

# Coming to MASSAid: College Cost & Financial Aid Eligibility Information

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# What's new in MASSAid

The MASSAid Portal lets students and families access and track college financial aid information upon completing the FAFSA

## In the past...

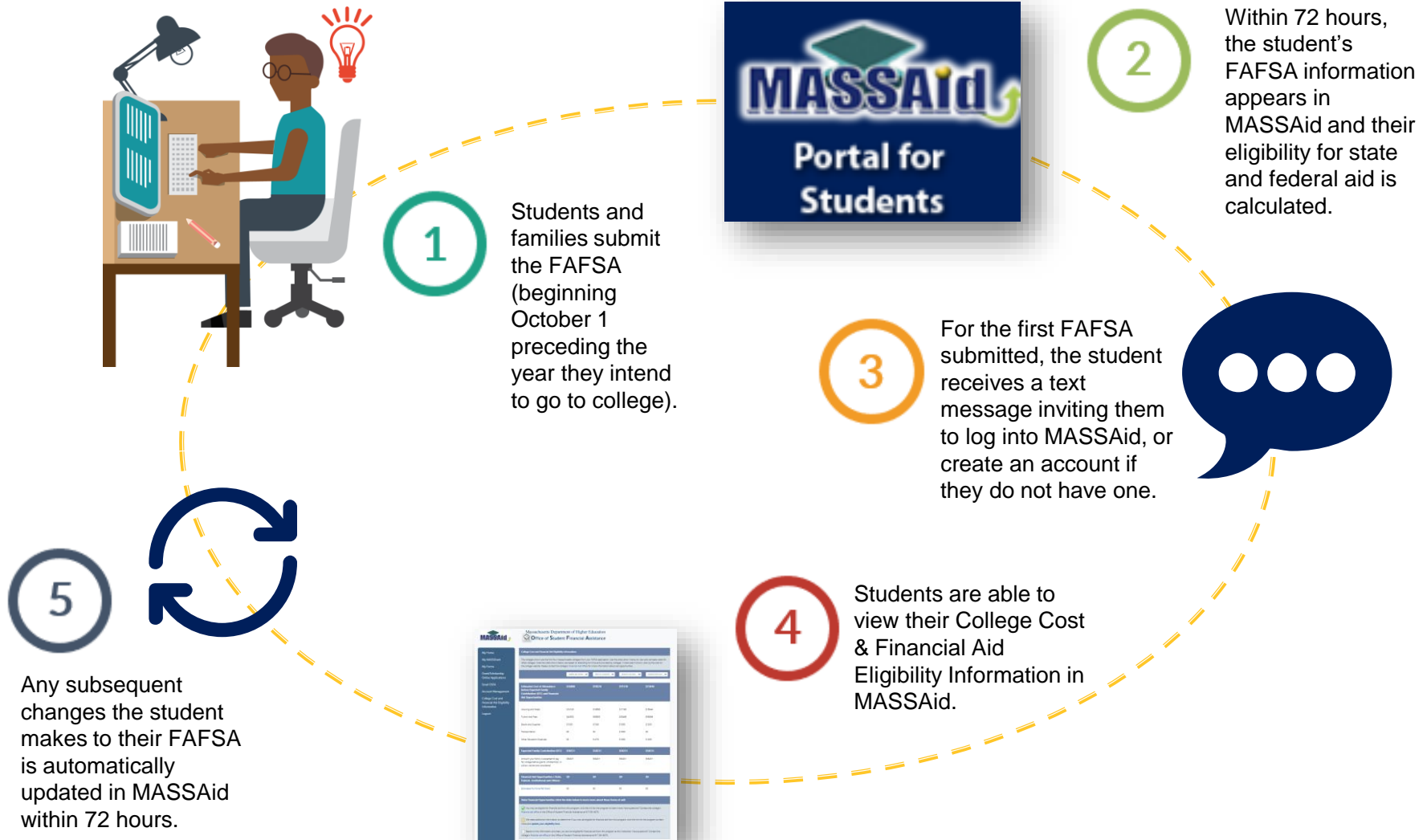
- Students must visit the website for each college they are interested in attending to locate and see the cost of attendance, making it difficult to easily compare costs across institutions.
- Students must visit the websites for each state aid program to see if they are potentially eligible for aid, and provide the same information multiple times, even if the state has this information.
- Contact information for college financial aid offices can be hard to locate on the institution's website.

## With this enhancement to MASSAid...

- Students can **view and compare the cost of attendance for any Massachusetts institution of higher education**, public or private, and compare costs for up to 4 colleges at once.
- Students can **see their potential eligibility for up to 12 state and federal aid programs** based on information from the FAFSA and state records, providing a starting point for learning more about the eligibility process.
- Students visit a single page on the OSFA website listing **contact information for all Massachusetts college financial aid offices**.

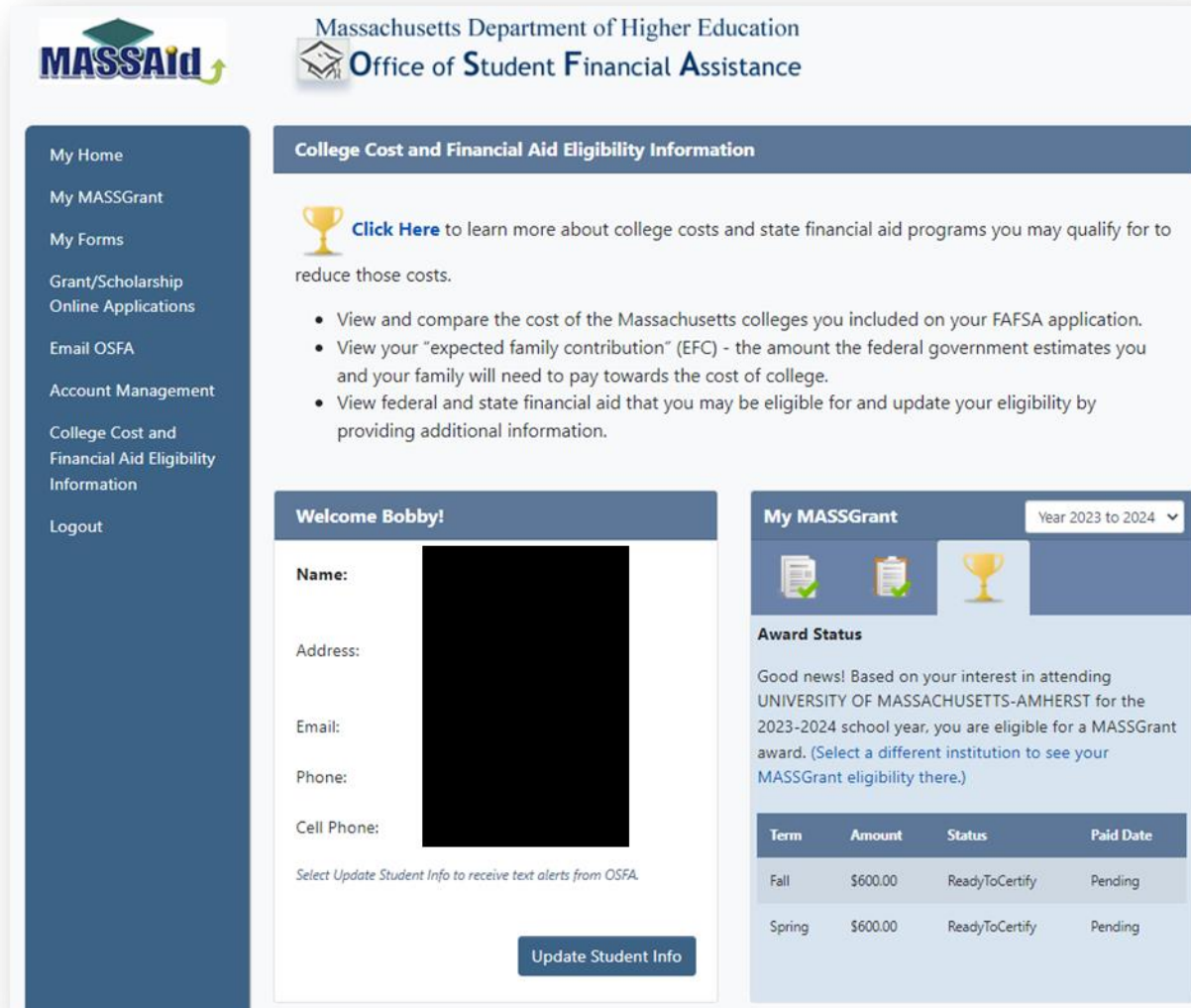
# How it Works

MASSAid uses information from the FAFSA to display college costs and calculate financial aid eligibility information for each student.




# Welcome Banner

First-time college applicants who submit a FAFSA will see a banner highlighting the information they can find on the new page.




**MASSAid** Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
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**College Cost and Financial Aid Eligibility Information**


 [Click Here](#) to learn more about college costs and state financial aid programs you may qualify for to reduce those costs.


- View and compare the cost of the Massachusetts colleges you included on your FAFSA application.
- View your "expected family contribution" (EFC) - the amount the federal government estimates you and your family will need to pay towards the cost of college.
- View federal and state financial aid that you may be eligible for and update your eligibility by providing additional information.


**Welcome Bobby!**

Name: 

Address: 

Email: 




Phone: 

Cell Phone: 

Select [Update Student Info](#) to receive text alerts from OSFA.

[Update Student Info](#)

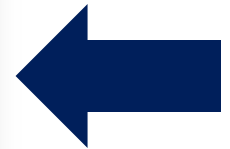
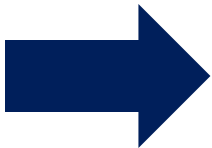
**My MASSGrant** Year 2023 to 2024

**Award Status**

Good news! Based on your interest in attending UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS-AMHERST for the 2023-2024 school year, you are eligible for a MASSGrant award. (Select a different institution to see your MASSGrant eligibility there.)

| Term   | Amount   | Status         | Paid Date |
|--------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Fall   | \$600.00 | ReadyToCertify | Pending   |
| Spring | \$600.00 | ReadyToCertify | Pending   |



# Estimated Cost of Attendance

The top section automatically populates with the first four Massachusetts colleges from the student's FAFSA, but they can select and compare costs for any school in Massachusetts. These data derive from Peterson's and can be adjusted by the institutions.

| College Cost and Financial Aid Eligibility Information  |                     |                    |                   |                    |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| The colleges shown are the first four Massachusetts colleges from your FAFSA application. Use the drop-down menus to view and compare costs for other colleges. Note the costs shown below are based on attending full time and provided by colleges. If costs aren't shown, look up the cost on the college website. Please contact the college's <a href="#">Financial Aid Office</a> for more information about aid opportunities. |                     |                    |                   |                    |
|   | UNIVERSITY OF MA: ▼ | TUFTS UNIVERSITY ▼ | NORTHEASTERN UN ▼ | BOSTON UNIVERSIT ▼ |
| Estimated Cost of Attendance before Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and Financial Aid Opportunities  | \$31728             | \$84568            | \$81432           | \$82760            |
| Housing and Meals   | \$14776             | \$16780            | \$18440           | \$17400            |
| Tuition and Fees  | \$16952             | \$65222            | \$60192           | \$62360            |
| Books and Supplies  | \$0                 | \$1000             | \$1000            | \$1000             |
| Transportation  | \$0                 | \$0                | \$900             | \$630              |
| Other Education Expenses  | \$0                 | \$1566             | \$900             | \$1370             |

# Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

The next section displays the student's EFC as calculated from their FAFSA. If a FAFSA is modified and resubmitted, the change will be reflected here within 72 hours.

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| Expected Family Contribution (EFC)   | \$4715 | \$4715 | \$4715 | \$4715 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Amount your family is expected to pay for college before grants, scholarships, or tuition waivers are considered | \$4715 | \$4715 | \$4715 | \$4715 |

# Federal Financial Aid Opportunities

The next section displays the student's estimated full-time Pell Grant award. Clicking the name of the program takes the student to the Federal Student Aid website with further information about eligibility requirements.

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| <b>Financial Aid Opportunities ( State, Federal , Institutional and Others)</b> | <b>\$2045</b> | <b>\$2045</b> | <b>\$2045</b> | <b>\$2045</b> |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Estimated Full-time Pell Grant  | \$2045        | \$2045        | \$2045        | \$2045        |

# State Financial Aid Opportunities

The last section gives information on the student's potential eligibility for up to 11 different state aid programs based on the college they select (eligibility depends on many factors, including citizenship status, whether the student seeks to attend a public or private institution, etc.).

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## State Financial Opportunities (click the links below to learn more about these forms of aid)

 You may be eligible for financial aid from this program; click the link for the program to learn more. Have questions? Contact the college's [financial aid office](#) or the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 617.391.6070.

 We need additional information to determine if you may be eligible for financial aid from this program; click the link for the program to learn more and [update your eligibility here](#)

 Based on the information provided, you are not eligible for financial aid from this program at this institution. Have questions? Contact the college's [financial aid office](#) or the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 617.391.6070.

MASSGrant















































GEAR UP Scholarship





# State Financial Aid Opportunities (Continued)

Clicking the name of a program takes the student to the OSFA webpage with further information about eligibility requirements about that particular program. Students may find themselves potentially eligible for aid they weren't expecting!

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MASSGrant   |    |    |    |    |
| GEAR UP Scholarship   |    |    |    |    |
| Foster Child Grant  |    |    |    |    |
| DCF Foster Child Fee Assistance   |    |    |    |    |
| DCF Adopted Child Fee Assistance  |    |    |    |    |
| MASSGrant PLUS Good News! It looks like you may qualify for the MASSGrant Plus program at one or more colleges. MASSGrant Plus provides enough financial aid to cover the cost of the Tuition and Fees at public higher education institutions. Please contact the college's Financial Aid Office for more information. |    |    |    |    |
| John and Abigail Adams Scholarship  |   |   |   |   |
| Valedictorian Program Tuition Waiver  |  |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts Cash Grant  |  |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts Gilbert Matching Student Grant  |  |  |  |  |
| Need Based Tuition Waiver   |  |  |  |  |

# Updating Eligibility

Sometimes OSFA needs more information from the student to make a determination. Clicking “update your eligibility here” displays a set of questions that could change a student’s potential eligibility for aid. These questions are optional and can be changed at any time by the student.

### Additional Eligibility Questions

Your responses to the below questions will help us determine your eligibility for additional forms of aid.

Do you anticipate graduating from high school as a Valedictorian?

Your planned enrollment status:

Are you currently or were you ever in the custody of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families?

Were you adopted by a Massachusetts resident or Massachusetts state employee?



# Contacting Institutions

In addition to OSFA, students might want to contact an institutions to learn more. OSFA has a comprehensive list of every financial aid office in Massachusetts.

## Massachusetts Colleges and Universities Financial Aid Information

MA Colleges and Universities Financial Aid Sites

| College                        | Financial Aid Office  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| American International College | <a href="https://apps.aic.edu/static/phonebook/depts/financial_aid_office/">https://apps.aic.edu/static/phonebook/depts/financial_aid_office/</a>   |
| Amherst College                | <a href="https://www.amherst.edu/offices/financialaid">https://www.amherst.edu/offices/financialaid</a>   |
| Anna Maria College             | <a href="https://annamaria.edu/admission/financial-aid/">https://annamaria.edu/admission/financial-aid/</a>   |
| Assumption University          | <a href="https://www.assumption.edu/people-and-departments/organization-listing/office-financial-aid">https://www.assumption.edu/people-and-departments/organization-listing/office-financial-aid</a> |
| Babson College                 | <a href="https://www.babson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/contact-us/">https://www.babson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/contact-us/</a>   |
| Boston Baptist College         | <a href="https://www.boston.edu/financialaid">https://www.boston.edu/financialaid</a>   |
| Bay Path University            | <a href="https://www.baypath.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/financial-aid/">https://www.baypath.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/financial-aid/</a>                                     |
| Bentley University             | <a href="https://www.bentley.edu/offices/financial-assistance">https://www.bentley.edu/offices/financial-assistance</a>   |
| Berklee College of Music       | <a href="https://www.berklee.edu/student-financial-services/financial-aid">https://www.berklee.edu/student-financial-services/financial-aid</a>   |

## In closing...

We intend to add more functionality in the future to make MASSAid even more helpful for students and families. To provide feedback or ask a question, contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at <https://www.mass.edu/osfa/home/contact.asp>

- This tool is available for first-time college applicants only.
  - Other MASSAid visitors will not see the tool.
- The Cost of Attendance information shown for Massachusetts colleges is provided by the institutions. If costs aren't shown or you're not sure about the full cost of attendance at an institution, contact the institution directly.
  - Cost of Attendance data will be updated each year in September, although the institutions have the ability to update this information at any time.
  - Only data for Massachusetts colleges are provided. Students interested in attending an out-of-state institution should visit the website of that institution to learn more.
- This tool gives an indication of a student's potential eligibility for different forms of state and federal aid, subject to additional verification, and is not a guarantee.
  - Students should contact OSFA or the institution to learn more about their eligibility.
  - Remember that eligibility is based on a number of factors, including citizenship status, the type of institution they want to attend, and whether they seek to enroll full-time, half-time, or less than half-time, among other factors.