, you are just as likely to see an incredible painting as cutting-edge performance art. With its stunning architecture, perched on the Boston waterfront, and anchoring one of the most exciting neighborhoods in the city, the ICA is the destination for the new art and new experiences your students are looking for.

University Members Receive:

- Free admission with valid university ID for all students, faculty, and staff
- Student-rate pricing on tickets to ICA-produced public programs, performances, and films
- eNews highlighting upcoming exhibitions, dance and music performances, lectures, and other educational programs

For information about the University Membership program, please contact the Membership Office at 617-478-3102 or membership@icaboston.org.

The discount code for Urban College of Boston is UCB2022ICA

Students Faculty and Staff can learn more about the program [HERE](#).



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**CELEBRATE
INSPIRING WOMEN**

Women continue to strive and succeed, even in the face of adversity. These ten women (and countless others) showcase what it means to be a strong, impactful, talented, and intelligent person.

Happy Women's History Month!

Michelle Obama (1964-Present)

Obama is the first Black woman to become First Lady of the United States. She advocates for poverty awareness, nutrition, education, and female empowerment. Since her time as First Lady, she's become an inspiration and role model to women everywhere.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020)

Ginsburg became the second woman to become the associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. During her time on the Supreme Court, she was an advocate for women's rights and gender equality, winning several arguments before the supreme court, including United States V. Virginia.



Simone Biles (1997-Present)

Biles is considered to be one of the greatest gymnasts of all time. She is tied with Shannon Miller as the most decorated gymnast of all time with seven Olympic medals. She has the most world medals (25) and world gold medals (19) and has many gymnastics moves named after her.

Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000)

Brooks was an African American poet known for her works celebrating ordinary black people in her community. She was the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize and the first African American woman to be inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. With numerous achievements under her belt, Brooks has remained a driving force in poetry.



Toni Morrison (1931-2019)

Morrison is African American author known for the critically acclaimed works, *The Bluest Eye* and *Beloved*, with the latter winning a Pulitzer Prize in 1988. Her work has been deemed both controversial, yet powerful and has broken down barriers in literature as a whole.

Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910)

Blackwell was the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States and the first woman to be on the Medical Register of the General Medical Council. She advocated for education for women in medicine and her legacy continues, as she has the Elizabeth Blackwell Medal awarded to women who've made significant strides in medicine as it relates to women as a whole.

Chien-Shiung Wu (1912-1997)

Wu was a Chinese-American nuclear scientist whose most notable works were on the Manhattan Project. She was instrumental in shaping modern physical theory and has granted her numerous achievements including, The National Medal of Science.

