Types of Financial Aid

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) Scholarship: This scholarship is for half-off of your tuition cost, up to $15,000. Applicants must demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a career in the behavioral health field, with a particular focus on serving children, adolescents, and families from culturally diverse backgrounds. In order to be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be enrolled at one of the designated community colleges (e.g., Bunker Hill Community College, Roxbury Community College); or be an employee of a human services partner agency (e.g., JRI, Eliot, DMH), and
2. Be from a historically marginalized or low-income background, be a first-generation college student, or be an underrepresented minority in the behavioral health field, and
3. Reside in the Greater Boston Metropolitan area.

More information can be found at: williamjames.edu/camhi

William James College Bachelor’s Completion Scholarship: This scholarship is available to Bachelor’s students who are not receiving the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Initiative (CAMHI) Scholarship.

Bachelor’s Completion program students who are enrolled for at least 6 credits each semester are eligible to receive scholarship funds covering up to one half of their total tuition (for a maximum award of $15,000 during their enrollment).

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Federal Pell Grant: This federal program provides grants to undergraduate students demonstrating exceptional financial need. Award amounts are determined by the federal government based on a student’s family contribution and the student’s cost of attendance. The current maximum award is $6,495 for 2020-2021 for full-time attendance.

Federal SEOG Grant: The FSEOG program provides grants to undergraduate students demonstrating exceptional financial need. Award amounts are determined by the school. The allowable federal award range is $100-$4,000 per year.

Massachusetts Grant Aid: The Massachusetts Grant program provides need-based aid to full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need and meet the Massachusetts residency requirements as detailed by the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance. Award amounts are determined by the state government and are estimated until final state appropriations. In order to be considered

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Create an FSA ID Username and Password. This can be done on studentaid.gov
2. Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going onto fafsa.ed.gov—be sure to include William James College on your list of schools so that we get your application automatically.
3. Once we review your FAFSA, we will follow-up with an award letter with the types of aid you’re eligible for as part of your financial aid package.

for a Mass Grant students should file their FAFSA to the Federal Central Processor by May 1st.

More information can be found at:
mass.edu/osfa/programs/massgrant.asp

Federal Work Study: Federal Work-Study is a need-based award which provides the opportunity for part-time employment in an on-campus or community service related position, allowing students to earn money to help pay education expenses.

Federal Direct Student Loans: Federal Direct Student Loans are a federally funded educational loans for undergraduate students. The fixed interest rate and fees are defined by the federal government. The amount a student can borrow each year vary depending on many factors. How many credits you have completed toward your degree, your dependency status, your need, are some of the variables that determine the type and amount of loan for which you are eligible. More information about the Direct Student Loan program can be found at: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans

Parent PLUS Loan: The Parent PLUS Loan is a federally funded loan that enables parents of dependent undergraduate students to borrow up to the cost of attendance, less financial aid. The fixed interest rate and fees are defined by the federal government. More information can be found at: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans

Private Student Loans: Loans available in this category are offered by various private lenders and are certified by the College each year for the student’s enrollment. There are numerous alternative loans available, from a wide variety of lenders many of which can be found using elmselect.com