

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care

**2024-2025 ECE Scholarship Application Walk-Through
May 2024**

Contact: eeccareers@mass.gov with questions

Complete the FAFSA or equivalent

Wait 42-78 hours for FAFSA data to process. You will receive an email from OSFA inviting you to login to your MASSAid portal.



osfamail@osfamass.org

To: [REDACTED]





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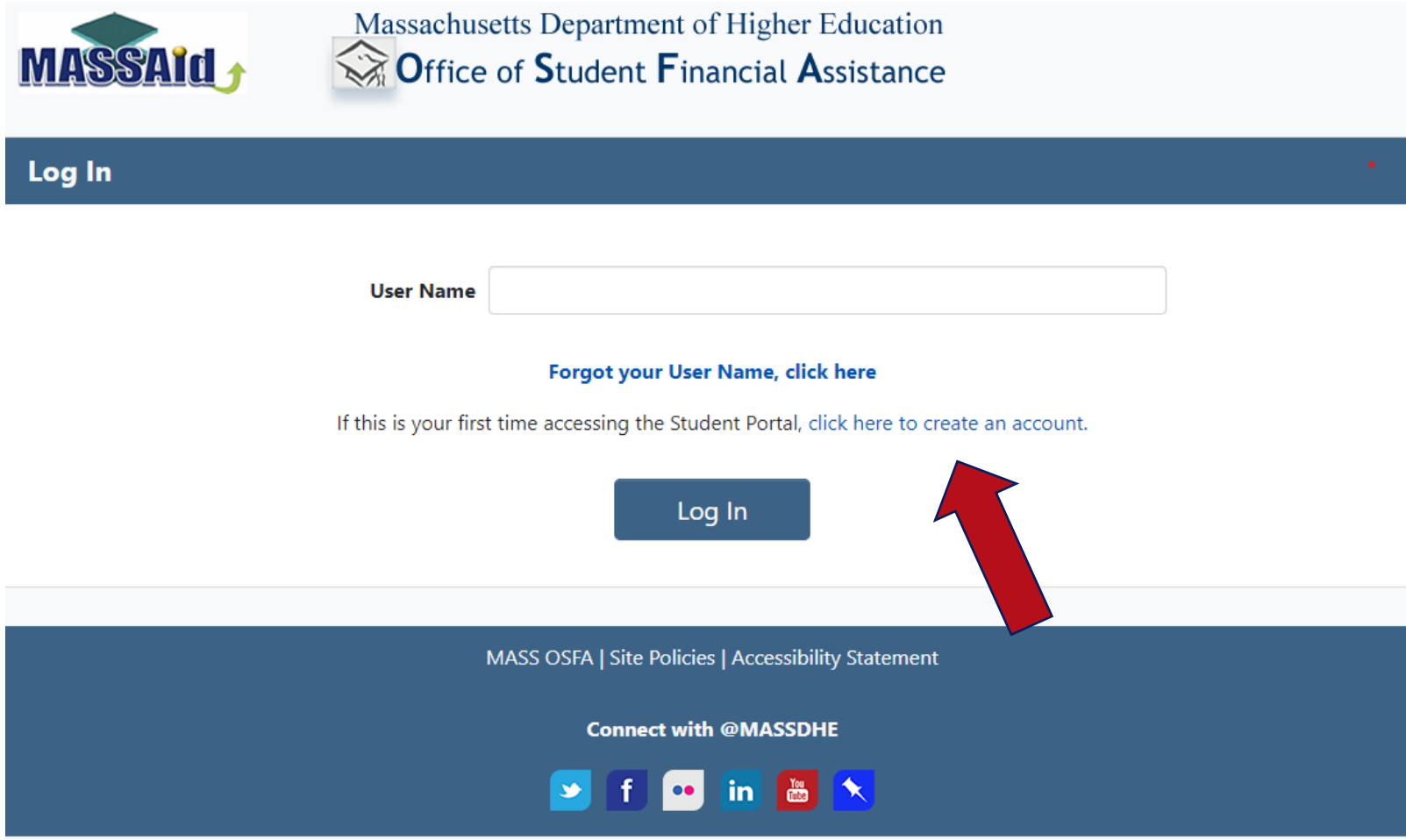
Hello [REDACTED]

Congratulations! The Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has received a copy of your 2024 - 2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the Federal Processing Center. We invite you to go to our Student Portal at MASSAid Portal for students - User Login ([https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://massaid.guarantorsolutions.com/StudentPortal_!!CPANwP4y!RtL2-WUn0EBlwOJuZm9XHdmR-BSlIhJuygYlxqEVp6RbOwwd39GWfETpwJx_szAZfruYBSgjRvmEbtMheev3w\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://massaid.guarantorsolutions.com/StudentPortal_!!CPANwP4y!RtL2-WUn0EBlwOJuZm9XHdmR-BSlIhJuygYlxqEVp6RbOwwd39GWfETpwJx_szAZfruYBSgjRvmEbtMheev3w$)) to log in or set up a user account to explore Massachusetts financial aid programs. Please contact our office at 617.391.6070 for questions about this email.

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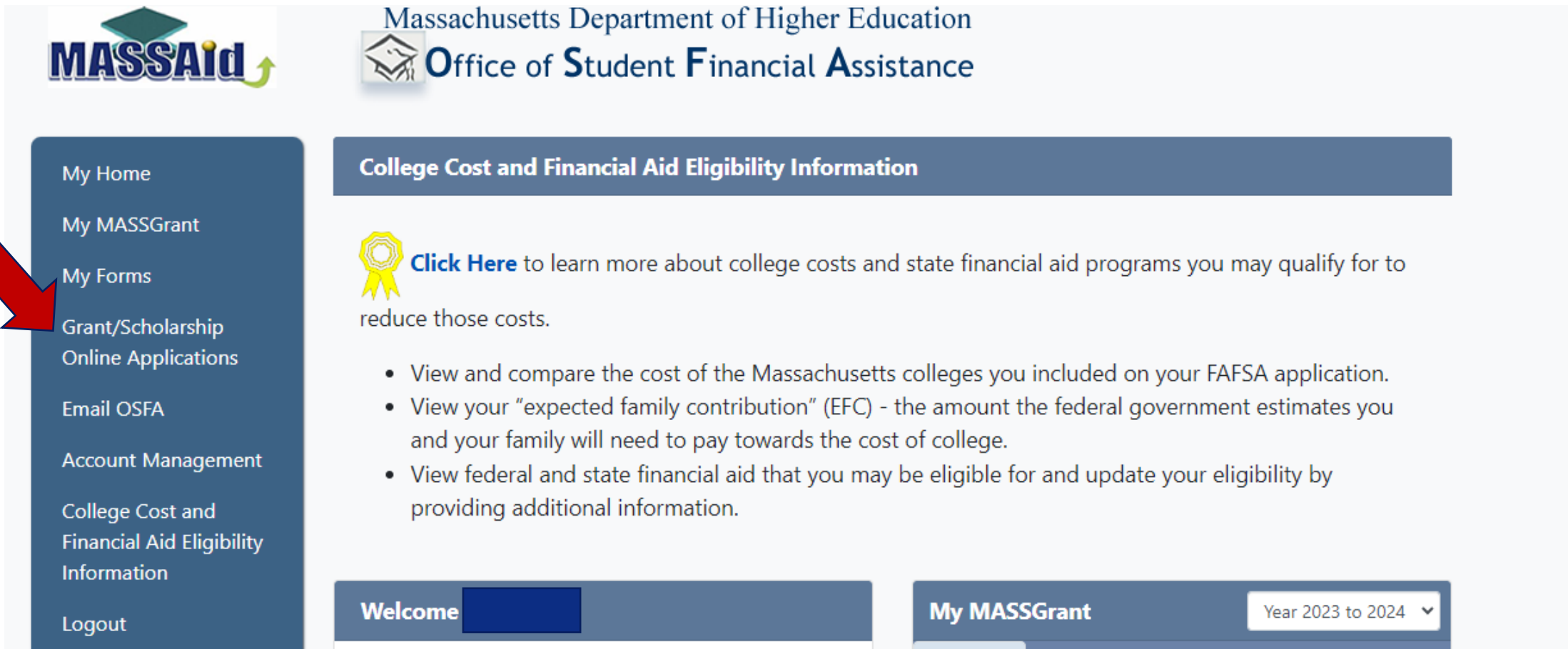
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Create or login to your [MASSAid account](#)



The screenshot shows the login interface for the MASSAid account. At the top left is the MASSAid logo, and to its right is the text "Massachusetts Department of Higher Education Office of Student Financial Assistance". Below this is a dark blue bar with the text "Log In". The main content area features a "User Name" label followed by an empty text input field. Below the input field is a link: "Forgot your User Name, click here". Further down is the text: "If this is your first time accessing the Student Portal, click here to create an account." A dark blue "Log In" button is centered below this text. A large red arrow points from the bottom right towards the "Log In" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark blue footer containing the text "MASS OSFA | Site Policies | Accessibility Statement" and "Connect with @MASSDHE" above a row of social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, and a blue arrow icon.


Find the ECE Scholarship Application



MASSAid

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance

College Cost and Financial Aid Eligibility Information

 [Click Here](#) to learn more about college costs and state financial aid programs you may qualify for to reduce those costs.

- View and compare the cost of the Massachusetts colleges you included on your FAFSA application.
- View your "expected family contribution" (EFC) - the amount the federal government estimates you and your family will need to pay towards the cost of college.
- View federal and state financial aid that you may be eligible for and update your eligibility by providing additional information.

Welcome [Redacted]

My MASSGrant Year 2023 to 2024 ▼

My Home
My MASSGrant
My Forms
Grant/Scholarship Online Applications
Email OSFA
Account Management
College Cost and Financial Aid Eligibility Information
Logout

Find the ECE Scholarship Application Continued

MASSAid

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance

Grant/Scholarship Online Applications

The following grant/scholarship aid programs can assist you in financing your higher education:

Grants

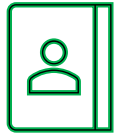
[2024-2025 Paraprofessional Teacher Preparation Grant](#)

Scholarships

[2024-2025 Early Childhood Educators Scholarship](#)

In order to complete the online application process you must have access to a printer and ADOBE Acrobat Reader in order to view and print your application.

Begin the steps of the application



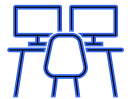
Step 1: Student Information

- Name, contact information, demographics



Step 2: Application Information

- Information regarding your academic program



• Employer Information

- Work experience



Application Information

Required Academic Information

- Anticipated institution/college
- Enrolled as (undergraduate or graduate)
- Major (drop down- choose one)
- Expected degree month/year
- Grade Level (that you will be in September)
- Degree Pursuing
- Anticipated credits for each semester of the upcoming academic year (you must input a number for each semester)

Application Information

Institution (required) ▼
Only institutions eligible to participate in the program are listed. Please contact OSFA if your institution is not listed.

Enrolled As ▼ **Graduate Student** ▼

Major ▼ **Expected Degree Month** ▼

Expected Degree Year **Grade Level** ▼

Prior Bachelors Degree ▼ **Degree Pursuing** ▼

Fall Anticipated Credits **Spring Anticipated Credits**

Summer 1 Anticipated Credits **Summer 2 Anticipated Credits**



Employer Information

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CURRENT EMPLOYER *If you are not currently employed by the employer you are applying for, you are not eligible for the ECE Scholarship.*

Current Employer Name **EEC Program Number**

Current Employer Address

Current Employer City **Start Date (mm/dd/ccyy)**

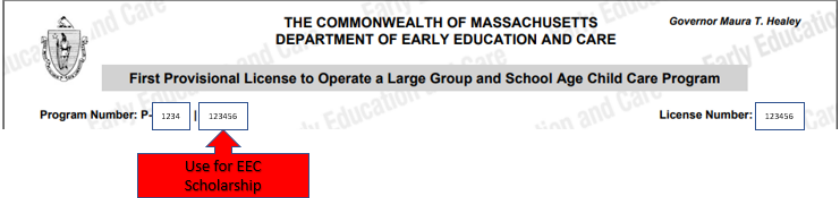
Current Employer State **PQ Registry Number**

The EEC Program Number can be found in the LEAD portal under "Legacy System Number" OR on your program's EEC License as the SECOND number listed as "Program Number".

If you have been at your current employer less than 6 months, please complete the 'Previous Employer' section(s).dd/ccyy)

Applicants must have an EEC Professional Qualifications Registry Number to be considered for the ECE Scholarship. Applicants who do not have an EEC PQ Registry Number will need to follow the DEEC link to the PQ Registry.

EEC Program Number is attached to the program where you work.



Employment Information Cont'd

Current Employer Zip	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Supervisor Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Program Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Supervisor First Name	<input type="text"/>
Average Hours Worked Per Week	<input type="text"/>	Supervisor Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Average Hours Program Operates Per Week	<input type="text"/>	Supervisor Email Address	<input type="text"/>
		Supervisor Title	<input type="text"/>

Family Child Care and Center-based Program Owners can list their own information in the supervisor fields.

Previous Employer Information

Complete information for previous employers if you've been at your **current program less than 6 months**. These fields are not required.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER 1

Name	<input type="text"/>	Position/Title	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Start Date (mm/dd/ccyy)	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>	End Date (mm/dd/ccyy)	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="v"/>	Supervisor Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Zip	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Supervisor First Name	<input type="text"/>
Program Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Supervisor Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Supervisor Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

Submission

Read the **Terms and Conditions**.

Agree by checking the box.

Be sure to save and submit your application.

Terms and Conditions

By checking this box, you signify that you have read, understood and agree to the **Terms and Conditions** and agree to the following statement:



As part of signing this Application, I authorize the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to share information related to this scholarship, including my name, address, scholarship amount, and scholarship expenditures with EEC Educator and Provider Support Grantees and their partners, which may include institutions of higher education, in order to verify that I used the funds appropriately and to ensure that I do not attempt to use more than one source of funds to cover the same professional development expenses.

Save **Cancel**

Print Proof of Employment (POE) Form

This screen will come up after successful submission of the application. Click button to print Proof of Employment Form. The POE letter is **REQUIRED** for your application to receive further review.

Application Submitted Successfully

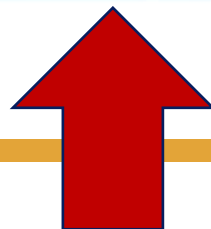
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Your application has been received, and further instructions have been sent to the email address on file.

Please note that your application **WILL NOT** be considered until **we have received your signed and fully completed Proof of Employment Form.** This form can be uploaded via the MASSAid student portal.

An award that may result from this application is contingent upon funding and overall demand.

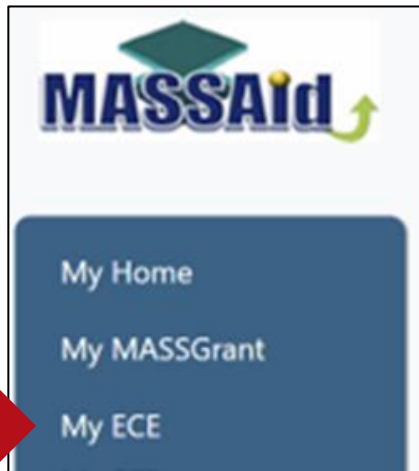
Print Proof of Employment Form Print Application Copy



Upload Proof of Employment Form

1. Login to the MassAid Student Portal using your account

2. On the left, click on “My ECE”



3. On the next screen, click on “Upload Proof of Employment”

Application Status: Ineligible

Please click each of the ineligible reason(s) listed below for more information on how to correct them.

- [Student Not MA Resident](#)
- [No Proof of Employment on File](#)
- [Invalid Major](#)

All awards are subject to certification by the institution.

Proof of Employment Form: [Click here to update 2023-2024 application information](#)

CURRENT INSTITUTION: BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
FALL ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 3
SPRING ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 3
SUMMER 1 ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 7
SUMMER 2 ANTICIPATED CREDITS: 7

[Re-Print Application](#) [Re-Print Proof Of Employment](#) [Upload Proof of Employment](#)

Academic Year 2022-2023

On this page, you can also:

- Reprint your POE
- Find out more about a status of “ineligible”

What happens next?

- Monitor your email inbox. All information and notifications will be sent via email. Read emails closely.
- Allow time for approval from DHE and EEC.
- If you receive an email that you are “ineligible,” you will have 20 days to correct the reason for ineligibility. Instructions will be in the email.
- Award amount will remain as “pending” until your school “certifies” that you are enrolled and attending classes- usually at the end of add/drop period.

Resources

- **Scholarship Information**

- Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) [Scholarship Information](#)
- Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) [Scholarship Information](#)

- **Ask a Question**

- You can ask a specific question by [completing this form](#), found on the Career Pathways webpage.