

## 2010-2011 Application Checklist for Financial Aid

### **NEW STUDENTS**

**Apply for admission to Birmingham-Southern College.** Once you are accepted, the Admissions Office will review your file for academic scholarship eligibility. **In order to be considered for the Scholarship Day Competition on February 20, 2010, your application for admission, including all supporting documentation (transcripts, test scores, essay, and school recommendation), must be received by January 1, 2010. You will still be considered for a scholarship even if you apply for admission after Scholarship Day.**

**Complete the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, 2010.** You may complete the FAFSA electronically on the web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Be sure to apply for a PIN for you and your student and place the **Birmingham-Southern College Title IV code, 001012**, in the appropriate space indicated on the FAFSA. This will ensure that Birmingham-Southern receives your processed information in a timely fashion. If you do not place BSC's Title IV code on the FAFSA, you will need to submit your Student Aid Report (SAR) to our office. (The SAR is a report you will receive after submitting your FAFSA to the processor.) You are not required to complete your 2009 federal income tax return before completing the FAFSA; you may indicate your figures are estimated and then update them later when your return is complete. It is a good idea to make a FAFSA File for your records and keep your PINs in that file; you can use your PIN each year. We encourage you to submit a 2010-2011 FAFSA by March 1, 2010.

**Submit additional financial documents if requested by BSC.** The Department of Education or Birmingham-Southern College may select your financial aid application for a process called Verification. If this occurs, we will ask that additional financial documents be submitted to our office. Such requested documents will include your 2009 parent and/or student tax returns (if the student is classified as a dependent student) or your 2009 student and/or spouse's tax returns (if the student is independent), W-2s, and/or any other documents that will be necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided on the FAFSA.

**Explore local financial aid sources with high school, community, and church representatives.** Your local library will also have resources listing national organization scholarships. Additional scholarship search engines can be found at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com). It is also a good idea for you to familiarize yourself with Birmingham-Southern's website, [www.bsc.edu/fa](http://www.bsc.edu/fa). We have listed a number of free scholarship search sites at: <http://www.bsc.edu/fa/scholsearch.htm>.

**If you are a student who is a member of the United Methodist Church** and you wish to be considered for the United Methodist Church Scholarship (\$1000 - \$2500, based on demonstrated need), or for the United Methodist Church and College Partnership Scholarship, you may download these scholarship applications from the financial aid website at <http://www.bsc.edu/fa>. Students from other denominations may inquire about Church and College Partnership Scholarships as well. **For priority consideration, nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.** There are links to several United Methodist Scholarship web sites on the financial aid page listed.

**Students who receive aid based on the FAFSA must submit the FAFSA EACH year because it is not automatically renewed. Financial aid packages may vary in content as well as total amounts from year to year. The Office of Student Financial Aid reserves the right to change packaging policies annually. If you have any questions, please call our office at (205) 226-4688 or (800) 523-5793, ext. 4688, or e-mail us at [finaid@bsc.edu](mailto:finaid@bsc.edu). The above information is subject to change without notice.**