



BERRY COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2022

## HOME, SWEET, HOME

As we approach the end of the semester and you prepare to welcome your student home, we want to be sure you are aware of the following information:

**Thanksgiving:** The residence halls will remain open during Thanksgiving Break and students are welcome to remain on campus.

**Winter Break:** The halls will close at 6pm on Friday, December 9, and reopen at 8am on Sunday, January 8. Unless approved for break stay, residents will not have access to the residence halls. Students do not need to move all belongings out over Winter Break, but they won't be able to access those items until January. More information about Winter Break has been shared with students via email, and RAs will be sharing closing information on each floor in the coming weeks.

**Fall 2023 Housing Application:** Students can begin applying for fall 2023 housing now. Applications and prepayments will be due on March 1. More information will be sent out to students and to parents in the coming weeks and months.

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## TIME TO COMPLETE FAFSA

It is that time of year! Remind your student to complete the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using their 2020 tax information. They can do this on [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov).

The office of Financial Aid strongly recommends using the IRS Data Retrieval tool (DRT) for both the parent and student financial sections for the most accurate results. For additional information about using the DRT and completing the FAFSA, visit [STUDENTAID.GOV/APPLY-FOR-AID/FAFSA/FILLING-OUT](https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out)

Once Berry receives the results of your student's FAFSA, the Office of Financial Aid will review and determine the resources available to them. If you or your student have any questions about the financial aid process, please check Viking Web or contact the Office of Financial Aid at 706-236-1754 or [financialaid@berry.edu](mailto:financialaid@berry.edu).

For easy reference, Berry College's SCHOOL CODE IS 001554

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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

Every spring, current students are able to apply for scholarships and additional financial aid for the following academic year. Students can



## Student Care Packages

The Berry College Student Government Association offers a baked goods care package program to help your student feel at home. Orders can be placed on Tuesdays or Thursdays. All proceeds go to services for Berry students.

[Care Package Order Form](#)

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## Parents Supporting College Student Mental Health

Becca Smith, the director of counseling at Berry College and president of the American College Counseling Association, was recently quoted in a Washington Post advice article titled, "College mental health centers are swamped: Here's what parents can do."

[View the Article](#)

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## Important Dates

**Nov. 23-25** Thanksgiving Break, No classes

**Dec. 2** Last Day of Classes

**Dec. 5-9** Final Exams

**Dec. 9** Residence halls close at 6 pm for Winter Break

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Whitehead Scholars Program, the LifeWorks Scholarship, or general financial aid. These scholarships not only offer financial support, but also programming such as mentorship, community service, and personal and professional development.

In order to apply, students must first attend an information session to learn about the available opportunities and their eligibility requirements. Completing the FAFSA is also required.

If your student is interested in learning more about these programs and the application process, we ask that you encourage them to attend one of the information sessions that will be offered in the spring semester shortly after we return from winter break. They will receive information via their Berry e-mail on how to register for these sessions.

***Attendance is required for them to take the next steps to apply.***

Please be advised that information regarding scholarships on the Berry College webpage is intended for incoming students. All information regarding scholarships for current students will be communicated with them via e-mail.

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## Upcoming Student Events

**November 16-20** The Illusion Theatre Production

**November 17** Bold Open Zip Line

**November 18** C-SEED Mini Market

**November 19** Semi-Formal Masquerade

**November 28** Holiday Choir Concert

**November 29** SGA Meeting

**December 2-3** Holiday Wonders Dance Concert

**December 4** Food for Finals