

MONEY MATTERS, PART I

ACCESSING FINANCIAL AID

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FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

- **✓** FAFSA
- ✓ Verification completed (if applicable)
- ✓ Supplemental Info submitted (if applicable)
- ✓ Financial Aid Packages Issued (RavenZone)



FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

- ✓ Accept Offer Letter
- ✓ Notification of any/all outside scholarships
- √ Fed. Direct Loan Entrance Counseling (DL website)
- ✓ Fed. Direct Loan MPN (DL website)
- ✓ Parent PLUS Ioan application (DL website)
- ✓ Alternative Ioan application (BC Website)

Federal Student Aid

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In School

I'm in the process of earning a degree or certificate.

Parent

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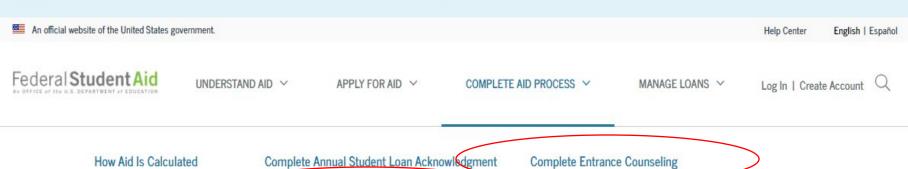
In Repayment

I have loans I need to repay.

Same login as when filing your FAFSA



COVID-19 emergency relief flexibilities extended through at least Sept. 30, 2021



Comparing School Aid Offers

Complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Complete TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement to Serve

Accepting Financial Aid

Receiving Financial Aid

MPN for Graduate/Professional Students

MPN for Parents

The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$120 billion in financial aid to help pay for college or career school each year. Log In

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FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS (STAFFORD)

Subsidized

- ✓ No interest accrues while in school (≥ half-time)
- √5.49% for 2023-24
- ✓ Goes into repayment 6 mos. after student is enrolled < ½ time

Unsubsidized

- ✓ Interest accrues while in school
- ✓ 5.49% for 2023-24
- ✓ Goes into repayment 6 mos. after student is enrolled < ½ time
- ✓ Unpaid interest each year is capitalized

All federal student loan programs incur an origination fee, which is deducted from the original loan amount at the time of disbursement of the loan proceeds to the student's account (Sub/Unsub = 1.057% PLUS = 4.228%)

PARENT PLUS LOANS

- ✓ Credit based loan taken on behalf of the student
- ✓ 8.05% for 2023-24
- ✓ Interest accrues while student is in school at least half-time
- ✓ Payments as early as 60 days following the last disbursement
- ✓ Deferred payment option available contact your lender
- ✓ Requires approved application and signed MPN
 - ✓ Use same website as student
 - √ Login using parent FSA ID (NOT STUDENT'S)

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ALTERNATIVE/PRIVATE LOANS

- ✓ Credit based loan taken by the student
- ✓ Co-signer required for most applications
- √ Variable Interest accrues while enrolled at least half-time
- √ Payments schedules established by the lender
- ✓ Recently added...Private Parent Loans

https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/Welcome.do?configId=1361559186442



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Welcome to FASTChoice

Thank you for using FASTChoice to choose your private loan!





Searching for a Private Loan?

There are many ways to pay for higher education, and choosing the right approach requires a good understanding of your options, your responsibilities, and the various details of each lender's loan products.

It's a lot to keep in mind. FASTChoice makes it easy by providing you with information about private loans in an easy-to-understand format, to help you determine which private student loan best meets your needs.



Let's get started!



Borrowing Essentials

Borrowing Essentials provides an interactive overview of some basic information about borrowing money to pay for your education.

The next few pages will quickly get you up to speed. Having a good understanding of these topics will help you get the most out of what you borrow on the best possible terms. You'll be better equipped to make an informed decision.



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Hello, Welcome to RavenZone!

Choose a category to get started.



Student Finance

Here you can view your latest statement and make a payment online.



Course Catalog

Here you can view and search the course catalog.



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Financial Management

Here you can view the financial health of your cost centers and your projects.



Financial Aid Counseling

Here you can view the Financial Aid Hub information as a student would so you can help the student answer any questions.



Blackboard

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OneCard - RavenBucks

This link will take you to the RavenBucks Website.



Navigate

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Work Study Application

STUDY This link is to the work study application This link will display our dining locations

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS











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Meal Plan Changes

This link is to the form for Meal Plan Changes



The College Consortium

This link is to the College Consortium Information



AKADÉMOS Virtual Bookstore

This link is to the virtual Bookstore, where you can search for and order books



This link is to the Dining Hall Menu



Endowed Scholarships Endowed Scholarships

This link is to the Endowed Scholarships Information



Transferology

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Student Handbook

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GivePulse

This link is to the GivePulse webstie

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Financial Aid Home (Admin)







Welcome to Financial Aid!

Current ID:

Financial Aid Counseling v







Your Financial Aid Package is now ready!

Your financial aid award package is now ready for your review and acceptance.

Review and accept your Financial Aid Award Package



Average Aid Package

No Average Aid Package is available at this time.

Checklist				
9	Completed	Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)		
Ø	Completed	Complete required documents		
Ø	Completed	Your application is being reviewed by the Financial Aid Office		
A	Action Needed	Review and accept your Financial Aid Award Package		
<u> </u>	Action Needed	Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling		
<u> </u>	Action Needed	Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note		
A	Action Needed	Review and sign your Financial Aid Award Letter		

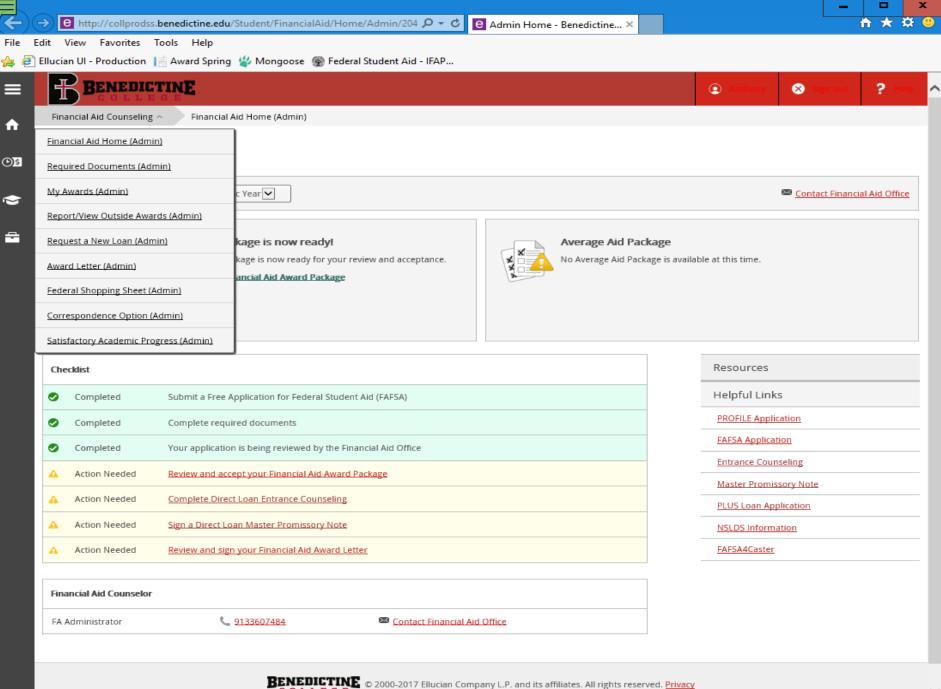
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Entrance Counseling
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PLUS Loan Application
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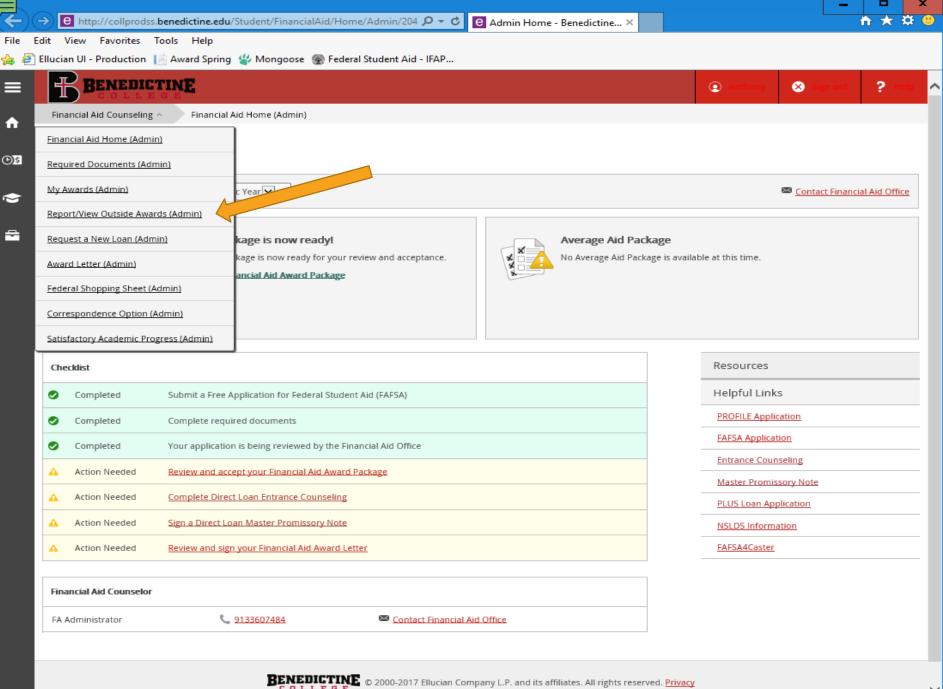
Financial Aid Counselor

FA Administrator \$\\ \quad \\ 9133607484\$



Contact Financial Aid Office







ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Beginning with incoming class (2019-20)

- Students will be required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA to retain original academic merit scholarship amount
- Evaluation of cumulative GPA will be performed following each term AFTER completion of the student's first 2 terms (first entire enrollment year)



ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Evaluation results	Impact on Merit Scholarship	
Meets/exceeds minimum standard	Student retains originally awarded merit	
Weets/exceeds minimum standard	scholarship amount	
Fails to meet minimum standard	Merit scholarship reduced by \$500 for	
Tails to meet minimum standard	subsequent semester	
Fails to meet minimum standard in two (2)	Merit scholarship reduced by an additional \$500	
consecutive semesters	for subsequent semester*	
Fails to meet minimum standard after 3rd	No further reduction of merit scholarship.	
consecutive semester	Original award amount less \$1000 remains	
Attains minimum standard at end of	Original merit scholarship amount reinstated for	
subsesquent semester	subsequent semester	
Fails to meet minimum standard after regaining	Merit scholarship reduced by \$500 for	
original award eligibility	subsequent semester	
*Merit scholarship will not be reduced by more than \$1,000 for not meeting standard		



ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Scholars hip	Cum GPA	
Beginning Freshmen	Requirement	
National Merit/National Hispanic Merit	3.2	
Presidential Scholarship	3.2	
Tier 1 (Dean's /St. Benedict Scholarship	3.0	
Tier 2 (St. Scholastica Scholarship	2.5	
Tier 3 (Maathai Scholarship)	2.3	
Tier 4 (Abbot Scholarship)	2.1	
Tier 5 (Founders Scholarship)	2.0	
Tier 6 (Incentive Scholarship)	2.0	
Phi Theta Kappa (Transfers only)	3.0	
International Scholarship	2.5	

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MONEY MATTERS, PART 2

I'VE RECEIVED MY STUDENT'S BILL, WHAT'S NEXT?

Becky Miller - Bursar Student Billing, Business Office

BUSINESS OFFICE ST. BENEDICT HALL

How can the Business Office help you?

Student Billing and Cashier

- ✓ Student tuition account statements
- ✓ Billing notifications/due dates
- ✓ Payments and payment plans
- ✓ Student account refunds
- ✓ Virtual Bookstore-book vouchers
- √ Financial Responsibility Agreement
- ✓ Authorized Users
- ✓ Tuition adjustments for withdrawal/Exit
- ✓ Purchase Raven Bucks
- √ Raven Bucks vs Dining Dollars

Human Resources

- ✓ Work study onboarding
- ✓ Student Payroll questions

RAVENZONE STUDENT ACCESS

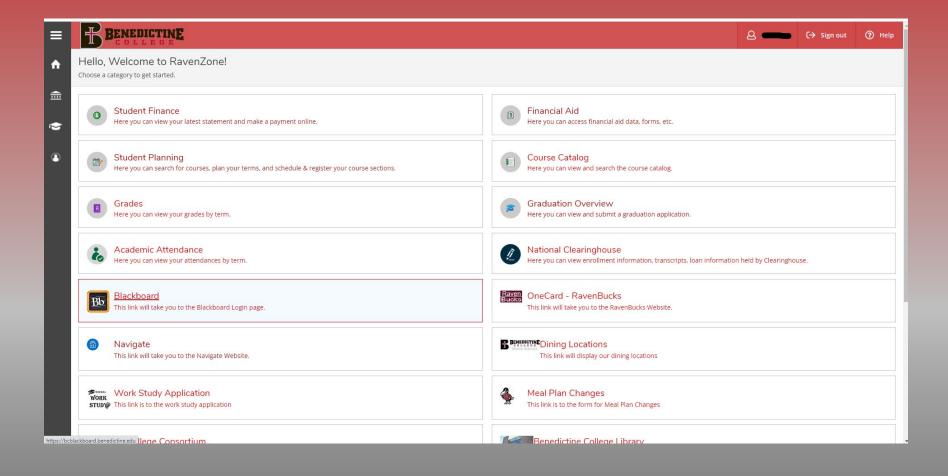
Student portal to all relevant activities

- Student Finance-Student Billing
- Financial Aid
- Student Planning: Course Schedule
- Grades, Transcript
- Work Study application process
- Virtual Bookstore (textbooks)
- Endowed Scholarships-application process
- Add Raven Bucks

More items than this; encourage your student to login and get familiar with RavenZone

Remember-Parents will need student's permission to access student's RavenZone information.

RAVENZONE STUDENT VIEW



Financial Responsibility and FERPA

- ✓ Electronic Authorization (Financial Responsibility Agreement)
 - <u>Student's</u> consent to the agreement regarding his/her student account for educational services while at Benedictine College.
 - Required first document student will see when accessing his/her tuition statement.
- ✓ Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - Federal law that protects the privacy rights of student education records.
 - This right transfers from parents to the student when enter college.
 - Benedictine College has three ways students may grant permission for college officials to communicate with parents:
 - I. RavenZone Proxy User-view academic and financial aid information
 - 2. <u>TouchNet Authorized User-view billing, submit payments</u>
 - 3. FERPA Waiver-paper form student completes in Registrar's Office

Authorized User vs Proxy User

(Both require Student action to activate)

Once classes begin, student becomes Benedictine College's primary point of contact.

TouchNet Authorized User

Receive Billing emails, View Billing, Submit Payment

Link: Benedictine.edu/authorizeduser

- Student authorizes Student Billing staff to email and discuss financial matters with Authorized Users.
- Become an Authorized User highly recommended so you receive student billing emails and immediate assistance with billing questions.
- This access allows you to have a <u>direct</u> link to view your student's billing, submit payment, enroll in payment plans, etc. (Note: not a login to RavenZone)

RavenZone Proxy User

View Academic and Financial Aid

Link: Benedictine.edu/proxyuser

 Student opts to give users permission to view grades, course schedule, financial aid information, satisfactory academic progress, view general notifications.

STUDENT BILLING STUDENT FINANCE

Electronic statements only - No paper statements

- Statements available Online:
 - Students: through RavenZone, Student Finance, pass-through to TouchNet
 - Parents (Authorized Users): emailed link direct to TouchNet
- Business Office Communication:
 - Email sent to students' <u>Benedictine College e-mail</u> and Authorized Users' email set up by student.
 - Please read monthly balance reminders, sent year-round.
 - Student can enroll one phone number in text messaging via TouchNet

Payment Information

- ✓ Semester Payment Deadlines
 - August I, 2023 & January I, 2024
- ✓ Payments Options
 - TouchNet, third party vendor, secure web page
 - e-check
 - Visa, Discover, MasterCard, American Express (additional service fee)
 - By mail (check): Benedictine College

ATTN: Business Office

1020 N 2nd ST

Atchison, KS 66002

**Please include Student Name and Student ID on check

- Semester Installment Payment Plan
- 529 college tuition savings plan request in advance of due dates. If your plan requires action by the College, please contact Cashier in Business Office.
- ✓ Unpaid accounts will be put on Business Office Hold, incur monthly late fees

Payment Plans – Semester Payment Plans

Enroll in TouchNet; 4 or 5 month plans available

✓ Equal payments – due 15th each month.

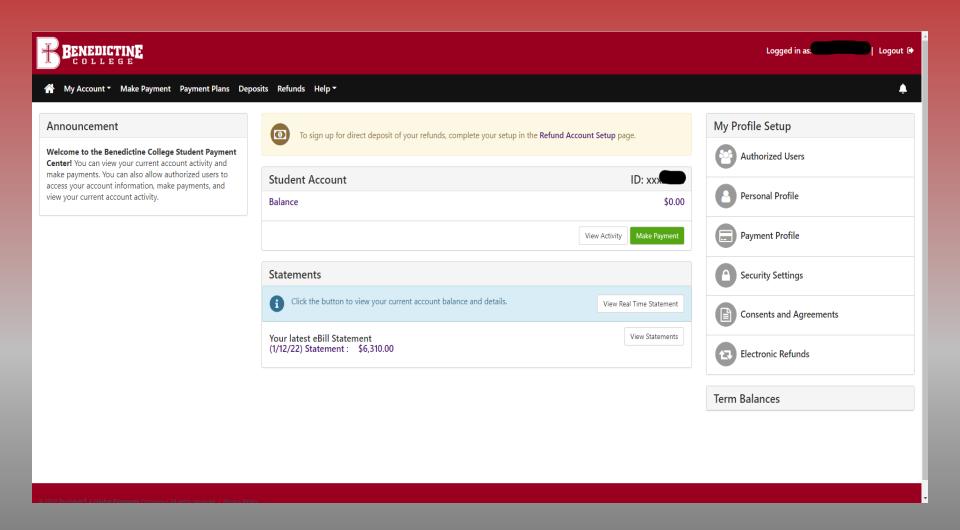
Note: () indicates the first installment of 5-month plan

- Fall: (July), Aug, Sept, Oct & Nov
- Spring: (Dec), Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr
- √\$55 semester application fee; does not accrue interest
- ✓ Online enrollment begins July 5th and December Ist
 - Student (through RavenZone) or Authorized User (through direct link to TouchNet) can enroll; monthly email sent to the <u>enrollee</u>.
 - Suggest student enrolls Authorized User in text messaging alerts; via TouchNet.
- ✓ Payment Plan budget amount will include pending financial aid through August 15th installment; reverts to actual balance at that time.

Student Account Refunds

- ✓ Sometimes a student may borrow more than needed to pay tuition and fees; this generates a credit balance which is refunded to the student.
- ✓ This credit balance can be used to purchase books before the semester begins through the College's Virtual Bookstore; contact us to find out how.
- ✓ First refunds processed 10 days after semester begins; weekly after that.
- ✓ Refunds issued two ways:
 - <u>Electronic Refund</u> student enrolls through RavenZone link to TouchNet's secure web page; deposits directly to bank account provided by student
 - Paper check mailed to the home address (student: keep this current)

TouchNet screen view for student



Student Tuition Account

Typical Fall 2023 semester charges

(does not include scholarships or other financial aid)

Charges

Tuition	\$17,000
Facilities and Access Fee	400
Memorial (or Turner) Hall (vary by hall)	3,105
18 Meal Plan (estimate)	2,815
Class fees (vary with class schedule)	40
Room Deposit (one time)	100
Orientation Fee (one time)	160

Subtotal charges

\$23,620

Tuition and Room Adjustments for Withdrawal/Exit

- ✓ Process starts in Student Success Center: Student strongly advised to discuss consequences of early withdrawal/exit with Financial Aid and Business Office
- ✓ Dept. of Education prorates financial aid differently, causes imbalance between remaining balance due and aid received

Benedictine College policy:	Tuition % Room \$	
Week Ending (Fridays 5 p.m. CST)	<u>Refunded</u>	<u>Refunded</u>
Ist partial week of semester (8/25/23)	95%	prorated
Ist full week of semester (9/1/23)	90%	based
2 nd full week of semester (9/8/23)	75%	on days
3 rd full week of semester (9/15/23)	50%	attended
Up to 20 th day of semester (9/19/23)	25%	
After 20th day of semester	NO ADJUSTMENT	

HUMAN RESOURCES-PAYROLL Work Study Requirements

Student workers are required to complete the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-9 and clear the E-Verify system prior to beginning work.

All students applying for work study will be required to do the following:

- * Complete an application via RavenZone.
- * Once hired, complete the electronic onboarding process.
- * Present <u>original unexpired</u> documents to certify ability to work in the United States. For a complete list of acceptable documents, visit https://www.uscis.gov/i-9

Students should plan to bring these documents with them when coming to campus this fall. Students **WILL NOT** not be allowed to begin work without proper documentation.

Raven Bucks - optional on campus debit card system

- ✓ Raven Bucks work like an on-campus debit system; students use Benedictine student ID card
- ✓ Convenient to use in multiple ways:
 - The Raven Store
 - All dining services on Campus (different than Dining Dollars)
 - Certain vending machines on Campus
 - Additional printing: in the Library and WEPA Printing kiosks around campus
 - Mail room (Rocky's Copies): postage, copies
- ✓ Purchase Raven Bucks through student RavenZone: OneCard-RavenBucks.
- ✓ Purchase through Cashier in Business Office, also during move-in weekend.
 Cash or check.

STUDENT BILLING Raven Bucks vs Dining Dollars

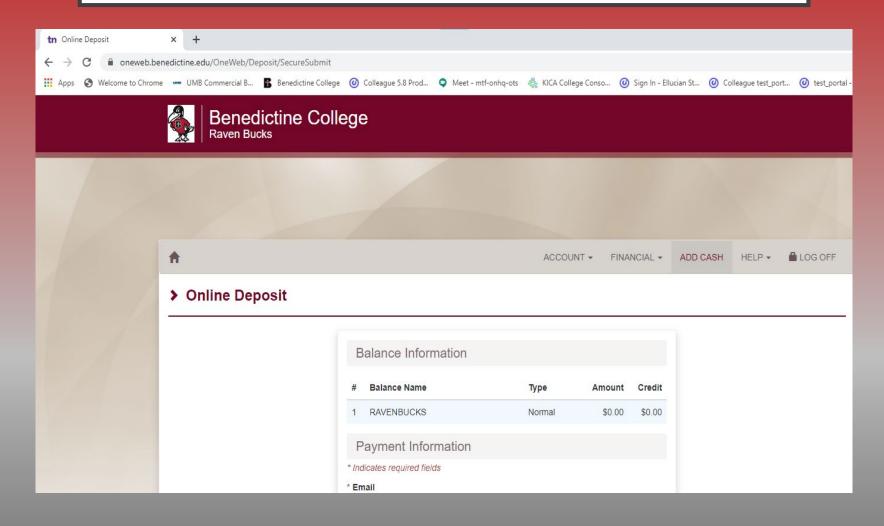
Raven Bucks

- ✓ Purchased by student
- ✓ Do not expire
- √ Accessible through student ID card
- ✓ Use only at on-campus locations:
 - The Raven Store
 - Vending Machines
 - WEPA printing kiosks
 - Rocky's Copies
 - Any Dining Facilities

Dining Dollars

- ✓ Included with purchase of student's meal plan
- ✓ Pre-loaded to start each semester
- ✓ Accessible through student ID card
- ✓ Use only at on-campus Dining Facilities
- ✓ Expire at the end of each semester along with meal plan
- ✓ Not re-loadable. If run out, purchase Raven Bucks.

Raven Bucks – online screen view for student



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THANK YOU!

Questions?

Email or call, we are here to help.