

Welcome to a new semester at ASAP!

**7 Important Things
You Need to Know About
Financial Aid**



#1: File For Financial Aid *Every* Year!

Eligible Students are required to file for:

- ✓ FAFSA @ <https://fafsa.gov>
- ✓ TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) @ <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/>

You are also encouraged to apply to the:

- ✓ Excelsior Scholarship @ <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior>

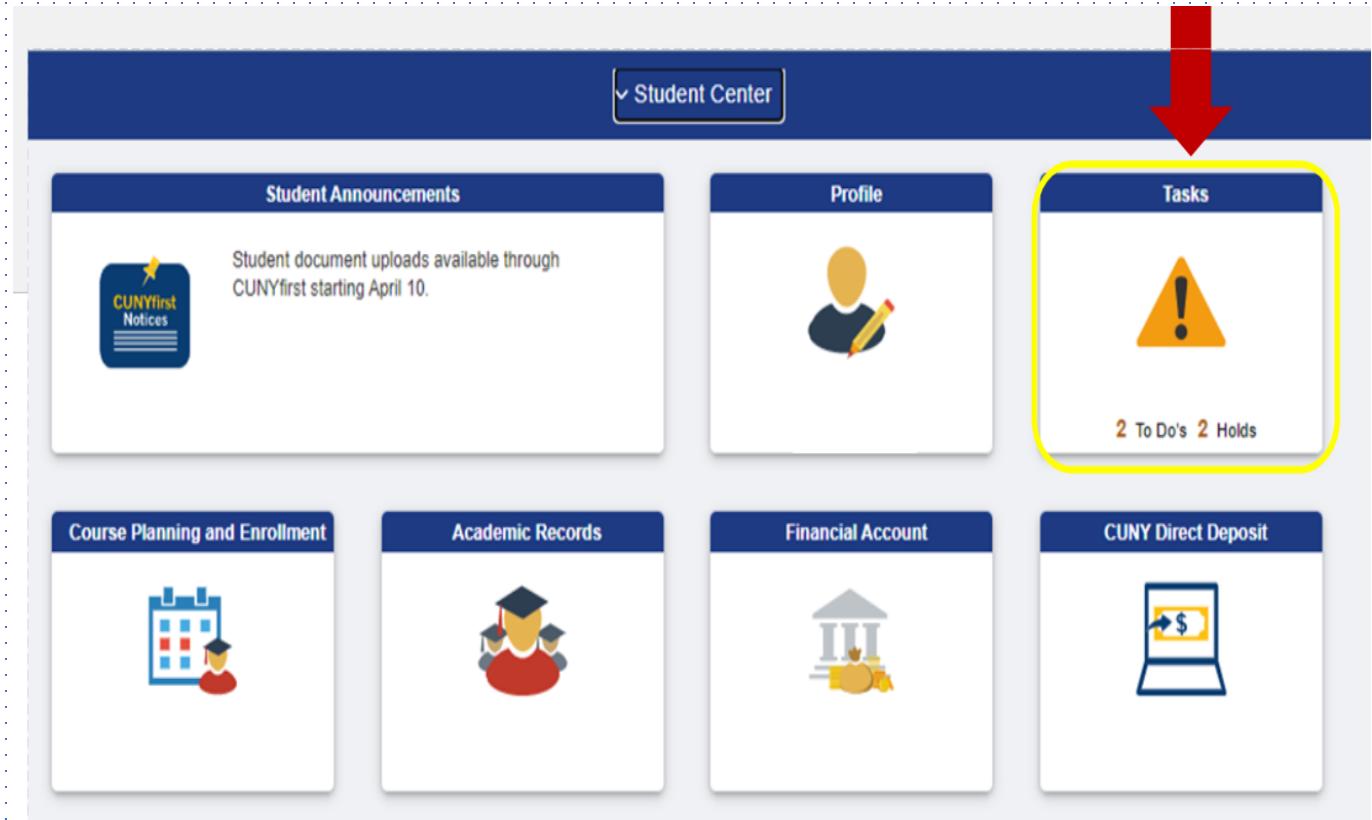
Students who do not meet the immigration requirements for federal aid should apply for state aid via:

- ✓ Jose Peralta DREAM Act @ <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/dream>



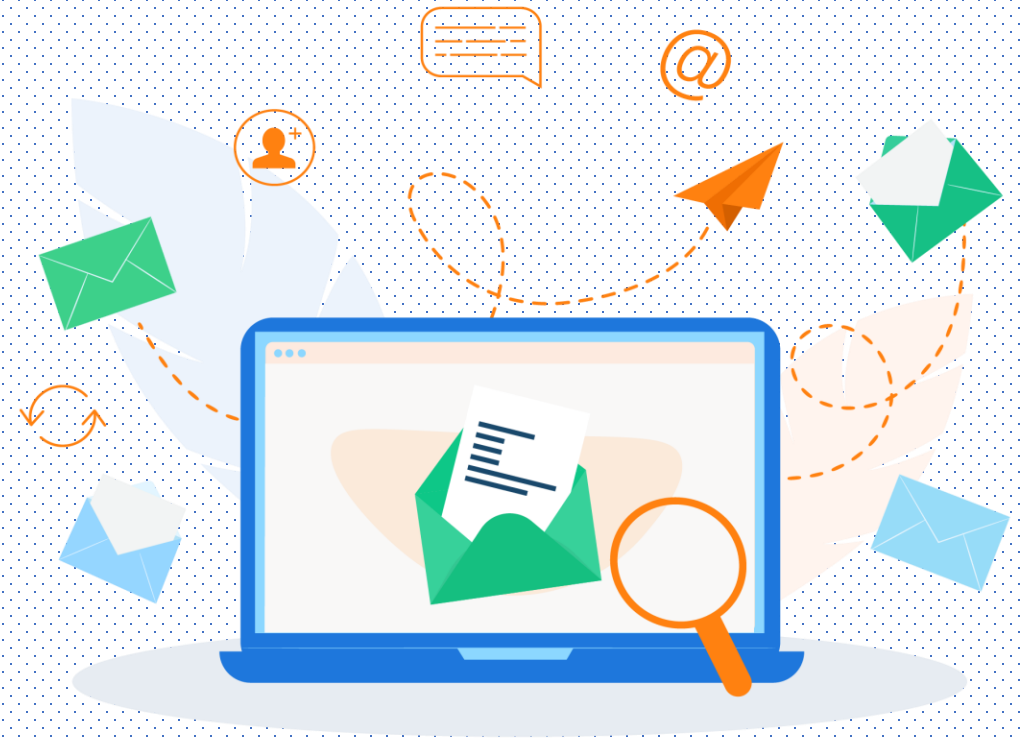
#2: Check your “To-Do” List on CUNYFirst

- After completing and submitting your financial aid applications online you may be required to complete **additional steps** or **submit documents** to BMCC’s Office of Financial Aid.
- Your “To-Do” List in [CUNYFirst](#) will provide full instructions!
- To access your “To-Do” List, log into [CUNYFirst](#) and navigate to the “Tasks” tile on your [Student Center](#).



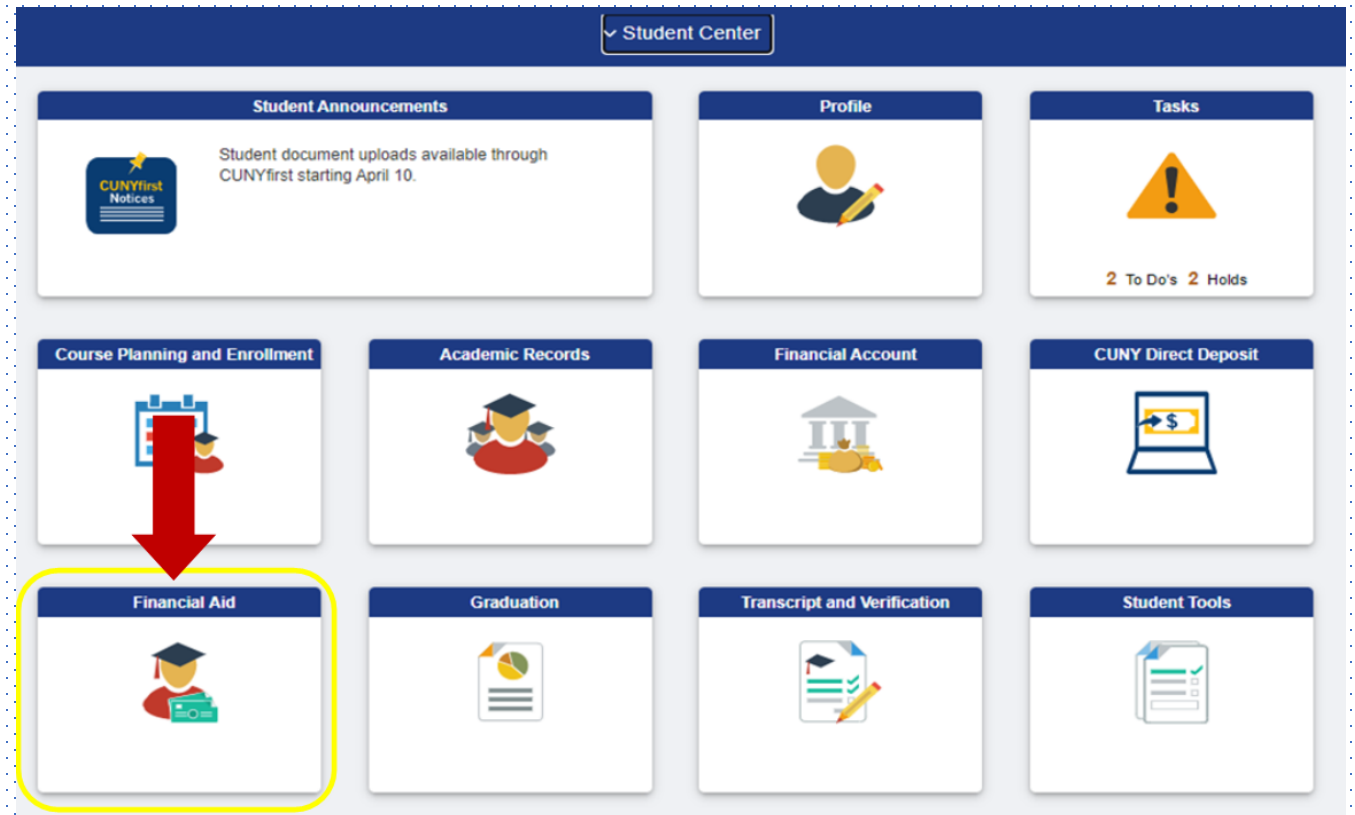
#3: Check Your Email!

- All important financial aid notifications will be sent to your **BMCC email**. If you are a new student, make sure you have claimed and activated your BMCC email.
- Your student email will be in this format on [Microsoft Outlook](#) after you **register** for classes:
“[firstname.lastname@stu.bmcc.cuny.edu](#)”
example: [john.doe@stu.bmcc.cuny.edu](#)
- Always check your inbox **regularly** for important financial aid information!



#4: View Your Financial Aid Status in CUNYFirst

- After completing all financial aid requirements, your eligible awards will be applied in the **“Financial Aid”** tile on your **CUNYFirst Student Center**:



#5: Enroll Full-Time

- All ASAP students are required to **enroll full-time (12 to 15 credits)** every Fall/Spring semester.
- **Full-time enrollment** is a requirement for many financial aid programs such as:
 - ✓ Excelsior
 - ✓ TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)
 - ✓ ASAP Tuition Waiver Scholarship



#6: Maintain a Good Academic Standing

- To remain eligible for state/federal financial aid awards every year, you must meet “**Satisfactory Academic Progress**” standards.
- This simply means that you must maintain certain **GPA requirements** and **complete a number of credits per semester** to make progress in completing your degree.
- If you are struggling with **academic performance** or considering to drop/withdraw from a class, make sure to reach out to your advisor to avoid financial aid repercussions!
- We are here to support your success!



#7: Get In Touch If You Need Help

- ✓ Email Us: Asapfinaid@bmcc.cuny.edu
- ✓ Make an Appointment: [Connect2Success](#)
- ✓ Visit Our Website: [ASAP Financial Aid OpenLab](#)
- ✓ Attend a Virtual FAFSA Completion Event: [FAFSA Completion Events](#)
- ✓ Find More on Financial Aid at BMCC: [Financial Aid at BMCC](#)

