Berkeley Financial Aid

**Achievement Awards:** Incoming full-time students with a high level of achievement (2.50 grade point average (GPA) or higher) as of the date of application will be considered for an award without consideration of income. Achievement awards are renewable based on the recipient’s cumulative GPA of 2.50 at the end of each academic year and consecutive term enrollment as a full-time student. Awards are up to $3,000 per year based on GPA. Students with GEDs are ineligible.

Eligibility for Achievement Awards will be determined by the Admissions Office and are based on GPA. The College considers the cumulative GPA from either high school or prior post-secondary education (exclusive of remedial programs), whichever is more beneficial to the student. Receipt of a GED will be considered attainment of a CGPA of 2.00 for institutional awarding purposes.

**Alumni Association Scholarships:** Berkeley offers 160 half tuition scholarships and eight scholarships providing up to full tuition, which are awarded annually to high school seniors who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement in high school based on GPA. The Alumni Scholarship amount will be determined after all federal/state grants and other scholarships have been applied and will not exceed the tuition and fees. To be considered for these scholarships, students must complete all admissions requirements by December 15.

Alumni Scholarships are renewable based on the recipient achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.00 at the end of each academic year and consecutive term enrollment as a full-time student.
Berkeley TAP Grant: Full-time students who are eligible for a TAP Grant from New York State may receive a grant of $1,500 per award period from Berkeley College.

Challenge Program Awards: Challenge Program awards are initially awarded as loans, which are forgiven if a student completes his/her degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better. Challenge Program awards are renewable based on the student’s continued full-time enrollment, successful progress, and continued pursuit of a degree. Awards may be up to $1,275 per year.

DECA Scholarships: Based on DECA (Distributive Education Cooperative Association) membership, an evaluation of the high school transcript, and an application essay, high school seniors are eligible to apply for partial- and full-tuition scholarships. This grant award is renewable based on the recipient’s cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better at the end of each academic year and consecutive term enrollment as a full-time student.

Ethel C. Townsend Foundation Scholarships: Each year, the Ethel C. Townsend Foundation awards a wide variety of privately funded scholarships through the generosity of friends and alumni. Scholarships are awarded each year based on a comprehensive review of student admissions applications and supporting credentials. Award amounts and terms vary. Some of the scholarships require a written essay, and application deadlines may apply. Details of specific awards and criteria for each may be obtained by contacting an Admissions Department representative.

FBLA Scholarships: Based on FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) membership, an evaluation of the high school transcript, and an application essay, high school seniors are eligible to apply for partial- and full-tuition scholarships. This grant award is renewable based on the recipient’s cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better at the end of each academic year and consecutive term enrollment as a full-time student.

Honors Scholarships: A student accepted into the honors program will be awarded a half tuition scholarship after all federal/state grants and other scholarships have been applied.

Howard L. Newhouse Grants: The Howard L. Newhouse Grant program provides additional assistance to students who demonstrate need after federal and state aid have been exhausted. Students must have a 2.00 cumulative GPA or better and must be considered dependent on their FAFSA application. Award amounts go up to $675 based on need and enrollment status (full-time or part-time).

International Student Grants: Up to 25 percent of tuition based on past academic achievement and financial need for students who are not residents of and are not living in the United States. These grants are awarded upon admission to the College. Students must apply for this grant at the same time as they apply for admission. Students who subsequently become eligible noncitizens will no longer receive the International Student Grant but are encouraged to apply for federal and state financial aid.

Non-Resident Student Grants: Students who are not residents of the states of New Jersey or New York are considered for this need-based grant. Award amounts go up to $5,000 depending on Financial Aid calculations.

Residence Hall Grants: Residence hall students are considered for this need-based grant at the time of application. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 is required to receive the award. The grant is renewable quarterly based on the recipient’s continued attainment of a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 and consecutive term enrollment as a full-time day residence hall student. Award amounts go up to $250.

Robert V. Maher Access Grants: Students who are considered independent and whose family’s annual income is $35,000 or less are eligible for this aid award. Award amounts go up to $2,000 per year.
on their FAFSA application and have a 2.00 cumulative GPA or better are eligible for the Robert V. Maher Access Grant. Awards are made to students who demonstrate need after federal and state aid have been exhausted. Award amounts go up to $675 based on need and enrollment status (full-time or part-time).

**Transfer Opportunity Program (T.O.P. Scholars):** A T.O.P. Scholarship is awarded to an eligible student who enrolls full-time in one of Berkeley’s Bachelor’s degree programs after receiving an Associate’s degree from another institution.

**Eligibility Requirement**

To be eligible, a student must:

- Have an Associate’s Degree from another college, be accepted, and enroll as a full-time student at Berkeley College.
- Sign an agreement acknowledging awareness of the eligibility requirements.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress to be eligible for the scholarship in the second Award Period.
- Remain continuously enrolled for the first academic year (three quarters). Once the student has completed the academic year the student may take one quarter off without losing the scholarship.
- Meet all federal and state grant application deadlines when applying for Financial Aid each year.

**Transfer Scholarship**

1. A scholarship covering 25 percent of the tuition remaining after all federal/state grants and other scholarships have been applied is granted when a student is accepted and enrolls as a full-time student with an Associate’s Degree from another college.
2. A student’s transfer scholarship could increase above 25 percent if the student’s GPA is 2.50 or above.
3. The same criteria will be used when students are repackaged for their second award period. The award will be determined based on current GPA and can increase or decrease.
4. The Transfer Scholarship will be reduced if the total amount of the scholarship exceeds the remaining balance of tuition and fees after all other grants/scholarships have been applied.
5. The scholarship will be reduced if student loan borrowing exceeds the total cost of tuition, fees, books, and Berkeley room and board if applicable.

**Process**

1. Student applies to Berkeley College, any location, through the Admissions office.
2. Upon acceptance, the student will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the additional questions required to receive the NJ Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) or NY Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).
3. Financial aid will assess the student’s eligibility and generate an award notification with the Transfer Scholarship.
4. Admissions will schedule a registration appointment with Advisement.
5. Advisement will evaluate the student’s transcript and provide a course schedule.
Woodland Park Scholarship: A scholarship of one-third tuition is awarded to a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.50 who is a resident of Woodland Park, New Jersey and will be attending Berkeley at the Woodland Park location. Applications must be submitted to the Woodland Park School Admissions department.

World Trade Center Supplemental Scholarship: Eligible students will be awarded the difference between the state-calculated WTC award and the College tuition rate.

Institutional Merit Aid for Part-Time Students: Berkeley awards institutional aid to part-time students taking at least four credits. The institutional aid used will be the Achievement Award, which is merit based. Students entering the college with an external GPA (High School or college) of 2.50 or greater or are exempt from all developmental courses will be eligible for the Part-Time Achievement Award.

The amount of aid will depend on the number of credits a student is attempting for the quarter. Students taking at least six but less than 12 credits will receive an Achievement Award equal to 15 percent of tuition, and students taking four or five credits will receive an Achievement Award equal to 10 percent of tuition. Students will continue to receive their Achievement Award while in school as long as they are maintaining at least a 2.50 GPA at the time they are repackaged by financial aid. Students who are awarded as part-time and then change to full-time will be re-evaluated based on the full-time policy.

Berkeley Need-Based Institutional Aid: To the maximum extent possible, the College will attempt to utilize College administered need-based funds to supplement offers of merit-based aid that the student is receiving from the College and other sources.

Unmet need is defined as Cost of Attendance minus Estimated Family Contribution minus Other Resources.

Berkeley need-based grant funds may vary, but will generally be awarded according to the following eligibility chart. Exceptions to these guidelines are permitted based on the judgment of the campus Financial Aid Director.

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OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Part-Time Employment: Students who are interested in part-time employment at local companies, agencies, and organizations while attending Berkeley College are encouraged to seek assistance from the Career Services Office.
Payment Plans: A no-interest payment plan for quarterly charges is available. Payments include a $20 fee for each payment plan. The first payment is due on the first day of the month preceding the start of the quarter. Credit disclosure forms are required. A $75 fee will be charged for late payments.