

# **Bridgeport Tuition Grant Application**

Fairfield University is dedicated to the students of Bridgeport and to their future educational goals. In an effort to assist Bridgeport high school graduates with the costs of college, students may apply for a full tuition scholarship from Fairfield University.

A Bridgeport resident student whose annual family income is \$70,000 or less, whose financial assets are at a reasonable level for such annual income and have met all application deadlines may apply for the tuition grant scholarship. Income derived from family businesses and/or other real estate may exclude a student's application. Students <a href="mailto:must have also attended an eligible Bridgeport High School for all four years of high school">must have also attended an eligible Bridgeport High School for all four years of high school</a>. Students will be subject to comply with all federal and institutional financial aid application policies.

All students requesting review for the Bridgeport Tuition Grant are also subject to the financial aid verification process.

Applications will NOT be reviewed until ALL documentation is received as indicated above.

\*\*Please remember to adhere to all DEADLINES indicated on page 3 of the application\*\*

| Section I: STUDENT INFORMATION- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY |                                  |                  |                                      |   |
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| Student: Last Name:                                  | First Name:                      |                  |                                      |   |
| Fairfield University ID Number                       | or Social Security Numl          | oer:             |                                      |   |
| Address:   |                                  |                  | Anticipated College Graduation Year: |   |
| City:  | State:                           | Zip Code: _      | Phone:                               | _ |
| Student Email Address:                               |                                  |                  |                                      | _ |
| Section I  | I: STUDENT HIGH SCHO             | OL INFORMATIO    | N- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY              |   |
| Name of High School Currently                        | Attending:                       |                  |                                      |   |
| Have you attended this high sch                      | nool for <u>all four years o</u> | f high school?   | YesNo                                |   |
| If NO, please provide a brief exp                    | planation. Include the r         | name of any high | school(s) previously attended.       |   |
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## Section III: Parent Information – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Parent(s) of Record - The parent or parents of record is/are the parent(s) that provides more than 50% of the student's financial support, and subsequently reported on the FAFSA. Please read the following questions carefully.

| Are your biological parents married OR unmarried                        |                            |                |                        |                   | 10 |
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| <ul> <li>If <u>yes</u>, please include both of your biologi</li> </ul>  | cal parents' inform        | mation below a | as parent 1 and pare   | nt 2.             |    |
| <ul> <li>If <u>no</u>, is your parent of record listed on th</li> </ul> | e FAFSA remarrie           | d? Ye          | es No                  |                   |    |
| <ul> <li>If <u>yes</u>, please provide informa</li> </ul>               | •                          |                | •                      | •                 |    |
| - If <u>no</u> , please provide informa                                 |                            |                |                        |                   | ur |
| noncustodial parent* as pare  | ent 2. If parent 2 is      | deceased, ple  | ease skip Parent 2 sec | ction.            |    |
| Parent 1: Last Name:  | First Name:                |                |                        |                   |    |
| Relationship to student – Please circle one:                            | Mother                     | Father         | Stepparent             |                   |    |
| Address:  | City:                      |                | State:                 | Zip:              |    |
| Phone: ( En   | nail:                      |                |                        |                   |    |
| Parent 1: Current Marital Status as of the FAFSA                        | filing date? <b>Please</b> | check one:     |                        |                   |    |
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|   | Single                     |                |                        |                   |    |
|   | Divorced                   |                |                        |                   |    |
|   | Separated                  |                |                        |                   |    |
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| Date that current marital status b                                      |                            |                |                        |                   |    |
| Date that current marital status b                                      | recarre errectives         | Month          | Year                   |                   |    |
| Please Provide Informa  | tion on Parent 2           | (see above for | clarification)         |                   |    |
| Parent 2: Last Name:  |                            | First          | Name:                  |                   |    |
| Relationship to student – Please circle one:                            | Mother                     | Father         | Stepparent             |                   |    |
| Address:  | City                       |                | State                  | 7in.              |    |
| Address:  | City:                      |                | State:                 | zip:              | -  |
| Phone: ()Email: _   |                            |                |                        |                   | _  |
| * If the marital status of Parent 1, the pa                             | rent of record, is         | Divorced, Sept | arated, or Single, the | student will be   |    |

\* If the marital status of Parent 1, the parent of record, is Divorced, Separated, or Single, the student will be required to provide our office with the Noncustodial Parent Profile financial aid application, completed on CollegeBoard. Additional information and the application may be found online at <a href="https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/info-divorced-separated-parents">https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/info-divorced-separated-parents</a>. The noncustodial parent is the parent that provides less than 50% of the student's financial support. If the parent of record is remarried, we do not need the Noncustodial Parent Profile. The deadline for the Noncustodial Parent Profile is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* If you believe extenuating circumstances exist that prevent you from requesting your noncustodial parent from complete the Noncustodial Parent Profile, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at <a href="mailto:finaid@fairfield.edu">finaid@fairfield.edu</a> or 203-254-4000 ext. 4125 by <a href="mailto:December 15th">December 15th</a> for instructions.

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| Did Parent 1 file a federal tax return for the tax year of 2023?       | Yes | No | N/A |
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| Did Parent 2 file a federal tax return for the tax year of 2023?       | Yes | No | N/A |
| Did the stepparent file a federal tax return for the tax year of 2023? | Yes | No | N/A |

**NOTE:** Any parent(s) listed on the Bridgeport Tuition Grant Application that did not file a 2023 federal income tax return must submit IRS Proof of Non-filing status. A **Non-filer statement** may be obtained online at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</a> or by ordering the document using the IRS Form 4506-T which may be found online at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-4506-t">https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-4506-t</a>.

The form must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid no later than February 1st.

# **Section V: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

Please use the following checklist to ensure that you have submitted all of the necessary forms by the required deadlines.

Failure to comply with deadlines or submitting an incomplete file will disqualify you from eligibility consideration. Please monitor the email address provided on this application should there be anything else we need or if we have questions.

| REQUIRED  | DEADLINE   |
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| FAFSA Application (for the 2025-2026 year)  | December 1 <sup>st</sup> OR 30 days after release, whichever is later* |
| CSS Profile (for the 2025-2026 year)  | January 15 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Noncustodial Parent Profile (for the 2025-2026 year)  | January 15 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Bridgeport Tuition Grant Application  | February 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Signed 2023 Federal Income Tax Return (including all schedules) for ALL parents and student filers listed on this application | February 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| <b>2023 W2 Form(s)</b> for <u>ALL parents and student</u> listed on this application  | February 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| 2025-2026 Dependent Verification Worksheet  | February 1 <sup>st</sup>   |

<sup>\*</sup>The 2025-2026 FAFSA is being released in December of 2024. For future years, it will be released in October.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note, all 2025-2026 verification forms are available on our website: www.fairfield.edu/financialaid

#### Section VI: CERTIFICATION

By signing this application,

- We affirm the that data contained on the application and on all attached supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of our knowledge.
- We acknowledge that submission of this application does not guarantee an adjustment to the student's award.
- We will provide all required documents, as requested, to the Office of Financial Aid and understand that my file will not be processed until all documents are submitted by the state deadlines.
- We acknowledge that a student's award estimate is subject to change.
- We understand that if awarded the Bridgeport Tuition Grant, it will cover the cost of tuition only for the fall and spring semesters of the academic year for one year only, provided the student is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. The student is responsible for all other expenses incurred, including any applicable admission deposit.
- We recognize that the submission of this application does not prevent the accrual of late fees on unpaid balances.
- We will arrange to pay our bill on time and will not wait for the outcome of this application. Bills are due by August 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester, and December 31<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester.

Please print, sign, and submit this form, and include all supporting documentation, to Fairfield University's Office of Financial Aid no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

| STUDENT SIGNATURE:          | _ DATE: |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| PARENT OF RECORD SIGNATURE: | DATE:   |
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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Students that have applied for and are receiving the Bridgeport Tuition Grant are required to adhere to Fairfield University's financial aid awarding policies. Fairfield University reserves the right to request additional documentation as needed to determine initial or renewal eligibility. The award is for one year only. Renewal eligibility will be based on meeting renewal deadlines, income/asset thresholds, and various other financial aid eligibility requirements, such as Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

If you have ANY questions about this application, required documentation, or your ability to complete and supply Fairfield University with the requested applications and/or documentation, please contact the Office of Financial Aid IMMEDIATELY for assistance.

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