BAY PATH COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Merit/Academic Scholarships for Freshmen

1897 Founder's Scholarships

The 1897 Founder's Scholarship Program provides significant scholarship recognition, honors courses and leadership opportunities to a select group of incoming freshmen from academic years prior to 2006 – 2007, who have shown distinctive leadership, exemplary character, strong academic performance and involvement in their schools and communities. The 1897 Founder's Scholarship amounts are $13,000 for a resident student toward tuition, room and board. Commuter students are eligible to receive $12,000 for tuition. The scholarship is renewable for four years based on a grade point average of 2.0. 1987 Founder's Scholars can participate in the Capitals of the World trip in their junior year with all travel and accommodations paid. Students must be full-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Provost Scholarships

Students with strong academic achievements and accomplishments in high school are eligible for Provost Scholarships up to $12,000 toward tuition, room and board which are renewable for four years of study based on a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Resident students are eligible for an award of $12,000 and commuter students are eligible for an award of $11,000 per academic year. Students must be full-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Dean's Scholarships

Students with strong academic and personal achievements in high school are eligible for Dean's Scholarship awards up to $11,000 toward tuition, and room and board which are renewable for four years of study based on a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Resident students are eligible for an award of $11,000 and commuter students are eligible for an award of $10,000 per academic year. Students must be full-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Seize the Day Awards

Seize the Day Awards are based on the student's high school grades and standardized test scores. Awards are up to $7,000 toward tuition, and room and board which are renewable for four years of study based on a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Students must be full-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Pathways Award

Pathways Awards are based on the student's high school grades and standardized test scores. Awards are up to $5,000 toward tuition, and room and board which are renewable for four years of study based on a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Students must be full-time and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Merit Scholarships for Traditional Transfer Students

Academic Excellence Scholarships

Students with a college grade point average of 3.25 or better who transfer to Bay Path College are eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship of up to $10,000 toward tuition, and room and board based on full-time enrollment. Resident students are eligible for $10,000 and commuters are eligible for $8,000 per academic year.

Presidential Achievement Scholarships

Students with a college grade point average between 2.80 and 3.24 who transfer to Bay Path College are eligible for the Presidential Achievement Scholarship of up to $9,000 toward tuition, and room and board based on full-time enrollment. Resident students are eligible for $9,000 and commuters are eligible for $7,000 per academic year.

Success Award

Students with a college grade point average between 2.0 and 2.79 who transfer to Bay Path College are eligible for the Success Award up to $7,000 toward tuition, and room and board based on full-time enrollment. Resident students are eligible for $7,000 and commuters are eligible for $5,000 per academic year.

Additional Grant and Scholarship Assistance for Eligible Students

Bay Path Grants

The Bay Path Grant Program provides funds to full-time traditional undergraduate students with financial need. Bay Path Grant funds may only be used as an offset against tuition and fees and may not be refunded to the student for any other educational costs. The amount of the grant is determined by the amount of financial need and the eligibility of the student for other funds. The Bay Path Grant is, in effect, a discount applied to tuition based on the Student Financial Services Office estimate of the ability of a student and her family to meet the cost of education at Bay Path College. Bay Path Grants come from the college's own funds, and they are provided to more than 300 students per year. All of the provisions listed as common to the federal programs are, by college policy, also applied to Bay Path Grants. Bay Path Grants are provided to assist students with the direct costs of education, including all or part of the student's costs for tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board. Bay Path Grants are not provided to cover the student's costs for living in off-campus housing. Grants are not awarded for graduate, or post-baccalaureate study. Bay Path Grants range from $500 to over $8,000 per academic year. Students can receive an academic scholarship and a BPC Grant within the same academic year.

Longmeadow Scholarships

Longmeadow Scholarships are awarded annually on a competitive basis with an emphasis on leadership qualities and academic achievement to full-time new freshmen who are residents of Longmeadow, as well as full-time entering new freshmen who are dependents of town employees. Longmeadow Scholarships range up to $11,000 toward tuition, room and board and are renewable for four years of study based on a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Students receiving merit aid are not eligible.

Sister/Sister and Mother/Daughter Grants

Bay Path College offers a grant to a sister/sister or mother/daughter who are enrolled at Bay Path College together. This scholarship offers financial assistance as a one-time award for either a traditional or One Day-A-Week Saturday students enrolled in a Bay Path College undergraduate program. Students enrolled in a graduate program do not qualify for this grant; but a daughter or sister of a current Bay Path College graduate student may be eligible for this grant as long as the daughter or sister is accepted into an undergraduate Bay Path College program. The grant amount is $500 as a one-time award to both students enrolled with the exception of graduate students. Students must be registered a full-time student to receive the grant. Applications to apply for this grant may be obtained by contacting Student Financial Services.

Legacy Scholarship

The Legacy Scholarship is for students whose mother, father, grandmother or grandfather is a graduate of the college. This scholarship offers financial assistance up to four years of study for students enrolled in a Bay Path College undergraduate program. Students must be accepted and matriculated into either the traditional or One Day-A-Week Saturday undergraduate program. Students must be registered as a full-time student each semester to receive the scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is $500 annually and is renewable up to four years of study in an undergraduate program as long as the student maintains satisfactory academic progress.

New York State TAP Matching Grant Program

Students who are residents of the State of New York will receive a Bay Path College grant equal to the amount they would be eligible to receive through the New York State TAP Program. Students must show proof of eligibility.

Community College Grants

Students who graduate from a Connecticut or Rhode Island Community College are eligible to receive a grant of up to $1,500 per year.

BAY PATH COLLEGE EDUCATION STIMULUS PLAN

In January of 2009, the Bay Path College Education Stimulus Plan was developed as a three-part plan to help students and families get the best value in higher education. The plan includes:

1. Removing the financial barriers that prevent students from enrolling. (see below for details)
2. Providing the resources to help students succeed as undergraduates. (see below for details)
3. Offering undergraduates the opportunity and financial support to continue at Bay Path and earn a Master's degree. **Grant assistance of up to $10,000 towards a Bay Path College Graduate degree for eligible students in qualifying programs.**

Description of Parts 1 & 2 of the Bay Path College Education Stimulus Plan

1. Removing the financial barriers that prevent students from enrolling.

Bay Path provides a variety of scholarships, grants, and awards that are specifically and proactively awarded to potential students early in the admissions process.

Scholarships: One hundred percent of new full-time traditional students receive up tp $13,000 per year in merit scholarships or grants – which do not have to be repaid. Applicants are automatically considered and are notified soon after being admitted to Bay Path. (See the sections titled Merit Aid for Freshmen & Transfer Students)

Distinctive Awards: Beginning with the 2009 academic year, the College is offering distinctive scholarships and awards to new incoming traditional students. The awards are renewable each year and recognize the accomplishments of our applicants. Please note we assess each individual applicant to determine the most appropriate scholarship or award. These Distinctive Awards include the following:

- National Science Foundation Scholars Program
  Awarded to qualified science majors, the NSF Scholars Program includes a minimum award of $2,500 and a maximum award of $10,000 per year. Students are also eligible to apply for research stipends and to work one-on-one with faculty in our state-of-the-art science labs. This program is designed to attract and retain students in the Biology, Biotechnology, Forensic Science or Biology Secondary Education programs. Eligibility for the scholarship includes the completion of the FAFSA, full-time enrollment, a B/3.0 or equivalent grade point average in their high school or college experience. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful nationals, refugees or permanent aliens as defined in the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act. Applicants also must write a brief personal essay of no more than 500 words, complete the NSF Scholars Program Application and send in a recommendation from a science or math teacher/professor. The application and the recommendation forms are available on the BPC web site or by contacting the Office of Student Financial Services. The deadline to submit the application, recommendation form and essay is March 1, 2010 for the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

- National Honor Society Award
  Students who were members of the NHS while in high school will receive a $1,500 per year award.

- Girl Scout Gold & Silver Achievement Awards
  In recognition of the commitment made by Girl Scouts in achieving this status, students will receive a $1,000 award for Gold or $500 for Silver.

- Phi Theta Kappa Award
  A special $1,500 award for our transfer students who have graduated from a community college and are members of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society that recognizes the academic achievement of community college students.

- First Generation Award
  Many of Bay Path students are the first in their families to attend college. In recognition of this distinction, a special $1,500 award will be given to first generation college students.

- Honors Award
  Students eligible to be in the Honors Program but not contingent upon participation. Award amount is $2,500 per year.

- Carpe Diem Award
  Students who are eligible for the Dean's Scholarship or the Success Award maybe eligible to receive a $1,500 award.

*** Please Note – Except for the Girl Scout Gold or Silver Awards, students will receive only one of the Distinctive Awards as part of the Bay Path College Education Stimulus Plan. These awards will also be included in the student's comprehensive financial aid award package. With the exception of the NSF Scholars Program, no special application is required including the FAFSA to be eligible for one of the Distinctive Awards.

2. Providing the resources to help students succeed as undergraduates.

   Assuming a student's financial status remains relatively consistent, Bay Path will offer the same financial aid package annually. However, if a student's financial situation changes, we are here to help through the Bay Path Opportunity Grant Program. Through this program, we pledge to do everything possible to make sure financial considerations do not get in the way of a student's ability to remain enrolled at Bay Path.

   * (Please see our web site at www.baypath.edu for further information on the Bay Path College Education Stimulus Program)