

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

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The Bennington Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program Application 2013–2014

Deadlines

Rolling	Admissions to the postbaccalaureate premedical program are rolling with a closing deadline of April 1
April 1	Financial aid applications due

Application Checklist

In addition to the biographical information requested on the application, please send us the following materials:

- Your résumé.
- The \$60 (U.S.\$) non-refundable application fee made payable to “Bennington College” or a fee waiver.*
- An essay describing how you came to want to work in the health profession. (If you wish, you may submit a second essay to address any additional circumstances, experiences, academic concerns or other information you would like us to have.)
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a professor with whom you have studied. (Please use the forms provided with the application.)
- Official transcripts from all colleges you have attended.
- Official transcripts from all high schools you have attended if you earned a college degree within the last five years.

All application materials should be sent to the Office of Admissions. Applications are processed as they are received and candidates are accepted on a rolling basis. We recommend that you save copies of everything you send to us. The closing deadline to apply is April 1.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 800-833-6845 or admissions@bennington.edu.

Interviews are offered by faculty invitation only. Selected applicants will be contacted after completed applications have been reviewed.

*To request a fee waiver, write a brief description of the reason for your request and send it to Admissions Coordinator, Ferrilyn Sourdiffe at fsourdiffe@bennington.edu.

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Applying for financial aid: Yes No

Please type or neatly print the information requested below. Send this completed form to the Office of Admissions, along with a check for \$60 (U.S.\$) made payable to “Bennington College” or a fee waiver.

Last name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name you prefer to be called _____ Male Female

E-mail address _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Home address (if different) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Date of birth _____ Country of birth _____ Social security number _____

Language(s) spoken at home _____ Country of citizenship _____

If you are not a United States citizen, are you a permanent resident of the United States? Yes No

If yes, what is your green card number? _____ Visa type _____

Note: If necessary, please attach additional sheets to answer the questions that follow.

List all colleges or universities you have attended, dates of attendance, and degrees earned. Please have a transcript sent from each institution as soon as possible.

School _____ City _____ State _____

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Briefly describe those scholastic or professional honors you have been awarded that you consider relevant to this application.

How did you hear about Bennington College?

Do you have any relatives or close friends who attended Bennington College? If so, please list their names, relationship to you, and year of graduation.

Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action for either academic performance or conduct at any colleges you have attended? If yes, please explain.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, please explain.

Optional

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spain) No
2. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please select one or more of the following ethnicities that best describes you:
- American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)
Are you enrolled? Yes No If Yes, please enter Tribal Enrollment Number
 - Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)
 - Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean)
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)
 - White (including Middle Eastern)

Please sign below to indicate that all the information you have included in your application is complete, accurate, and honestly presented.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Recommendation: Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program 2013–2014

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CANDIDATE'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

E-MAIL ADDRESS TELEPHONE

Briefly describe the context in which you know the recommender _____

If you wish to waive your right to see this report once it is written, please sign below.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE DATE

Recommender

The Admissions Committee appreciates the time and energy it takes to create a vivid portrait of a person, and we thank you for your help in adding to the picture created by the other parts of the application. Please comment on the candidate's work and accomplishments.

We would also welcome your opinion of the candidate's character, intellectual passion, ability to succeed in a rigorous science-based curriculum and capacity for collaborative work, as well as any other aspects that you think deserve special mention.

Please submit a letter printed on your stationery and return it to **Bennington College, Office of Admissions, One College Drive, Bennington, Vermont 05201**, as soon possible. Applicants will be considered when all components have been received.

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Financial Aid Checklist: Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program 2013–2014

Types of Aid

Students typically fund the postbaccalaureate year through a combination of federal student loans and a private alternative loan. Federal grants are not available to students who have earned an undergraduate degree.

- **Federal Student Loans**—The federal loan program may provide one year of financial assistance to postbaccalaureate students who are U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens. Loan maximums are \$5,500.00 (dependent students) and \$12,500.00 (independent students). There are two types of loans:
 1. Subsidized federal student loans are loans for financially needy students on which the government, rather than the student borrower, pays the interest until the borrower leaves school or graduates.
 2. Unsubsidized federal student loans are available to students who do not qualify for subsidized funds and to students who wish to borrow more than they can receive through the subsidized program.
- **Federal PLUS Loans**—These are available to parents of dependent postbaccalaureate students (generally those under age 24; see the dependency questions on the FAFSA). Parent borrowers may apply for an amount equal to the student's cost of education minus other aid, including loans.
- **Other Loans, Non-Federal**—Postbaccalaureate students with a good credit history or a credit-worthy cosigner may pay education-related expenses by borrowing through a supplemental loan program. See the loans pages at www.bennington.edu for more information.
- **Merit-based Institutional Grant**—Bennington offers a limited number of merit-based institutional grants to highly qualified applicants. These awards are distributed at the discretion of the admitting committee. No separate application is necessary.

Applying for Aid

You will need a Bennington financial aid WEB ID to apply for aid. This is sent by the Financial Aid Office AFTER YOU APPLY to your program and pay your application fee. On the Bennington website, use it to log in at **My Financial Aid**. Here, you will file the Bennington Financial Aid Application, track your other aid application materials, and later, after application materials are received and reviewed, see your aid award.

FAFSA deadline: April 1, 2013

- 2013–2014 FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid)**—online, available after January 1, 2013.
 - Before filing a FAFSA, get a **federal PIN** (or retrieve a forgotten one) from www.pin.ed.gov to use as your electronic signature. Once you have a federal PIN, complete the **2012–2013 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov**.
 - Enter your social security number and driver's license correctly, and your name (and middle initial) as it appears on your social security card. (FAFSA initiates a social security database match.)
 - Do use the FAFSA's IRS Data Retrieval tool if you have already filed your 2011 federal tax return. If you haven't yet filed, you may use it to make FAFSA corrections later.
 - List Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont—**college code 003682**—as a recipient.
 - Postbaccalaureate applicants, note that on the FAFSA, your year in school will be "5th year/other undergraduate" and your degree will be "other" (not "graduate").
 - Postbaccalaureate applicants who are dependent per the FAFSA dependency questions must include parent income and asset information. Note that your parent must sign the FAFSA with his/her own PIN.

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2013–2014 Bennington College Application for Financial Aid—online at www.bennington.edu, **My Financial Aid**

- Login with a Bennington aid student ID (sent after the application fee is paid)
- Go to the “Apply Online” tab; an acknowledgement will pop up when it’s successfully submitted
- The Bennington Aid Application is due as soon as possible after you receive your Bennington WEB ID.

Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note and, if a first-time borrower, Entrance Loan Counseling

- Complete at <https://studentloans.gov>.
- Use your FAFSA federal PIN as your login and signature.

In April and May, for students who will attend Bennington

- **Confirm IRS figures on FAFSA:** If you did not use IRS Data Retrieval when first filing the FAFSA, you must do so later. Several weeks after your family has filed 2012 federal income tax returns, log into the FAFSA again, and authorize IRS Data Retrieval for all relevant tax returns, parent and student. Due by **May 1**.
- If required per aid award letter, complete and submit a 2013–2014 Verification Worksheet to Bennington.
- Accept, decline, or reduce the funds in your financial aid award online at **My Financial Aid**.
- Submit loan authorization and other forms (as required per **My Financial Aid**, Documents tab) directly to the Financial Aid Office.