

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY



WHAT MAKES A FELLOW FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR BRYC?

Their annual household income must be \$60,000 or less. Exceptions are made for families with incomes above \$60,000 but EFCs at or below \$6,000.

WHAT IS EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC), AND HOW DO I CALCULATE MINE?

EFC is what the federal government estimates legal guardians should contribute to their child's college education. Find yours on the next page.

HOW DOES BRYC CONFIRM THAT A FELLOW IS FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE?

Fellows self-report household income in the online application. If a Fellow advances to Round 2, their guardian(s) must provide one of the following: →

HOW DOES BRYC PROTECT MY SENSITIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION?

Once we scan your documents and upload them to our secure online system, we will give you back your originals.

ACCEPTED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Best: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ
- ✓ Proof of unemployment, disability, or SS benefits
- ✓ Proof of SNAP participation
- ✓ Proof of subsidized housing

THE COLLEGE PROCESS

WILL BRYC GIVE ME ANY MONEY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

We offer \$250 to seniors in good standing with BRYC to help with college-related fees. Otherwise we help Fellows earn their own scholarships.

IF I AM A BRYC FELLOW, AM I GUARANTEED TO GET SCHOLARSHIPS?

No. BRYC works extremely hard to connect Fellows to scholarships and support them in applying. But it comes down to how hard the Fellow works.

HOW DOES BRYC SUPPORT FAMILIES IN THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS?

Besides supporting Fellows with scholarship applications, BRYC helps families understand college costs and make responsible financial decisions.

DOES BRYC PUSH FELLOWS TO LEAVE THE STATE FOR COLLEGE?

No. In fact most of our Fellows end up in colleges in Louisiana. But we do expose Fellows to a wide range of options and encourage them to pursue their dreams.

BEING A BRYC FELLOW

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE IN BRYC?

BRYC is completely **FREE**. We just ask for Fellows' time and effort. During BRYC-sponsored college tours, we ask Fellows/families to pay for 1-2 meals.

CAN I BE IN BRYC IF I PARTICIPATE IN OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?

Absolutely! We encourage Fellows to be involved. Each Fellow has to be at BRYC just one evening per week, and Fellows can miss up to eight programs per year.

ONCE I AM IN BRYC, WILL I STAY IN THE PROGRAM NO MATTER WHAT?

Once accepted, Fellows have to meet certain requirements to stay in BRYC. These focus on attendance, keeping your grades high, and ACT homework.

CAN I COME TO BRYC ON NIGHTS I DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE?

Yes! Many Fellows come to BRYC outside of program for tutoring, counseling, meeting with mentors, and participating in special activities.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION GUIDE

If your family's EFC is at or below \$6000, your child is eligible for BRYC. Here's how to find your EFC.

STEP 1 **GROSS INCOME** Locate your household's income in the leftmost column labeled "Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)."

STEP 2 **DEPENDENT CHILDREN** Locate number of dependents; follow column down to row that corresponds with your income (AGI).

The intersecting number is your estimated federal EFC.

AGI	Dependent Children			
	1	2	3	4
\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$32,500	\$298	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$35,000	\$729	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$37,500	\$1,160	\$264	\$0	\$0
\$40,000	\$1,580	\$695	\$0	\$0
\$42,500	\$1,984	\$1,126	\$0	\$0
\$45,000	\$2,387	\$1,531	\$448	\$0
\$47,500	\$2,791	\$1,934	\$1,144	\$0
\$50,000	\$3,194	\$2,338	\$1,547	\$164
\$52,500	\$3,598	\$2,741	\$1,951	\$650
\$55,000	\$4,049	\$3,144	\$2,354	\$1,136
\$57,500	\$4,507	\$3,548	\$2,758	\$1,622
\$60,000	\$5,008	\$3,992	\$3,161	\$2,245
\$62,500	\$5,540	\$4,451	\$3,565	\$2,649
\$65,000	\$6,092	\$4,942	\$4,011	\$3,052
\$67,500	\$6,716	\$5,474	\$4,470	\$3,456
\$70,000	\$7,339	\$6,016	\$4,964	\$3,887
\$72,500	\$8,066	\$6,639	\$5,496	\$4,346
\$75,000	\$8,799	\$7,262	\$6,041	\$4,820
\$80,000	\$10,471	\$8,709	\$7,288	\$5,884