



STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT

Weekly Newsletter

November 29, 2021 | Financial Resources



Ways to Make College Less Expensive!



MassBay Financial Resources

MassBay Scholarships

Scholarships are FREE Money that help cover the cost of your tuition and fees. Scholarships awarded through the MassBay Foundation are available to both new and returning students every semester! Some scholarships are designed to support students in specific majors, parents, international students, veterans and more!

Applications are due by January 7th, 2022.

Steps to Apply:

1. Enroll in Spring Classes- you need to be enrolled for the spring in order to apply!
2. Open our Scholarship Applications: <https://massbay.academicworks.com/>
3. Sign In using your same MassBay Username (do not include "@massbay.edu") and Password used for One Login/Blackboard/BayNavigator
4. Complete a General Application!
 5. Once you log-in, you will be taken to the General Application, complete that first! Be thorough and don't sell yourself short.
 6. Once you're finished with the General Application, the system will pull up the specific scholarships that you should qualify for, but you can also review the entire list of scholarships and look for more.
7. Review the Criteria and Complete Supplemental Questions for Individual Scholarships
8. Your Essay Response (these are short essays, usually only 250-300 words)

should carefully answer the specific question for each scholarship.

9. Enroll in Spring 2022 classes by 1/7, your application won't count unless you are enrolled by the deadline!

Financial Aid- Grants and Loans

Complete the FAFSA application to apply for both federal and state financial aid, including grant money (usually does NOT need to be repaid) and loans (need to be repaid). Just because you qualify doesn't mean you HAVE to accept it- so you can apply, see what you are eligible to receive and then decide what is best for you. Students who didn't apply before Fall semester, or were still missing some required documentation still have time to apply for the Spring 2022 semester! You need to complete your FAFSA every academic year and identify MassBay (Federal Code: 002171) in the application.

Applying for Financial Aid can feel overwhelming and the application process can feel intimidating- which is why we are so excited to have partnered with uAspire- a non-profit organization that helps students complete the FAFSA application. Over text or calling support, uAspire advisors will help students 1:1 with the FAFSA application- including explaining how to complete different sections, how to get the required documents, and answer general questions you might have! See more below about how to access uAspire!

CARES Grant III

Students experiencing financial need due to the pandemic can apply for a CARES 3 Grant for the Spring 2022 Semester. Funds can be used towards books & course materials, computer/laptop purchase, internet access, food/groceries, electric/heat/utilities, housing/rent, childcare, dental/medical/mental health needs, or MassBay tuition & fees (w/ student authorization). The application process is a very simple form!! If you have questions, please contact caresgrant@massbay.edu.

Textbook Funding- Textbook Vouchers

Students with excess federal financial aid may be able to use it to purchase textbooks & class supplies/materials at the MassBay Bookstore. Students will receive an email from Student Accounts if they are eligible including instructions on how to use it. If you have questions about your aid eligibility, please [contact the MassBay Financial Aid Office](#)

Textbook Funding- SGA Textbook Fund

SGA offers funding for textbooks and course supplies/materials for students enrolled in Fall & Spring courses who need help purchasing their required course materials. Students who are awarded are given credits to be used directly for their textbook purchases at the MassBay Bookstore. The application opens two weeks before the Fall & Spring semesters start- and will open on January 4th for the Spring Semester. All students are emailed when the fund opens for each semester. Students must supply their course information and required textbooks or access codes in their application.

Paying for Next \$eme\$ster- Join our Peer Mentors for more Wed. Dec 1 @ 1pm

As the semester comes to an end, you might have registered for classes, or are putting off

registering- but are worried about paying for your classes. It can be really stressful for some of us. Don't worry, we are here to help you find some resources. Join us as we discuss about different resources available to students like scholarships, SNACC, Cares Funding, Textbook Funds. You will learn more about different resources and how to access them and most important you will have opportunity to ask any question about those resources and accessing them.

[Meeting Link- Wed. 12/1 @ 1pm!](#)



Paying For Next \$eme\$ter!

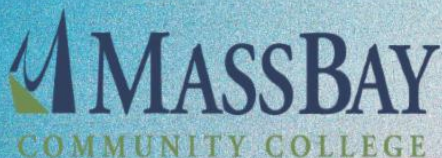
Join us Dec 1st from 1-2pm to
learn about all the financial
resources MassBay has to offer
you.

Need **help** with the **FAFSA?**

Text **“Hello”** to **(857) 309-2942**

STUDENTS AT MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAN TEXT ANYTIME.

A uAspire Advisor will text you back within 24 hrs
(Mon-Fri) to help you complete the FAFSA and answer other financial aid
questions. We provide support over text, Zoom, or phone call.



uAspire's FAFSA Help Center is **100% Free & Confidential**

UASPIRE IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION ENSURING THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE FINANCIAL
INFORMATION AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO FIND AN AFFORDABLE PATH TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE.

[Haga clic aquí para obtener una versión en español!](#)

COVID Updates & Vaccine Requirements for Spring

Who is required to provide proof of the COVID-19 vaccine?

For the Spring 2022 semester, any student who is

planning to come to any MassBay campus and/or affiliated clinical sites will need to provide proof of the vaccine. This includes the following:

- Students who are enrolling in any face-to-face class on-campus.
- Students who are intending to use any on-campus services and resources.
- Students who are required by program or activity to be vaccinated as a condition of participation (e.g. athletics, clinical placements).



What if I choose not to submit proof of the COVID-19 vaccine?

For the Spring 2022 semester, students who have not submitted their proof of vaccination are only eligible to register for solely online and remote classes and will only have access to virtual student services.

When do I need to be fully vaccinated by and what does “fully vaccinated” mean?

- For the Spring 2022 semester, students must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
- Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after someone takes the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or after taking their second Pfizer or Moderna dose.

For instructions on uploading your proof of vaccination please visit:

<https://www.massbay.edu/immunization>

----- VACCINE TIMELINE -----

Students must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Any student who has not submitted proof of vaccination by January 18, 2022, will be dropped from their face-to-face classes. Students who register for face-to-face classes after January 3, 2022, will need to provide proof of vaccination immediately after registering for classes.

To be fully vaccinated by January 18, 2022, the following deadlines must be met:

MODERNA

7 DAYS LEFT

1st Dose by December 7, 2021

2nd Dose by January 4, 2022

PFIZER

14 DAYS LEFT

1st Dose by December 14, 2021

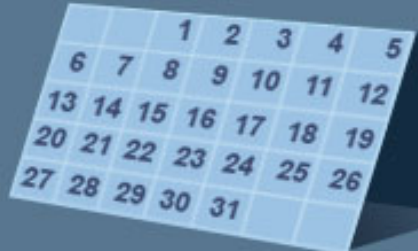
2nd Dose by January 4, 2022

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

36 DAYS LEFT

One Dose by January 4, 2022





Here is a Sneak Peak at Events This Week:

Visit the
**Virtual
Events
Calendar**
in OneLogin
for more
events,
event links
and
additional
information!



Virtual Events

Mindful MassBay (Guided Meditation)

Monday, November 29, 2021, 3 – 3:30pm

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 3-3:30pm

All are welcome to join us for this free 15-minute guided mindfulness meditation for health and wellness.

No experience is necessary.

Paying for Next \$eme\$ter

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 1 – 2pm

Join the Massbay Peer Mentors for a conversation about applying for scholarships, financial aid, Cares Grant, textbook funds and more to help you plan out how to get free money pay for your Spring semester!

Get Ready for Finals

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 7 – 8pm

Join the Massbay Peer Mentors for a conversation about getting ready for finals, time management skills, studying skills and finishing the semester strong!

International Lunch Hour - Barbados

Friday, December 3, 2021, 1-2pm

Join the International Club for a LIVE virtual cooking class and presentation by Kidwe Sandiford. You will be amazed to learn some interesting facts about Barbados along with a step-by-step presentation on how to prepare a Barbados dish- Fish cakes.

Student Town Hall

Friday, December 3, 2021, 1-2pm

Join us for the Student Town Hall with President Podell! President Podell looks forward to providing updates and hearing from you about your experiences at MassBay. We welcome feedback, concerns, ideas, suggestions, and of course, questions.

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

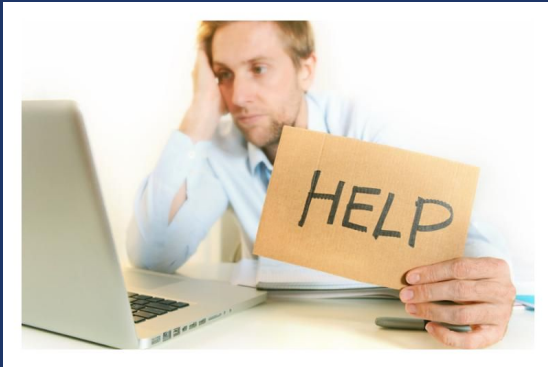
**Make sure to check out the Library's
Fall Workshops and LibGuides!**

NEA Big Read - An American Sunrise

MassBay Community College Library, in partnership with Framingham State University, the Framingham State Danforth

Art Museum, Framingham Public Library, and the Smithsonian Institute, will use a \$19,970 NEA Big Read grant to coordinate community reading program focusing on *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo, the first Native American Poet Laureate of the United States.. A keynote event featuring Joy Harjo will take place on December 8, 2021.

[Click here to register.](#)



NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

VISIT THE VIRTUAL Q & A CENTER!

*Connect virtually with a member of our Support Squad through WebEx.
The MassBay Support Squad is available to answer a wide range of questions!*

www.massbay.edu/ask

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