



EMERSON COLLEGE

BRINGING INNOVATION TO COMMUNICATION AND THE ARTS

GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2009 - 2010

PART 1: STUDENT GENERAL INFORMATION

INCOMING GRAD RETURNING GRAD

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Gender: Male / Female Date of Birth: _____ Emerson ID Number: _____

Will you receive Emerson College Employee Tuition Benefits (as a college employee or dependent of an employee)? : YES NO

Housing Status while attending Emerson College: Off-Campus/Apartment Living with Parents/Relative

Changes in housing status may affect your financial assistance. You must notify the Office of Student Financial Services if your situation changes.

Permanent Address: _____ Local Address while at Emerson College (if different from permanent address): _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Driver's License State: _____ Driver's License Number: _____ (If you do not have a driver's license, please write "NONE")

Are you a U. S. citizen? Yes No (If no, you must attach documentation that certifies your eligibility as a permanent resident)

Program of Study: _____ Expected graduation date (month/year): _____

How many credits will you take in: (a number is required in each box, don't leave blank)

SEMESTER	NUMBER OF CREDITS	BOSTON CAMPUS	LOS ANGELES
Summer I 2009		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Summer II 2009		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Fall 2009		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Spring 2010		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Note: Aid is awarded based on your answers to these enrollment questions. Future changes to your enrollment may affect your award.

FOR COMM DISORDERS & HEALTH COMM STUDENTS ONLY
Indicate when you anticipate enrolling in your SEMINARS:

SEMINARS	NUMBER OF CREDITS ANTICIPATED
May 2009	
January 2010	

PART 2: STUDENT RESOURCES GENERAL

Status Are you married? Yes No

If you are married or will be married by the time you file your FAFSA you must include your spouse's income and asset information on this application. If your application is selected for verification you must also submit a copy of his/her 2008 federal tax return. If your marriage status changes after you file the FAFSA you must notify our office immediately.

INCOME Did you or will you file 2008 federal taxes? Yes No

CHILD SUPPORT AND ALIMONY

	RECEIVED IN 2008	PAID IN 2008
Child Support	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____	\$ _____

PART 3: STUDENT RESOURCES DETAILED

ASSETS Cash and Savings: \$ _____ Stocks, Bonds, CDs, Investments: \$ _____ Trust Funds: \$ _____

List other assets below (e.g., real estate). **DO NOT INCLUDE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OR CAR.**

ASSET	DATE OF PURCHASE	PURCHASE PRICE	CURRENT VALUE	AMOUNT OWED
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$

UNTAXED INCOME AND BENEFIT SOURCES

SOURCE OF UNTAXED INCOME OR BENEFIT	ACTUAL AMOUNT 2008	ANTICIPATED AMOUNT 2009
Tuition paid by your employer	\$	\$
Contributions to tax-deferred annuity (401(k), 403 (b), IRA)	\$	\$
Cash gifts received for living expenses	\$	\$
Housing, food, or other living allowances paid to members of the clergy, military, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits)	\$	\$
Worker's Compensation / Disability	\$	\$
Welfare Benefits (not including food stamps and fuel assistance)	\$	\$
Veterans' Benefits	\$	\$
Other Sources (exclude federal loans)	\$	\$

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Did any household members receive Social Security Benefits in 2008? Yes No

If yes, list the total amount of Social Security benefits received for all household members in 2008: \$

PART 4: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please provide information about your family members. Include yourself (student), your spouse (if you are married), your children (if you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010), and anyone else for whom you will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. Also, if any member of your household is enrolled in a college or university, provide the applicable information.

Full Name	Age	Relationship Code*	Name of College in 2009-2010	Graduation Date
<i>You (the student)</i>		<i>Self</i>	<i>Emerson College</i>	

*Relationship Codes: 1 = Parent, 2 = Stepparent, 3 = Sibling, 4 = Student's Spouse, 5 = Student's Child, 6 = Grandparent, 7 = Stepsibling, 8 = Other
MSG 12/22/08

PART 5: PROJECTED YEAR INCOME

NOTE: Complete this section ONLY if expecting a decrease in 2009 income.

If applicable, date employment ceased or will cease: _____

Total taxable income expected by student and spouse from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009 (e.g., earned wages, unemployment compensation, interest income, severance compensation, Alimony, taxable IRA distribution, taxable social security, and net business income): \$ _____

Please list all non-taxable income expected by student and spouse from Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009 from the following sources:

SOURCE	EXPECTED AMOUNT IN 2009
Tuition Benefits paid by your employer	\$
Payments to tax-deferred pensions and savings plans	\$
Untaxed portions of 401(k) and 403(b) plans	\$
Deductible IRA and/or Keogh payments	\$
Social Security Benefits	\$
Housing, food, or other living allowances paid to members of the clergy, military, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits)	\$
AFDC / Welfare Benefits (not including food stamps and fuel assistance)	\$
Other untaxed benefits (itemize below): _____ _____	\$

PART 6: STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I/We have read our answers to all the questions on this form and do solemnly affirm its' accuracy and completeness to the best of our knowledge. I/We promise to notify the Office of Student Financial Services in writing if I (the student) withdraw from the college or reduce credits during the school year. I/We understand that unsatisfactory academic progress or failure to fulfill these obligations may result in a discontinuance of any aid awarded. I/We promise to notify the Office of Student Financial Services in writing if I (the student) plan to attend part of the academic year at Los Angeles or other external program. I/We understand that as a recipient of financial aid, I/we are responsible for reporting any change in our financial circumstances, such as additional income or support from non-Emerson sources.

PART 7: STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

I, the student, certify that I am a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and that I will use any financial aid that I receive under Title IV (Federal Perkins, Federal Work-Study, Federal Stafford Loans) only for expenses related to Emerson College. I, the student, certify that I am not in default on any Title IV loan nor owe a refund for a Title IV grant made for attendance at any institution. I understand that I am responsible for repaying any funds I receive which cannot reasonably be attributed to meeting educational expenses at Emerson College.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to:

EMERSON COLLEGE
Office of Student Financial Services
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116-4624

Phone: 617.824.8655

Fax: 617.824.8619





2009 - 2010 GRADUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Step One *2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*

Using your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return, complete the FAFSA after January 1, 2009 and submit it to the Department of Education for processing. If your taxes are not complete, you may use estimated amounts, but this may cause a delay in processing your aid. Emerson College recommends that you complete your FAFSA online (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>). If you prefer to complete a paper FAFSA, you may request one by calling 1-800-4FED-AID. Online FAFSA processing takes 2 to 3 weeks; the paper FAFSA takes 4 to 6 weeks.

Emerson College code for FAFSA: 002146

Step Two *Emerson College Graduate Financial Assistance Application*

Complete the application and submit it to the Office of Student Financial Services.

Step Three *Are you selected for verification?*

After your FAFSA is processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Department of Education, which will indicate whether or not you have been selected for verification. The government randomly selects approximately 30% of all applicants for verification. If you are selected, please submit the following:

1. ____ SIGNED copy of your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return, including all pages and schedules
2. ____ Student Non-Filer Statement* (if you did not file a tax return for 2008)
3. ____ Household Verification Statement for Independent Students*
4. ____ Any other documentation as requested by the Office of Student Financial Services.

*This form can be obtained at the Office of Student Financial Services or online at http://www.emerson.edu/financial_services.

Step Four *Financial Assistance Statement*

Based on the above information, our office will determine your federal loan eligibility and you will receive a Financial Assistance Statement. This statement will indicate the amount of loans you are entitled to borrow. Please read the directions if you wish to lower the amount offered. This document needs to be signed and returned to our office within three weeks. After we receive your signed Financial Assistance Statement, your Stafford Loans will be certified. The Office of Graduate Admissions will notify you if you are granted a merit-based scholarship.

Step Five *New Graduate Students and First-Time Stafford Loan Borrowers*

This step is for new graduate students and/or first time Stafford Loan borrowers at Emerson College only. After we receive your signed Financial Assistance Statement, your loans will be certified. This process begins in June 2009 (for Fall 2009 applicants). After your loans are certified, you must sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and complete Entrance Counseling. This process can be done online. Please wait for more information to complete this step.

Step Six *Loan Disbursement*

Once you have completed the above steps, your loan will be ready for disbursement, which means the money can be placed into your account. Funds will usually arrive in late June for Summer Session I, late July for Summer Session II, late September for Fall 2009, and late January for Spring 2010.

Step Seven *Refund Requests*

After the funds have disbursed, tuition and fees are automatically deducted. Any money left over can be refunded to you for living expenses and supplies. To request a refund please visit our website at http://www.emerson.edu/financial_services for further instructions. Checks can be mailed to off campus addresses or may be picked up at the Student Service Center. It normally takes two Fridays from the request date to receive your check. Please note that refunds are not available until: 1. your funds have disbursed to your account; 2. you are showing an actual credit on your account and 3. your enrollment can be verified. **You must budget your funds accordingly to ensure you have enough money to cover your expenses while waiting for a refund. Refunds can be expected at the beginning of July for Summer Session I, end of July for Summer Session II, the beginning of October for Fall 2009, and the middle of February for Spring 2010. (Students who receive assistantships should expect longer wait times for their refunds. Contact the Student Service Center for details.)**

THIS PAGE IS FOR YOUR RECORDS