

Dakota College at Bottineau Financial Aid

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| What | Description | notes | completed |
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| 1 | FSA ID | Students and at least one parent need to acquire a FSA ID from www.fsaid.ed.gov (this will be used to sign the completed FAFSA and Direct Loan paperwork). If you had a FAFSA PIN in the past, you will update to a FSA ID on this site. | |
| | | Keep this FSA ID in a safe place. This FSA ID does not expire, but the password requires a change every 18 months. | |
| 2 | FAFSA | Complete the application online at FAFSA.ED.GOV after October 1st. | |
| | | The deadline to maximize the amount of Financial Aid is the April 15th before the fall term starts. This deadline varies among institutions. | |
| | | A list of items you will need in order to complete the FAFSA is available on FAFSA.ED.GOV . | |
| | | Dakota College at Bottineau's school code is 002995. | |
| | | If eligible, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax information into your application. | |
| | | If not eligible for the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, then order a Tax RETURN Transcript on the web at http://www.irs.gov under the tools menu. You can also call 1-800-908-9946 or complete an IRS Form 4506T-EZ. You will need the exact mailing address off of your tax return to place the order. You may need this Tax RETURN Transcript later if you are selected for Verification. | |
| | | Sign the FAFSA electronically with you & your parent's FSA ID's. Once you have submitted your FAFSA you will receive a Student Activity Report (SAR). | |
| 3 | SAR | Review the SAR to check for errors and make sure that you have an official (Expected Family Contribution) EFC and that there are no errors. | |
| 4 | Verification | If you are selected for Verification, you will receive a notice with a list of all required documentation. Submit all documentation promptly, as you will not receive an award letter until your Verification is complete. | |
| 5 | Award Letter | Once you have received your SAR and have been admitted to Dakota College at Bottineau watch your mail or email for an Award Letter. | |
| | | Please make sure to review the information that comes with the Award Letter as it contains some very important information and directions. | |
| 6 | Accepting Awards | Accept awards by signing online through your Campus Connection account. | |
| | | If you would like to accept a lesser amount than listed of an award, you can make a reduction to the awards you choose. | |
| | | Students who are attending less than full time may also have aid adjustments due to a lower enrollment status | |
| 7 | Direct Loans* | If you have accepted a Direct Loan from the Federal government, go to https://studentloans.gov . | |
| | | At this website you will be able to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Loan Counseling (both for undergraduates) and sign it with your FSA ID number. | |
| 8 | Perkins Loans* | If you have accepted a Perkins Loan, you will have a separate counseling and promissory note to complete. Log into your Campus Connection account and follow the instructions on your "To-Do" list. | |
| 9 | NSLDS | Post Disbursement Information about your complete federal aid history including loan servicers can be obtained at http://www.nsls.ed.gov . | |

* Students need to be enrolled in at least 6 credits per semester to be loan eligible.