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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Bryan University Financial Assistance Office is available to provide financial access to all students who qualify. Abiding by federal and institutional guidelines, we seek to meet our student's financial need and help students make responsible financial decisions. The University is committed to providing our students with information they need to make college as affordable as possible.

Bryan University's Financial Assistance Office is available to help make educational goals obtainable. Students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<u>www.studentaid.gov</u>) to determine financial need. All applicants for their programs must be United States Citizens or eligible non-citizens. Satisfactory Academic Progress must be maintained while attending the University in order to continue to receive federal or private financial funds.

Prospective students and their parents/spouses are encouraged to visit with a Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator for detailed information about financial assistance programs available. A student who needs financial assistance is urged to contact the University as early as possible. A student's financial package may be certified up to the cost of attendance at Bryan University and when disbursed, funding is applied to the student account. The University has the right to deny any student Federal Loans if the loans are deemed to be detrimental to the student's financial situation.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Offices

IRS Data Retrieval Tool

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) allows students to transfer data from their federal income tax returns into their FAFSA electronically. The 2023-2024 FAFSA requires 2021 tax information. Using the IRS DRT process can reduce errors on your FAFSA, as well as reduce the number of requested documents from the Financial Assistance Coordinator's Office. When students submit the request, the IRS will confirm their identity. For more information on transferring tax information to the FAFSA, click on the following link: <u>https://studentaid.gov</u>

Verification

Verification is a process to confirm the information students, and if applicable parents, provided on the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Verification selection can be random or because FAFSA data was incomplete, estimated or inconsistent. The U.S. Department of Education selects students for the verification process; however, an institution also has the ability to select students to complete the verification process. Bryan University verifies all students selected by the Department of Education.

If a student is selected for verification, Bryan University requests that the student provide documentation to confirm the information reported on your FAFSA. This will include a verification worksheet and may include a copy of a tax transcript or tax return. If the student is a dependent student, we may also request a copy of the parent's tax transcript or tax return. Additional documentation that may be requested for verification may include but are not limited to the following: household size, number in college, child support paid or received, food stamps recipient, high school completion status and/or identity/statement of educational purpose. The student will be notified by the Financial Assistance Coordinator if they have been selected for verification. The notification to the student will explain what documentation the student will need to provide to the Financial Aid office to complete verification and how they may obtain and provide such information.

All documentation requested by Bryan University in connection with financial aid verification must be provided to the Financial Aid Office within 15 days, which may be extended, if the student can show that there is a good reason for the deadline to be extended. Students who fail to provide all required documentation to the financial aid office may not be

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eligible to receive federal student aid in their current term and in the future. Failure to provide the requested documentation may also prevent the student from correcting erroneous information on record with the Department of Education.

If the data reported on the FAFSA is confirmed, the Financial Assistance Coordinator can determine the eligibility for financial assistance and may prepare a Bryan University Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan.

If the University finds differences between the data reported on the FAFSA and the information submitted, corrections to the FASFA may be required. If assistance from students is required, a Financial Assistance Coordinator will contact students and notify them of the corrections process. Bryan University will submit corrections to the Department of Education via our third-party servicer, DJA Financial Aid Services, Inc. Once corrections have been completed and the school receives a verified estimated family contribution (EFC), we may prepare a Bryan University Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan. If due to the verification process, a student's EFC changes and results in a in a change in the amount of the applicant's federal financial aid award, the student will be notified of such changes in writing.

Students are advised that Bryan University will report to any potential fraud or falsified information (on the part of the student, the parent, preparer of financial aid applications, or related parties) to the Department of Education, Office of Inspector General.

Anyone who suspects fraud or abuse may make a confidential report by contacting the Office of Inspector General at 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733) or online at <u>https://oighotlineportal.ed.gov</u>

Entrance Interview

As part of the financial assistance process, the Financial Assistance Coordinator conducts entrance counseling as required by the Department of Education for student loan borrowers. Federal loans will not be issued until this requirement has been met. Entrance counseling may be conducted in one-on-one interviews, a group session and/or electronically. Student loan borrowers must complete the required entrance counseling documentation. The purpose of entrance loan counseling is to inform students of their rights and responsibilities as a student loan borrower. For more information regarding entrance counseling, click the following link: https://studentaid.gov

Entrance Interview – PLUS Loans and Graduate PLUS Loans

As part of the financial assistance process, the Financial Assistance Coordinator conducts entrance counseling as required by the Department of Education for graduate/professional students borrowing Direct PLUS loans, unless graduate or professional students have received a prior graduate/professional Direct or Federal PLUS loan. PLUS loans for graduate or professional students will not be issued until this requirement has been met. Entrance counseling may be conducted in one-on-one interviews, a group session and/or electronically. Parent PLUS loan borrowers are also encouraged to complete PLUS entrance counseling, however it is not required unless the parent borrower has an adverse credit history. If the parent borrower has an adverse credit history but qualifies for a Plus loan either by getting a loan endorser or being reconsidered due to special circumstances, they must complete special loan counseling for PLUS loan borrowers. The purpose of entrance loan counseling is to inform graduate/professional students and parents of their rights and responsibilities as loan borrowers. For more information regarding entrance counseling, click the following link: https://studentaid.gov

Exit Interview

At the completion of the student's program, withdrawal of the student's program or if a student falls below half time enrollment the Financial Assistance Coordinator conducts exit counseling as required by the Department of Education for student loan borrowers. Exit counseling may be conducted in one-on-one interviews, a group session and/or electronically. Student loan borrowers must complete the required exit counseling documentation. In the event the student loan borrower

does not complete exit counseling with the Financial Assistance Coordinator, required exit counseling documentation will be mailed to the student. The purpose of exit loan counseling is to inform students of their rights and responsibilities as a student loan borrower. For more information regarding exit counseling, click on the following link: <u>https://studentaid.gov</u>

Financial Assistance Methodology

Awarding

At least once per award year, each Bryan University student is required to meet individually with a Financial Assistance Coordinator to determine their need for financial assistance and the financial assistance options they may qualify to receive. During a student's initial enrollment, once student need and financial assistance options are determined, a Bryan University Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan, which outlines their initial financial assistance package, is provided to a student to accept or decline via either their physical or electronic signature. Bryan University may award need-based aid and other financial assistance up to the cost of attendance and adheres to Federal guidelines regarding maximum eligibility regulations. If credit balances are created on the student's account, they are paid from the fund source that generated the credit balance.

Bryan University awards future financial assistance in the same manner as the initially accepted financial assistance package unless directed otherwise by the student.

A revised Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan may be provided to a student during their program enrollment. For example, if a student experiences one or more of the following: course repeats, program changes, schedule changes, Estimated Family Contribution changes, etc. and a revision is required to their Bryan University Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan, Bryan University revises the Bryan University Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan and provides a copy of the Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan and provides a copy of the Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan to a student via their Bryan University email account and/or their student portal. All subsequent revisions to a student's financial assistance package will remain consistent with the awarding methodology of the initially accepted financial assistance package or the manner in which their financial assistance package is awarded. This must be done by contacting their Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator. Adjustments to student's financial assistance awards are not guaranteed and may only affect subsequent awards. Revised Estimated Financial Aid Offers and Tuition Financing Plans generated by the University due to one or more of the following: course repeats, program changes, schedule changes, etc. do not require a student signature. Revised Estimated Financial Aid Offers and Tuition Financing Plans generated by student request due to one or more of the following: request to increase loan funds, request to decrease loan funds, request to accesse loan funds, etc. may require a student's physical or electronic signature.

Payment Methodology

Bryan University determines eligibility for Federal financial assistance as dictated by the Department of Education. Prior to determining eligibility for the Federal Ioan assistance programs, the institution must determine the student's eligibility in the Pell Grant program. In addition, a determination of need for the Federal Stafford Subsidized Ioan must be made prior to awarding a Federal Stafford Unsubsidized Ioan.

Frequency of Disbursements

Bryan University defines an academic year as a 30-week period and a payment period as a 10-week period. Disbursements are scheduled each payment period. Financial assistance disbursements are made to Bryan University and applied to

student's accounts for educational expenses. If funds exceed the cost of education, the credit balance is provided to the student.

Types of Federal Financial Assistance Administered by Bryan University

Federal Pell Grants

Amount: Awards based on demonstrated financial need, cost of attendance and enrollment status. For the 2022-2023 award year, the maximum amount is \$6,895.00 and for the 2023-2024 award year, the maximum amount is \$7,395.00. The federal government establishes Pell awards and reserves the right to modify Pell amounts at any time.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 award year, eligible students may receive up to 150% of the student's Federal Pell Grant Scheduled Award. Any Pell Grant received will be included in determining the student's Pell Grant duration of eligibility and Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) in accordance with section 401(c)(5) of the Higher Education Act.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in an approved post-secondary institution and in an eligible program. Students Pell eligibility is measured in scheduled awards and measured by the percentage of lifetime eligibility used (LEU). Maximum duration of Pell lifetime eligibility used (LEU) is 600%. If a student has used 600% or greater of Pell lifetime eligibility, they are ineligible to receive further Pell awards.

Who Qualifies and How to Apply: All students should apply; however, not all students may be eligible. Applicants' eligibility is determined by information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students can complete a FAFSA at <u>http://www.studentaid.gov</u>.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Offices

Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan Program

Amount: Awards based on financial need. For the 2023-2024 award year, the maximum amount of subsidized loans a student can receive is \$3,500.00 for first year students, \$4,500.00 for second year students and \$5,500.00 for third year students and beyond. Loans have a fixed interest rate with a cap of 8.25% adjusted every July 1. The interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/2023, and before 7/1/2024, is 5.50%. The federal government establishes student loan interest rates and reserves the right to modify interest rates at any time.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in at least half-time basis in an approved postsecondary institution and in an approved program and must demonstrate financial need. As of July 1, 2013, eligibility for a subsidized loan is limited to 150% of the length of the student's academic program. Once a borrower has reached the 150% limitation, student eligibility for an interest subsidy also ends for all outstanding subsidized loans that were disbursed on or after July 1, 2013. At that point, interest on those previously borrowers loans would begin to accrue and would be payable in the same manner as interest on unsubsidized loans. In June of 2021, The FAFSA Simplification Act, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, provides for a repeal of the 150% Subsidized usage Limit Applies (SULA) requirements. New Direct Subsidized Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2021, will received the maximum benefit of the regulatory changes.

Who Qualifies and How to Apply: All students should apply; however, not all students may be eligible. Qualified students are not required to make payments nor pay interest while enrolled at least half time; the federal government "subsidizes" the interest during this period of enrollment. Interest begins accruing during the grace period. Repayment of interest charges and principle begin six months after the student leaves school or drops below half time enrollment status. Applicant eligibility is determined by information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students can complete a FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov.

Direct Loan Origination Fee: Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans that have a first disbursement date on or after 10.1.2020 and before 10.1.2024 have a 1.057% origination fee. The origination fee is assessed and automatically deducted by the federal government. Since the origination fee is deducted before the federal government disburses the loan to Bryan University, the amount credited to the student's account will be less than the loan amount borrowed. Origination fees are determined by the Department of Education.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Office

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program

Amount: Awards varies. This award may be used in conjunction with the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan. For the 2023-2024 award years, the maximum amount a qualified independent student can receive is \$4,000.00 for first year students, \$4,000.00 for second year students and \$5,000.00 for third year students and beyond. Loans have a fixed interest rate with a cap of 8.25% that may adjust every July 1. The interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/2023, and before 7/1/2024, is 5.50%. The federal government establishes student loan interest rates and reserves the right to modify interest rates at any time. Some students may also qualify for an additional unsubsidized loan of \$2,000.00.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in at least half-time basis in an approved post-secondary institution and in an approved program. This award is not based on financial need and is available to students regardless of income.

Who Qualifies and How to Apply: All students should apply. Students are responsible for the interest from the date of disbursement. Interest payments may be made in installments while in school or allowed to accrue and be added to the principle (capitalized). Repayment begins six months after the student leaves school or drops below half time enrollment status. Students can complete a FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov.

Direct Loan Origination Fee: Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans that have a first disbursement date on or after 10.1.2020 and before 10.1.2024 have a 1.057% origination fee. The origination fee is assessed and automatically deducted by the federal government. Since the origination fee is deducted before the federal government disburses the loan to Bryan University, the amount credited to the student's account will be less than the loan amount borrowed. Origination fees are determined by the Department of Education.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Office

Federal Graduate Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program

Amount: Awards varies. This award may be used in conjunction with the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan. For 2023-2024 award year, the maximum amount a qualified student can receive is \$20,500.00 Loans have a fixed interest rate with a cap of 9.5% that may adjust every July 1. The interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after 7/1/2023, and before 7/1/2024, is 7.05%. The federal government establishes student loan interest rates and reserves the right to modify interest rates at any time.

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in at least half-time basis in an approved post-secondary institution and in an approved program. This award is not based on financial need and is available to students regardless of income.

Who Qualifies and How to Apply: All students should apply. Students are responsible for the interest from the date of disbursement. Interest payments may be made in installments while in school or allowed to accrue and be added to the principle (capitalized). Repayment begins six months after the student leaves school or drops below half time enrollment status. Students can complete a FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov.

Direct Loan Origination Fee: Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans that have a first disbursement date on or after 10.1.2020 and before 10.1.2024 have a 1.057% origination fee. The origination fee is assessed and automatically deducted by the federal government. Since the origination fee is deducted before the federal government disburses the loan to Bryan University, the amount credited to the student's account will be less than the loan amount borrowed. Origination fees are determined by the Department of Education.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Office

Federal Additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program

Some students may qualify for an additional Unsubsidized loan. Federal Additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loans do accrue interest while the student is enrolled in school and may be paid quarterly or be added to the principal amount of the loan. Repayment of principle begins six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time. The maximum loan amount that a first, second-, or third-year student and beyond may borrow is \$2,000.00. Loans have a fixed interest rate with a cap of 8.25% that may adjust every July 1. The interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after 7.1.2023 is 5.50%. The federal government establishes student loan interest rates and reserves the right to modify interest rates at any time.

Direct Loan Origination Fee: Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans that have a first disbursement date on or after 10.1.2020 and before 10.1.2024 have a 1.057% origination fee. The origination fee is assessed and automatically deducted by the federal government. Since the origination fee is deducted before the federal government disburses the loan to Bryan University, the amount credited to the student's account will be less than the loan amount borrowed. Origination fees are determined by the Department of Education.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Office

Federal PLUS Loans

Amount: Award based on cost of dependent student's education minus other financial assistance. Loans have a fixed interest rate with a cap of 10.50% that may adjust every July 1. The interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after 7.1.2023 is 8.05%. The federal government establishes student loan interest rates and reserves the right to modify interest rates at any time.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a parent or legal guardian of a dependent, undergraduate student. Students must be enrolled in at least half-time basis in an approved postsecondary institution and in an approved program.

Who Qualifies and How to Apply: The parent or legal guardian must complete a credit check to qualify and the parent or legal guardian and student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.studentaid.gov. The parent or legal guardian is responsible for repayment. Interest is charged beginning at the first disbursement date. Repayment including the interest and principal begins 60 days after the funds are fully disbursed for the academic year unless a deferment is requested and granted to the parent or legal guardian. For information on a Plus deferment, contact the Department of Education.

If a dependent student's parent or legal guardian is denied a PLUS loan, the student becomes eligible for increased Unsubsidized Stafford loan limits, the same limits as available to independent students. Only one parent needs to apply for and be denied a PLUS loan. However, if one parent is denied a PLUS loan and the other is approved for a PLUS loan, the student is not eligible for increased Stafford loan limits.

Direct Loan Origination Fee: Federal Direct PLUS Loans that have a first disbursement date on or after 10.1.2020 and before 10.1.2024 have a 4.228% originated fee. The origination fee is assessed and automatically deducted by the federal government. Since the origination fee is deducted before the federal government disburses the loan to Bryan University, the amount credited to the student's account will be less than the loan amount borrowed. Origination fees are determined by the Department of Education.

Federal Graduate Plus Loan

Amount: Award is based on cost of student's education minus other financial assistance. Loans have a fixed interest rate with a cap of 9.5% that may adjust every July 1. The interest rate for loans first disbursed on or after 7.1.2023 is 8.05%. The federal government establishes student loan interest rates and reserves the right to modify interest rates at any time.

Eligibility: Applicants must be graduate or professional students enrolled at least half-time at an eligible school in a program leading to a graduate or professional degree or certificate.

Who Qualifies and How to Apply: Graduate or professional students must complete a credit check to qualify and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <u>www.studentaid.gov</u>. Graduate/professional students are responsible for repayment. Interest is charged beginning at the first disbursement date. Repayment including the interest and principal begins six months after graduate/professional students ceases to be enrollment at least half time.

Direct Loan Origination Fee: Federal Direct PLUS loans that have a first disbursement date on or after 10.1.2020 and before 10.1.2024 have a 4.228% origination fee. The origination fee is assessed and automatically deducted by the federal government. Since the origination fee is deducted before the federal government disburses the loan to Bryan University, the amount credited to the student's account twill be less than the loan amount borrowed. Origination fees are determined by the Department of Education.

For More Information Contact: Bryan University Financial Assistance Coordinator Office.

State Financial Assistance

State funding organizations provide funding to help qualified students meet the costs of post-secondary education. Awarding of funds is determined by the individual organizations. State funding programs include:

- Veteran's Education Training
- WIOA Workforce Investment Opportunity Act
- Workforce Development
- Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA)
- Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
- Vocational Rehabilitation

Veteran Affairs Benefits (VA)

If a student has questions regarding eligibility in any VA program, the student should contact the VA hotline at 888.442.4551, VA information at 800.698.2411, the VA benefits hotline at 800.827.1000 or the student can also access the VA website, <u>www.benefits.va.gov</u>

Chapter 33—Post 9/11 GI Bill®– Active Duty

This education benefit is available to eligible veterans and service members. For more information regarding Chapter 33, please visit the VA website at <u>www.benefits.va.gov</u>

Yellow Ribbon Program

Bryan University has elected to enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition costs. For more information regarding the Yellow Ribbon program, please visit the VA website at <u>www.benefits.va.gov</u>

Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty

This education benefit is available to any man or woman who is active duty or honorably discharged from the military and completed his/her high school education. The VA office determines eligibility for this program. Monthly entitlements increase every year on October 1st with the Consumer Price Index increase. The rates may increase at other times by an act of Congress. Current monthly entitlement amounts are listed at www.benefits.va.gov

A student may qualify for increases above the basic monthly rates. The additional money is referred to as a "kicker." The VA office and the VA website have information regarding who qualifies for "kicker."

Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserves

This program is for members of the Selected Reserve, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserves, the Army National Guard and the Air Guard. The selected Reserve component decides who is eligible for the program. For more information, please visit the VA website at <u>www.benefits.va.gov</u>

VEAP - Veteran's Educational Assistance Program

Veterans who first entered active duty between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985 were able to voluntarily contribute to an education account to establish eligibility. The initial contribution must have been made by April 1, 1987. For more information, please visit the VA website at <u>www.benefits.va.gov</u>

Chapter 35 - Dependent Educational Assistance Benefits

This program provides education benefits for the spouse and dependent children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from service-connected causes, veterans who died in service or who died of service connected causes, and certain other veterans and service persons, such as those currently missing in action or captured in the line of duty. The VA determines eligibility for these benefits. For more information, please visit the VA website at <u>www.benefits.va.gov</u>

Students who do not meet the institution's standards of satisfactory progress, or those students who withdraw from school, forfeit all future Federal financial assistance funds for which they previously were eligible until reinstated by the University.

Grant Awards

The following grant opportunities may be available for Bryan University students:

American Hero Grant

The American Hero Grant is available to current members of our military or former members who served our country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan or other theaters of operation. If a former member of the military, the recipient must have been honorably discharged. The amount awarded is \$500.00 per quarter with a \$5,000.00 maximum award per program. To be eligible, recipients may be required to provide their DD214 or a copy of their military orders, must be enrolled in Bryan University as a full-time student and have financial need once all other VA benefits and eligible federal and/or state grants are applied to their student account balance. The grant is available throughout the award year and may be retroactive; a deadline is not applied. Students should notify the Financial Assistance Coordinator if they believe they are eligible to receive the award and once military information is verified, it may be applied to the student's Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan.

Hero Family Support Award

The Hero Family Support Grant is offered to dependents, spouses, or partners of military personnel. The recipient must have at least one parent, spouse or partner who is a current member of our military or former member who served our country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom – Afghanistan or other theaters of operation. The qualifying military personnel must have been honorably discharged if they are no longer serving. The award amount is \$500.00 per quarter with a \$5,000.00 maximum award per program. To be eligible, the recipient may be required to provide their dependent, spouse or partners DD214 or a copy of their military orders, must be enrolled in Bryan University as a full-time student and have financial need once all other VA benefits and eligible federal and/or state grants are applied to their student account balance. The grant is available throughout the award year and may be retroactive; a deadline is not applied. Students should notify the Financial Assistance Coordinator if they believe they are eligible to receive the award and once military information is verified, it may be applied to the student's Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan.

For additional information on grant awards and any other source(s) of financial assistance, please contact the Financial Assistance Department.

Additional Financial Assistance Information:

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

As required by the Department of Education, Bryan University reports enrollment data of student loan borrowers to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Changes to a student's enrollment status is completed by Bryan University. In addition, all Title IV loans are submitted to NSLDS, and student loan information is accessible by authorized agencies, lenders and other institutions. A student authorizes the school to release information to lenders by signing the promissory note as part of the loan application process. This authorization covers information relevant to the student's or parent's eligibility to borrower as well as locating the borrower.

Professional Judgment

The Department of Education accounts for student's unique situations by authorizing Financial Aid Administrators to exercise Professional Judgment to adjust data elements used to determine a student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC), components of a program's Cost of Attendance (COA) and/or dependency status. The two categories Financial Aid Administrators consider in exercising Professional Judgment are special circumstances and unusual circumstances. Special circumstances refer to the financial situations that justify making an adjustment to the data elements in the EFC calculation or the components of the COA. Unusual circumstances refer to conditions that justify an adjustment to a student's dependency status based on a unique situation and allow a Financial Aid Administrator to complete a Dependency Override.

If a student has a unique situation in either category of special and/or unusual circumstances, they may make a request to the Financial Assistance Office to review their individual circumstances. Upon review, Financial Assistance Coordinators will make a final determination on where a Professional Judgment is substantiated and make the necessary adjustments to reflect that decision.

Additionally, if a student has attended an institution previously and had a Professional Judgment determination based on an unusual circumstance that led to an override of the student's dependency status, that determination may apply at our institution. A review of supporting documentation may be required.

Students may make a request to the Financial Assistance Office via email or phone. When the Financial Assistance Office is made aware of a student's special and/or unusual circumstances, whether through student request or standard due diligence, the Financial Assistance Office will review such cases in a reasonable timeframe, but no later than 60 days from the date the request is received. The Financial Assistance Office may conduct an interview with the student and may request

additional documentation to substantiate the student's situation. Any Professional Judgment exercised by our Financial Assistance Office is made on an individual, case-by-case basis. The Financial Assistance Office strives for consistency in the treatment of students with similar unusual circumstances.

If the Financial Assistance Office concludes a Professional Judgment is warranted, the Financial Assistance Office will determine which adjustment applies to the student's circumstances. If the Professional Judgment necessitates changes to the data elements in the EFC or the components of the Cost of Attendance, the Financial Assistance Office will document the new figures in the student file. Additionally, the Financial Assistance Office will generate a final determination of the review and whether a Professional Judgment was applied under their circumstances.

- If an adjustment is made to the components of the Cost of Attendance, the Financial Assistance Office will generate an updated Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan.
- If an adjustment is made to the data elements used to calculate a student's EFC, the Financial Assistance Office will electronically make changes to the student's FAFSA and generate a new valid ISIR. When changes are made on the FAFSA with a student or parent's updated data element, the EFC is automatically recalculated and will be reflected on the new ISIR. The Financial Assistance Office will utilize the new EFC to generate an updated Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan.
- If an adjustment is made to the dependency status of a student, the Financial Assistance Office will electronically make changes to the student's FAFSA and generate a new valid ISIR that reflects the Independent status and an updated EFC. The Financial Assistance Office will utilize the new EFC and Independent status to generate an updated Estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan.

Please note: The updated EFC is used for eligibility determination for all academic programs. No payment is made on a Pell Grant until a valid ISIR is received.

Examples of Special Circumstances

- Loss of job/reduction in income
- Reduced earnings due to disability or natural disaster
- Death of a parent or spouse listed on the current FAFSA since completion
- Tuition expenses at an elementary or secondary school
- Medical, dental, or nursing home expenses not covered by insurance
- Unusually high childcare or dependent care costs

Examples of Unusual Circumstances

- Abandonment or incarceration of the surviving parent(s)
- An abusive family environment that threatens the student's health or safety
- The student being unable to locate their parents

Please note: All Professional Judgment changes apply only to data changes and apply to all Title IV programs.

Installment Contracts

Students may also have the option of an installment contract. Bryan University may choose to evaluate students and their situations and recommend this option to students only if all other financial assistance has been exhausted and a balance remains on students' accounts. Bryan University may partner with Tuition Options, Partners Financial Services or other third-

party servicers to assist with the administration, disclosures, compliance requirements and payment collection associated with managing an installment contract.

Tuition Options – Installment Contract

Partners Financial Services – Installment Contract

If Bryan University offers this option to students, they are required to complete an application and may be required to complete a credit check and/or verify employment. If students are required to complete a credit check and it is not successful, a co-borrower may be required. A co-borrower may also be required if students are not employed. The universal credit authorization, understanding of tuition financing, and the placement checklist must be agreed upon by students. It is students' option whether or not they would like to set up the EZ pay authorization.

Any balance remaining on student accounts can be processed with an installment contract and repayment is scheduled upon completion or withdrawal of their program. A 30-day grace period may be offered with an installment contract.

Prior to October 28th, 2013, applications applied the following interest rates*:

1-3 Year Term (0-36 Months) - 7.5% 4 Year Term (37 to 48 Months) - 9.5% 5 Year Term (49 to 60 Months) - 12%

*Interest rates are determined by the installment company and Bryan University.

As of October 28th, 2013, Tuition Options applications apply the following interest rates**:

• 0-5 Year Term (0-60 Months) – 8% Life of Loan

If a special circumstance exists and upon approval, students may be eligible for an additional 2-year term or a total term of up to 84 months.

Interest will begin to accrue on the total principal balance at a rate of 8% while students are enrolled in school.

Students can choose to update prior Tuition Options plans to the 8% interest rate option, however, must complete a new TO application and contract.

As of July 1, 2019, Partners application use the following interest rates**:

• 0-5 Year Term (0-60 Months) – Will not exceed 12%.

If a special circumstance exists and upon approval, students may be eligible for an additional 2-year term or a total term of up to 84 months.

**Interest rates are determined by the installment company and the institution and will not exceed 12%.

Student installment contracts may be updated if changes are needed or after any adjustments made affects students ending balances. Once the student ends their program of study with Bryan University, the contract is serviced by a third-party company. Each student is provided an estimated Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financing Plan at enrollment explaining his/her financial package and student account balance.

Federal Student Loan Repayment Information

For most loans, repayment begins six or nine months after graduation, leaving school, or dropping below half-time enrollment. Students should use this time to get financially settled, determine their expected income and expenses, and select a repayment plan. Once students enter repayment, they must make payments on time to avoid delinquency and default.

Students have a choice of several repayment plans that are designed to meet their needs, including plans that base payment amounts on income. The amount paid and the length of time required to repay student loans will vary depending on the repayment plan chosen. The charts on the following pages summarize the repayment plans that are available for each loan type and the borrowers who qualify for each plan.

For more detailed repayment plan information and to calculate estimated repayment amounts under each of the different plans, use the *Repayment Estimator* at Studentaid.gov/

The repayment plan options below do not include PLUS loans made to parents, Direct Consolidation Loans and FFEL Consolidation Loans, or Federal Perkins Loans. For information about repayment plan options for PLUS loans made to parents, see the brochure *Direct Loan Basics for Parents* at <u>studentaid.gov</u>

For information about repayment of consolidation loans, see StudentAid.gov/consolidation. For information about repayment of Federal Perkins Loans, contact the school that made the loan.

Overview of Direct Loan and FFEL Program Repayment Plans				
Repayment Plan	Eligible Loans	Monthly Payment and Time Frame	Eligibility and Other Information	
Standard Repayment Plan	Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans	Payments are a fixed amount that ensures your loans are paid off within 10 years (within 10 to 30 years for Consolidation Loans).	All borrowers are eligible for this plan. You'll usually pay less over time than under other plans.	
	Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans		Standard Repayment Plan with a 10-year repayment period may not be a good option for those seeking Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF).	
	all PLUS loans		Standard Repayment Plan for Consolidation Loans is not a qualifying repayment plan for PSLF.	
	all <i>Consolidation</i> Loans (Direct or FFEL)			
Graduated Repayment Plan	Iduated Repayment Plan Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Increase, usually every two years, and		All borrowers are eligible for this plan.	
	Loans	are for an amount that will ensure your loans are paid off within 10 years	You'll pay more over time than under the 10- year Standard Plan.	
	Subsidized and Unsubsidized	(within 10 to 30 years for Consolidation Loans).	Generally not a qualifying repayment plan for PSLF.	

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Extended Repayment Plan	Federal Stafford Loans all PLUS loans all Consolidation Loans (Direct or FFEL) Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans	Payments may be fixed or graduated, and will ensure that your loans are paid off within 25 years.	If you're a Direct Loan borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct Loans.
	Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans all PLUS loans all Consolidation Loans (Direct or FFEL)		If you're a FFEL borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding FFEL Program loans. Your monthly payments will be lower than under the 10-year Standard Plan or the Graduated Repayment Plan. You'll pay more over time than under the 10- year Standard Plan. Not a qualifying repayment plan for PSLF.
Saving on Valuable Education (SAVE) Plan – Formerly the REPAYE Plan	Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS loans made to students Direct Consolidation Loans that do not include PLUS loans (Direct or FFEL) made to parents	Your monthly payments will be 10 percent of discretionary income . Payments are recalculated each year and are based on your updated income and family size. You must update your income and family size each year, even if they haven't changed. If you're married, both your and your spouse's income or loan debt will be considered, whether taxes are filed jointly or separately (with limited exceptions). Any outstanding balance on your loan will be forgiven if you haven't repaid your loan in full after 20 years (if all loans were taken out for undergraduate study) or 25 years (if any loans were taken out for graduate or professional study).	Any Direct Loan borrower with an eligible loan type may choose this plan. You'll usually pay more over time than under the 10-year Standard Plan. You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven. Good option for those seeking PSLF.
Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (PAYE)	Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS loans made to students Direct Consolidation Loans that do not include (Direct or	Your monthly payments will be 10 percent of discretionary income, but never more than you would have paid under the 10-year Standard Repayment Plan. Payments are recalculated each year and are based on your updated income and family size.	You must be a new borrower on or after Oct. 1, 2007, and must have received a disbursement of a Direct Loan on or after Oct. 1, 2011. You must have a high debt relative to your income.

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	FFEL) PLUS loans made to parents	You must update your income and family size each year, even if they haven't changed.	Your monthly payment will never be more than the 10-year Standard Plan amount.
		If you're married, your spouse's income or loan debt will be considered only if you file a joint tax return.	You'll usually pay more over time than under the 10-year Standard Plan. You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is farriugn
		Any outstanding balance on your loan will be forgiven if you haven't repaid your loan in full after 20 years.	amount that is forgiven. Good option for those seeking PSLF.
Income-Based Repayment Plan (IBR)	Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans all PLUS loans made to students Consolidation Loans (Direct or FFEL) that do not include Direct or FFEL PLUS loans made to parents	Your monthly payments will be either 10 or 15 percent of discretionary income (depending on when you received your first loans), but never more than you would have paid under the 10-year Standard Repayment Plan. Payments are recalculated each year and are based on your updated income and family size. You must update your income and family size each year, even if they haven't changed. If you're married, your spouse's income or loan debt will be considered only if you file a joint tax return. Any outstanding balance on your loan will be forgiven if you haven't repaid your loan in full after 20 years or 25 years, depending on when you received your first loans. You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven.	You must have a high debt relative to your income. Your monthly payment will never be more than the 10-year Standard Plan amount. You'll usually pay more over time than under the 10-year Standard Plan. You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven. Good option for those seeking PSLF.
Income-Contingent Repayment Plan (ICR)	Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to students Direct Consolidation Loans	 Your monthly payment will be the lesser of 20 percent of discretionary income, or the amount you would pay on a repayment plan with a fixed payment over 12 years, adjusted according to your income. Payments are recalculated each year and are based on your updated income, family size, and the total amount of your Direct Loans. You must update your income and family size each year, even if they haven't changed. 	Any Direct Loan borrower with an eligible loan type may choose this plan. You'll usually pay more over time than under the 10-year Standard Plan. You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven. Good option for those seeking PSLF. Parent borrowers can access this plan by consolidating their Parent PLUS Loans into a Direct Consolidation Loan.

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		If you're married, your spouse's income or loan debt will be considered only if you file a joint tax return, or you choose to repay your Direct Loans jointly with your spouse.	
		Any outstanding balance will be forgiven if you haven't repaid your loan in full after 25 years.	
Income-Sensitive Repayment Plan	Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans FFEL PLUS Loans	Your monthly payment is based on annual income, but your loan will be paid in full within 15 years.	You'll pay more over time than under the 10- year Standard Plan. The formula for determining the monthly payment amount can vary from lender to lender.
	FFEL Consolidation Loans		Available only for FFEL Program loans, which are not eligible for PSLF.

Loan consolidation: If a student has multiple federal student loans, a student can consolidate them into a single Direct Consolidation Loan. This may simplify repayment if the student is making separate loan payments to different loan holders or servicers as consolidation will consolidate multiple payments into one payment. However, the student will need to review the advantages and possible disadvantages of consolidating before making a decision.

Once the student has selected a repayment plan, the student can change to another one with no financial penalties – although some restrictions may apply.

For further information regarding student loan repayment, please visit the following website: <u>http://studentaid.gov</u>

What is the maximum loan payment you can afford?

If the monthly student-loan payment exceeds the range of loan payments listed below for the student's annual income, explore a flexible repayment option or loan consolidation. Maximum affordable monthly payments assume that payments do not exceed 8 percent to 10 percent of the gross monthly income.

Estimated Annual Income	Estimated Loan Payments
\$15,000	\$100 - \$125
\$20,000	\$133 - \$167
\$25,000	\$167 - \$208
\$30,000	\$200 - \$250
\$35,000	\$233 - \$292
\$40,000	\$267 - \$333
\$45,000	\$300 - \$375
\$50,000	\$333 - \$417
\$75,000	\$500 - \$625
\$100,000	\$667 - \$833

Estimated Repayment Chart

The sample loan repayment schedules listed below help illustrate the differences in your monthly payments based on the choice of repayment plan. The monthly payments listed below are based on the following:

\$16,000.00 total federal student loans borrowed (\$8,000 Subsidized and \$8,000 Unsubsidized) 4.53% interest rate

\$25,000 starting Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) (This amount from the federal tax return is used for several of the available repayment plans.)

Other assumptions: Borrower's marital status is single, with a family size of one, living in Kansas.

Repayment Plan						
Repayment Plan	First Monthly Payment	Last Monthly Payment	Total Amount Paid	Total Interest Paid	Projected Loan Forgiveness	Repayment Period
Standard	\$166.00	\$166.00	\$19,926.00	\$3,926.00	\$0.00	120
Graduated	\$93.00	\$280.00	\$20,920.00	\$4,920.00	\$0.00	120
Extended, Fixed	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extended, Graduated	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Revised Pay as You Earn	\$47.00	\$51.00	\$11,846.00	\$	\$17,206.00	216
Pay as You Earn	\$47.00	\$51.00	\$11,846.00	\$	\$18,409.00	216
Income-Based Repayment (IBR)	\$47.00	\$51.00	\$11,846.00	\$	\$18,409.00	216
Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR)	\$92.00	\$88.00	\$26,420.00	\$10,420.00	\$0.00	252

To determine repayment on specific loan amounts borrowed, use the repayment estimator located on the following website: <u>https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/</u>

For additional information regarding repayment comparisons, please visit the following website: <u>https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/</u>

Payment Relief Options

If the student is unemployed, facing certain other personal financial difficulties, returning to school, or pursuing certain other educational or training programs, they may qualify for temporary payment relief on Federal Stafford loans. Federal Loan Programs provide two general options for student loan payment relief:

Deferment: If the student meets the qualifications for deferment and submit the required documentation, they are entitled to defer principal payments, in the case of unemployment or economic hardship, for up to a total of three years during the term of the loans. There is no maximum time limit for deferment while you are continuously enrolled at least half time in school or participating in a qualified graduate-fellowship or rehabilitation-training program.

Forbearance: If the student does not meet the requirements for deferment but still needs payment relief, they may appeal to the lender or loan servicer for forbearance. Forbearance permits the student to reduce or postpone payments or extend the time for making payments, usually at the discretion of the lender. A forbearance request typically is granted for a period of up to 12 months.

Recognition of Citizenship

Constitution Day/Citizenship Day

Bryan University encourages all students to participate in our nation's democracy. All campus locations recognize Constitution Day in September by providing numerous activities and opportunities for students to learn more about our country's most essential document. In most cases, Constitution Day will be observed on September 17, except in years in which September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Scheduled Holiday when it will be observed the following week.

Voter Registration

Voter registration information and forms are provided to all students via electronic mail and are available at each campus location.

Change of Address Policy

Students should immediately report a change of address in writing or electronically to Bryan University. Submit the change of address to the campus Registrar. Failure to report a change of address may affect academics, financial assistance, and/or other departments.

Net Price Calculator and Cost of Attendance Information

Net Price Calculator

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), by October 29, 2011, each postsecondary institution that participates in Title IV federal student aid programs must post a net price calculator on its website that uses institutional data to provide estimated net price information to current and prospective students and their families based on a student's individual circumstances. The net price calculator is required for all Title IV institutions that enroll full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students. Bryan University's Net Price Calculator can be located at the following web address: https://bryanu.edu/bryan-university-consumer-information-center/

Cost of Attendance

What is the Cost of Attendance?

The Cost of Attendance, also referred to as COA, is an estimate of a student's educational expenses for a period of enrollment. The United States Department of Education requires that all institutions utilizing Title IV funds establish a COA prior to awarding and disbursing financial aid funds.

Our COA is determined annually based on average expenses Bryan University students incur while completing their programs of study. It is important to keep in mind that the **COA is not necessarily reflective of how much it will cost you to attend Bryan University**. This is due to the fact that we use averages and must include all components (even those that may not apply to you) in the COA.

Your actual costs at Bryan University will be largely determined by the choices you make. Such choices include the number of courses in which you enroll, and what type of standard of living you choose to maintain. When considering your actual cost, it is important to consider all these factors.

How is COA used?

The COA plays two major roles in determining the type and amount of financial aid you are awarded.

First, the COA is used to determine your financial need. For financial aid purposes, financial need is determined by subtracting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined on the FAFSA from your COA. Financial need is how we determine your eligibility for need-based funds such as the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Subsidized Loans.

Second, the COA serves as the ceiling on how much financial aid you are eligible to be awarded. Federal regulations require that a student's award package not exceed COA. For this reason, when we are developing your COA, we want to make sure it is as comprehensive and accurate as possible.

What contributes to the COA?

The COA is comprised of various components including:

- Tuition & Fees
- Living Expenses
- Books, Course Materials, Supplies and Equipment
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses
- Direct Loan Fees

Again, averages are used when calculating the COA and for this reason not all categories apply the same way to all students. For example, a student who chooses not to borrow Direct Student Loans will not have the associated loan origination fees. However, this component must be included in every student's COA for consistency and to remain in compliance with Department of Education regulations.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition & fees are calculated using our standard tuition rate of \$360.00 per quarter credit hour. Also included is a Technology fee of \$200.00 per quarter, and if applicable a Resource Fee. During your final quarter with the university, you will be charged a one-time Graduation Fee of \$100. These are basic amounts. You may incur additional charges based on the courses you take. Please see detailed costs and fees for more information provided to you in your Financial Aid Offer and Tuition Financial Plan, and your Enrollment Agreement.

Living Expenses

Average costs for Bryan University student's living expenses include a standard food and housing allowance. Living expenses are calculated using a cost survey provided to all current Bryan University students at the time of the survey. This follows regulations established under the FAFSA Simplification Act.

Books, Course Materials, Supplies and Equipment

Books, course materials, supplies and equipment are calculated using the cost associated with Bryan University provided books and materials. The costs of books and materials can vary based on the number and type of courses taken by a student. The cost also includes

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figures self-reported by Bryan University students on a cost survey provided to all current Bryan University students at the time of the survey. This follows regulations established under the FAFSA Simplification Act.

Transportation

Transportation costs are calculated using average monthly costs students reported incurring for expenses including but not limited to gasoline, maintenance, repairs, and insurance. Transportation costs were calculated using a cost survey provided to all current Bryan University students at the time of the survey. This follows regulations established under the FAFSA Simplification Act.

Personal Expenses

Personal expenses are calculated based on average costs for items such as a cell phone, medical care, personal hygiene products, etc. Transportation costs were calculated using a cost survey provided to all current Bryan University students at the time of the survey. This follows regulations established under the FAFSA Simplification Act.

Direct Loan Fees

If you borrow a Federal Direct Loan, your COA will include an allowance for the average origination fees. Your actual amount of loan fees is determined by the amount you borrow. The Department of Education will deduct a 1.057% origination fee from the Federal Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan disbursements and a 4.228% origination fee from the Federal Parent PLUS Loan disbursements.

Direct Costs	Per Quarter	Per Academic Year
Tuition	\$4,860.00	\$14,580.00
Books & Supplies	\$485.00	\$1,455.00
Fees	\$245.00	\$735.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00

These are the estimated costs of attending Bryan University enrolled at a full-time status.

Indirect Costs	Per Month	Per Academic Year
Utilities	\$386.00	\$2,702.00
Transportation & Related	\$625.00	\$4,375.00
Housing- Dependent	\$446.00	\$3,122.00
Housing- All Others	\$1,734.00	\$12,138.00
Grocery	\$619.00	\$4,333.00
Dependent Care	\$276.00	1,932.00
Disability Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$1,750.00

Your expenses may vary depending on your personal habits, this is only an average cost established annually based on the results of a cost survey provided to all current Bryan University students at the time of the survey. This follows regulations established under the FAFSA Simplification Act.

The information above is an abbreviated overview of tuition and fee information. For a comprehensive listing of tuition and fees by program please refer to the most recent catalog and supplement.

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Academic Planning and Improvement

Access to Services, Activities and Facilities by Disabled Individuals

The policy of Bryan University is to ensure individuals with disabilities have the right to equal access and opportunity. In support of this endeavor, our department maintains that when given appropriate support services and accommodations, students with disabilities can participate in higher education, and complete their desired degree program. We welcome the opportunity to provide needed accommodation to those who believe or suspect a disability and need assistance in their pursuit of higher education. Inquiries about the accessibility of particular programs and services should be made to the campus on-site administrator.

Program Descriptions and Plans

Bryan University is dedicated to offering comprehensive, updated programs that provide students the greatest opportunity for academic and career success. A continuous improvement process is an interregnal component to the successful administration of any educational institution. Bryan University expends significant time and resources ensuring programs meet the changing trends of the job market. Relationships with employers and on-going research guide the institution through course and program enhancements.

Plans for Curricular Enhancements

All BU programs are under a continuous evaluation process. Each program at BU is analyzed independently with graduate outcomes at the forefront of the decision-making process. This process includes seeking direction from BU's adjunct faculty who are actively employed in their respective career field. Additionally, BU representatives remain active in the community, seeking input from qualified sources. Discovering upcoming trends as they relate to the local market area, profession and education drives the institutions path toward program enhancement. BU is committed to developing students of today with career skills for tomorrow.

Academic Oversight Committee

During the 2023-202 year the Academic Oversight Committee (AOC) will continue to assist all Bryan University locations in the academic development process. It is the University's intention to continue its growth plans of entering new markets while researching and developing the best possible academic programs to serve the market area. The University's solid reputation was developed and is maintained through delivering excellent academic programs designed to prepare graduates for real-world experiences. Integral components to continued success are standardized department startup, equipment, supportive textbooks, quality instruction, and assessment of essential competencies. Development initiatives include contract training programs and integrating additional technologies in the classroom.

Additional Plans

The institution actively participates in market research to discover upcoming employment needs and trends. With aging baby boomers entering their retirement years, allied health programs continue to gain momentum in generating career opportunities with employers. Additionally, as the need for sustainable energy rises, so does the need for qualified professionals. The University plans to include adding additional programs in allied health and potentially sustainable energy. In an effort to continue improving the quality of education and training at the University, plans to invest in technology, instructional resources and library materials, while integrating enhanced technologies into the classroom are at the forefront of the academic initiative.

Disclosure of Retention Rates as Reported to IPEDS

Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time students who return to the institution to continue their studies the following fall. Percentage of Students Who Began Their Studies in Fall 2019 and Returned in Fall 2020 are listed by each Bryan University campus location.

Springfield, MO – Not Applicable – IPEDS requests retention data from the highest credential program offered at the institution and for students who are enrolled as first-time, full-time students. For the reporting period, Bryan University (Springfield) did not have student enrollments in the cohort. Overall graduation rate for students who began their studies in 2014-15 was 63% with a 25% transfer-out rate.

Rogers, AR – 90%

For more information regarding federally recorded statistics for Bryan University please see http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

Policies and Sanctions Related To Copyright Infringement and Liabilities

Copyright Infringement Policy

WHAT IS COPYRIGHT?

Copyright is a form of legal protection to the authors of original works, in whatever medium, that is provided for by the laws of the United States to the owners of copyright. Copyright law applies to types of works that include, but are not limited, to literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, pictorial, graphic, film, and multi-media works. This protection is available to both published and unpublished works. Many people understand that printed works such as books and magazine articles are covered by copyright laws, but they are not aware that the protection extends to software, digital works, and unpublished works and it covers all forms of a work, including its digital transmission and subsequent use.

WHAT IS THE LAW CONCERNING DIGITAL COPYRIGHT?

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) was enacted into law on October 28, 1998. This act amended the copyright law to provide regulations for works cited in the World Wide Web. This act obligates the University to block access to infringing material when a copyright violation is reported. Students who engage in illegal file-sharing are subject to civil penalties from copyright owners as well as disciplinary action from Bryan University. Universities and individuals can be subject to the imposition of substantial damages for copyright infringement incidents relating to the use of university network services. In a civil action, the individual infringer may be liable for either actual damages or statutory damages of up to \$30,000 (which may be increased to up to \$150,000 if the court finds the infringement was willful).

In addition, individual infringers may be subject to criminal prosecution. Criminal penalties include up to ten years imprisonment depending on the nature of the violation.

WHY IS THIS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE RIGHT NOW?

Because technology makes it so easy to copy and transmit protected works, copyright is a serious issue. While Bryan University encourages the free flow of ideas and provides resources such as internet access to support this activity, Bryan University does not condone the illegal or inappropriate use of material that is subject to copyright protection and covered by state and federal laws.

WHAT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES VIOLATE FEDERAL LAW?

Following are some examples of copyright infringement that may be found in a college setting:

- Downloading and sharing MP3 files of music, videos, and games without permission of the copyright owner
- Using corporate logos without permission
- Scanning a photograph that has been published and using it without permission or attribution
- Downloading licensed software from non-authorized sites without the permission of the copyright or license holder

• Making a movie file or a large segment of a movie available on a web site without permission of the copyright owner

IS DOWNLOADING AND SHARING MP3 FILES (OR OTHER TYPES OF MUSIC FILES) AND VIDEOS ILLEGAL?

Yes, US Copyright Law allows you to create MP3s only for the songs to which you already have rights; that usually means you purchased the CD or downloaded a file via a subscription service. US Copyright Law allows you to make a copy of a purchased file only for your personal use. Personal use does not mean that you can give, or sell, a copy to other people. While some copyright holders do give official permission to download MP3 files and you might be able to find a limited number of videos that are not copyright protected. It is also true that some MP3 files are copyright free, and some MP3 files can be legally obtained through subscription services. However, most MP3 and video files that are shared do not fall into any of these categories.

Peer-to-Peer networks that share files are not allowed to be used on the Bryan University network. Some examples of the Peer-to-Peer sites include, but are not limited to, LimeWire, Gnutella, Kazaa, Bit Torrent, eDonkey2000, Frostwire, ZTorrent, BearShare, and the Pirate Bay. If this software is installed on a student's computer who is requesting internet access from Bryan University, the request will be denied.

A list of legal alternatives for downloading music, video, images, etc. is available upon request.

HOW DO YOU GET CAUGHT VIOLATING COPYRIGHT LAW?

A copyright holder represented by organizations such as the Recording Industry Association of America, the Business Software Association, and the Motion Picture Association of America are making serious efforts to stop the downloads of copyrighted music, movies, and software without purchasing it. By using automated systems, the companies or their agents locate possible copyright infringements.

Bryan University's network has a range of IP addresses and all computers connected to the network have an IP address assigned to it. When we get a violation notice, Bryan University will locate the IP address and whenever possible, the user of that address. At that point, Bryan University is required to act on the notification.

PUNITIVE ACTION FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

If a person is determined to have committed copyright infringement while connected to the Bryan University network, the following steps will be taken:

First Offense

• The DMCA Agent will issue a formal written counseling form. The agent will inform the student of the seriousness of the violation and the possible repercussions of further violations. The agent will also inform the student of possible methods to complete their schoolwork while also complying with copyright law. The agent will provide a copy of this counseling form to the student and will retain a copy for three years or until the student is no longer enrolled, whichever is shorter.

Additional Offenses

• For additional offenses, the student will have all internet access blocked until the campus Academic Manager determines the appropriate sanctions. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, permanent blockage of internet access, suspension leading up to, and including expulsion.

Legal Alternatives Legal Alternatives for Acquiring Copyrighted Material

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 requires an educational institution to offer legal alternatives to illegal downloading or otherwise acquiring copyrighted material. The institution must periodically review the legal alternatives for downloading or otherwise acquiring copyrighted material and make the results of the review available to its students through a Web site or other means.

ABC.com TV Shows [adult swim] Video Amazon Instant Video AOL Music **ARTISTdirect Network** AudioCandy Audio Lunchbox BearShare Best Buy Blackberry World **Comedy Central Video** Crackle **Criterion Online** The CW Video **Dimple Records DirecTV Watch Online Disney Videos** Dish Online DramaFever **The Electric Fetus** eMusic.com EPIX ESPN360 **EZTakes** Fandor Film Fresh Flixster FOX on Demand **FX Networks Video** FYE **Gallery of Sound** GameFly

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GameTap **Google Play** Hallmark Instant Streaming HBO GO Hulu Movies iMDb Video iMesh Independent Records & Videos Jaman Jamendo <u>Jaroo</u> Jinni Last.fm Latinoise LifeWay Music Liquid Digital Media Magnatune Matcha MediaNet MOG **MovieFlix** Movies.com mSpot Movies MTV Music MTV Video Music Millennium MusicRebellion **Muve Music** myLifetime Video **MySpace Music** Napster **NBC Video** Netflix Movies & TV **Neurotic Media** Nick.com Videos Nick Jr. Video Nook Video Pandora PBS KIDS Go! Video **PlayStation Store** Public Domain Torrents PureVolume RCRD LBL Rdio Rhapsody Road Runner Video Store **Showtime Previews**

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Information Security Program

Policies and Procedures

Bryan University is committed to ensuring that copyrighted works are respected and used appropriately by Bryan University faculty, students, staff, and visitors. Our policies require those using our computers or networks to respect U.S. and international copyright laws and failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or termination of access.

This document serves as the "written plan" required of the University under the copyright-related regulations associated with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

Addressing Unauthorized Distribution of Copyrighted Material

Bryan University addresses misuse of its network infrastructure for unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material through a variety of educational, technical, and disciplinary means. These include:

- Web sites, and Network Usage Agreements explaining the difference between appropriate and inappropriate use of copyrighted materials and the possible penalties of misuse.
- Network management technologies that may constrain the use of the network for purposes not directly related to the University's mission.
- Standardized, consistent handling of copyright violation notices, including validation of details, warnings to offenders, and disciplinary action when warnings prove ineffective.

The University periodically reminds its network users through email, web sites, and other means that:

- If an individual chooses to host or exchange files unlawfully, that individual will be personally responsible for any consequences from that activity. Ignorance of the law is not a useful defense. The University strongly recommends that individuals using Bryan University networks and computers learn the rules and the laws before sharing files online.
- Educational institutions are not exempt from the laws covering copyrights. Most software, images, music, and files available for use on computers at Bryan University are protected by federal copyright laws. In addition, software, images, music, and files normally are protected by a license agreement between the purchaser and the software seller. It is Bryan University's policy to respect federal copyright and license protections.
- Unauthorized use of software, images, music, or files is regarded as a serious matter and as such any use without the written consent of the copyrighted owner is prohibited. If abuse of computer software, images, music, or files occurs, those responsible for such abuse will be held accountable.
- Bryan University has compiled a list of legal alternatives websites for obtaining software, images, music, and files. This list is updated annually. The list can be found in the Legal Alternatives section below.

Handling of Potential Violations

When the University receives formal notification that a user of its network appears to be violating copyright, Bryan University:

- Validates that the complaint has been sent to the proper UW address.
- Catalogs the complaint with a BU service ticket number.
- Identifies the machine identifier ("MAC address") associated with the network address at the time noted in the complaint.
- Uses logs to identify the owner of the device, if possible.
- Sends the owner instructions requesting that offending material be removed from the network and requiring a response from the owner.

Internet access is restricted if the alleged offender fails to respond to the notice within 72 hours or if the machine owner has received a previous complaint.

University students receiving second complaints must meet with a university official before Internet access is restored. The target response time for copyright complaints is 10 working days or less.

Periodically Reviewing Effectiveness

The University will review the effectiveness of this plan on an annual basis during the summer quarter. The primary measure used to assess effectiveness at deterring unauthorized sharing of copyrighted material will be the number of repeat offenders, measured as a percentage of the number of overall complaints received.

Fraud Prevention

Help Prevent Financial Assistance/Scholarship Fraud

Every year, millions of high school graduates seek creative ways to finance the rising costs of a college education. In the process, they sometimes fall prey to scholarship and financial assistance scams. On November 5, 2000, Congress passed the College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act of 2000 (CSFPA). The CSFPA enhances protection against fraud in student financial assistance by establishing stricter sentencing guidelines for criminal financial assistance fraud. It also charged the Department of Education, working in conjunction with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), with implementing national awareness activities, including a scholarship fraud awareness site on the ED Web site.

As a student or parent seeking financial assistance you can help prevent financial assistance/scholarship fraud. If you witness the following telltale pitch lines used by fraud perpetrators, you should file a complaint. According to the FTC, perpetrators of financial aid fraud often use these telltale lines.

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
- You can't get this information anywhere else.
- I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship.
- We'll do all the work.
- The scholarship will cost some money.
- You've been selected by a "National Foundation" to receive a scholarship or "You're a Finalist", in a contest you never entered.

To file a complaint, or for free information, students or parents should call 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). Or visit: <u>http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams</u>