



Family Income Confirmation

Note: We call our students "Fellows"

Why does BRYC need to know about my financial situation?

BRYC supports students and families who are most in need of our services. Before accepting new Fellows, we ask their families to provide documentation proving Fellows come from financially-eligible households. We so appreciate your cooperation with this.

What makes a household "financially-eligible" for BRYC?

BRYC Fellows must come from households with gross annual income of \$60,000 or less. BRYC may make an *exception* for a household that earns more than \$60,000 if its Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is at or below \$6000. See next question!

What is "Expected Family Contribution," and how do I know if mine is at or below \$6000?

Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, is the amount the federal government estimates you should contribute to your child's college education. You will learn what your official EFC is after your child submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is required for all students seeking federal financial aid. To get an estimate of your EFC, go to www.tinyurl.com/BRYCfinance. Simply match your family's adjusted gross income (AGI) with the number of dependents you claim, and you will find your estimated EFC. If your estimated EFC is at or below \$6000, you are likely eligible for an exception to BRYC's \$60,000 household income rule.

How does BRYC confirm that a household is financially eligible?

In the online application, you will self-report if your household's gross annual income is above or below \$60,000. If your child advances to the second round of the application process, you will be required to provide proof of financial eligibility.

How do I provide proof of my household's financial eligibility?

If your child advances to the second round of the application process, you will be asked to come to BRYC to provide documentation to proof your child's financial eligibility. The following documents are acceptable:

- ◆ Preferred: Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ
- ◆ Documents proving you are receiving unemployment, disability, or social security benefits
- ◆ Documents proving you participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ◆ Documents proving you reside in a subsidized housing complex

Do I have to provide documentation for all earners within my household?

Yes, documentation must be provided for all earners in the physical household. This includes step-parents and significant others.

How does BRYC protect my sensitive financial information?

We appreciate your cooperation with our process and uphold the highest standards of confidentiality. Once we scan your documents and upload them to our secure online system, we will give you back your originals.

What if I have no tax information?

The following free resources are available for families seeking assistance with filing taxes: 211.org and myfreetaxes.org.

What if I have more questions?!

We got you! For help, call (225) 456-5752 ext. 1 or email admissions@thebryc.org.