Beacon Student Success Fellowship

Financial Aid and Bursar’s Office Information

• The Beacon Student Success Fellowship will be credited to the recipient student’s Spring 2021 university account. According to Federal regulations, this fellowship award will be incorporated into the student’s 2020-2021 academic year financial aid package.

• The total amount of financial assistance awarded to a student for the Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 terms may not exceed the student’s financial aid cost of attendance (COA) for the academic year. A student’s COA is based on tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses. Additional costs incurred by a student during the summer experience may be added to the student’s financial aid COA and used to incorporate the fellowship award into the student’s financial aid package.

• We encourage students to respond promptly to communications received from the Financial Aid Office to prevent or minimize adjustments to their 2020-2021 academic year financial aid eligibility and to avoid delays in the processing of BSSF funds.

• The full BSSF award will be available only for students whose overall university account balance (including Spring 2021 and Summer 2021) is paid in full. Otherwise, the award will be applied to a student’s outstanding university charges before any money is available for a summer experience. This is university policy. Students who have questions regarding their UMass Boston account or their eligibility for BSSF funds may contact the Bursar’s Office by phone at 617-287-5350 or by email at bursar@umb.edu.

• The Bursar’s Office encourages students to set up direct deposit for refunds in WISER Student Self Service for quicker access to their money.

• Students who need additional funds, beyond their BSSF funding, may inquire with the ONE STOP Student Service Center about additional financing options before the end of the Spring semester on May 12, 2021. The ONE STOP Student Service Center, located on the Upper Level of the Campus Center, is open for walk-ins Monday through Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm and on Friday between 8:00am to 4:00pm. Currently, due to COVID-19, the ONE STOP is physically closed on campus, but remains open for business. They can be reached by an online chat accessed from their website at www.umb.edu/onestop.

Inquiries may also be made to the Financial Aid Office via e-mail to finaid@umb.edu, with Beacon Student Success Fellowship in the subject line.