

Please read this email carefully, as it contains important information about student billing for Academic Year 2026–2027.

Dear Student,

Welcome to Howard University, we are so excited to have you. Beginning this week, your Fall 2026 bill will be available. To view your bill, please log in to your Student Financial Hub in BisonHub, ([accessHU](#)). If you need additional assistance, please review [SF Student Financials 102: Student View in Workday to learn](#) how to navigate the Financials Hub and understand the student view of the Student Financials tab within the Student Profile.

If you have already registered for classes:

- Your statement is based on the Fall 2026 courses currently on your schedule, your housing assignments, and meal plan selections.

If you have not yet registered for classes:

- Your statement is based on full-time enrollment in your academic program, your housing assignments, and meal plan selections.
- Charges may change once you complete your course registration.

1st Due Date Information

- Your bill will include any financial aid that has been approved and accepted.
- After financial aid is accepted, approximately **50% of your remaining out-of-pocket balance** will be due by **July 10, 2026**.
- This payment serves as a good-faith payment toward your Fall 2026 educational expenses and helps ensure you are prepared for the upcoming semester.
- Failure to make this payment may delay or prevent you from completing the registration process and could impact your ability to attend Howard this Fall.

Changes to Your Schedule

- If you add or drop classes before the Add/Drop Deadline on Friday, September 4, 2026, your tuition and fees will be adjusted automatically.
- There is a \$175 late registration fee for students completing registration after August 1st.
- Your account balance may increase or decrease based on those changes.

How to Make a Payment

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Fall 2026 Payment Plan

- Payment plans open: **June 15, 2026**
- First payment due: **July 15, 2026**
- Last day to enroll in the plan: **September 8, 2026**
- Final payment due: **November 15, 2026**
- The payment plan spreads your balance across five monthly payments.

Should you choose to enroll in a Fall 2026 payment plan, please consider the following:

- There is a **\$45.00** fee to enroll in a payment plan, each term.
- Payment plan schedules, enrollment periods, and installment dates are fixed and cannot be extended or modified.
- Payment plan amounts are calculated based on approved and accepted financial aid currently reflected on the student account.
- Anticipated external scholarships, third-party sponsorships, and pending funding are not included in payment plan calculations until funds have been received and applied to the account.
- Students enrolled in a payment plan cannot cancel their plan or make changes to their payment arrangement without first speaking directly with a member of the Office of the Bursar. Requests cannot be processed through the University Call Center or by email. To discuss changes, please sign in through [Qminder for virtual assistance](#) or visit the Office of the Bursar during posted business hours.

As you plan for the summer, please keep in mind that the first payment for the Fall 2026 payment plan is due on **July 15**. With both the Juneteenth and Independence Day holidays occurring before the deadline, we encourage you to make your payment arrangements early and avoid waiting until the last minute.

Payment Methods

Howard University's preferred payment method is eCheck/ACH, which allows students to make secure online payments directly from a bank account through the ePay/Touchnet payment portal.

Students may also make payments using:

- Credit card (**with a fee of up to 3.0% for domestic transactions and up to 4.25% for international transactions**)
- Cashier's check
- Money order

For step-by-step instructions, please visit our website and review the [How to Make a Payment guide](#). Payments can only be made through BisonHub using a web browser. Payment functionality is not available in the BisonHub mobile app.

External Scholarships and 529 Plans

We are pleased to announce our partnership with Backpack to improve the processing of external scholarships and awards. Backpack provides a secure and streamlined way for scholarship providers to submit award payments electronically, helping reduce delays associated with paper checks and mailed documentation. To ensure faster and more efficient processing, all external scholarship payments—including checks, ACH/wire payments, and credit card payments—will need to be submitted through the Backpack portal (available late July)

[Please Bookmark the Howard Backpack Site](#)

If you are expecting an external scholarship or sponsorship, you can let us know by completing the [Howard University External Scholarship Reporting Form](#) for each award you anticipate receiving. This information will allow us to contact your scholarship provider and share important details about the transition to Backpack. Be sure to include a valid email address for your funder so that we can communicate directly with them.

Please do not mail or bring paper scholarship checks to the Office of the Bursar

If your external scholarship requires enrollment verification or a signature from a Howard University staff member, please scan and email the documentation to SFS@howard.edu for assistance. Use the subject line: “Enrollment Verification_Fall 2026.”

Finally, if you plan to use a 529 Plan or other educational savings account that requires payment to be sent directly to Howard University, please submit all payment authorizations, distribution requests, and invoice requests to thirdparty@howard.edu for assistance. Early submission is encouraged to allow sufficient time for processing and posting to your student account.

Discounts and Waivers

All discounts and waivers will be applied to your student account after September 8th, when the registration window has closed.

*Health Insurance Waivers – **Please read this carefully***

Students may waive the University-sponsored health insurance plan once per academic year during the Fall semester only. Waiver requests must be submitted through the United Healthcare portal available in the Student Financials Hub.

The Fall 2026 health insurance waiver period will open on July 1, 2026. Students should continue to monitor their Howard University email account for important updates, deadlines, and instructions regarding the waiver process.

Please note that waiver requests submitted after the published deadline cannot be accepted. When submitting your waiver:

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- Use your nine-digit student ID number (example: 001234567)
- Health insurance waiver approvals are determined directly by United Healthcare, not by Howard University.
- Appeals and coverage questions must be submitted directly to United Healthcare.
- Students must be registered for classes for at least 24 hours before submitting a waiver request.
- Student employees and their dependents must still complete and submit the health insurance waiver for each academic year if they wish to waive the University-sponsored health insurance plan.

The deadline to waive health insurance coverage for the 2026–2027 academic year is September 30, 2026. No exceptions will be granted after this deadline.

Sibling Discount

The Fall 2026 Sibling Discount Application will **open July 1, 2026**, and close September 11, 2026. Eligibility requirements and application details are available in the Student Financials Hub in BisonHub.

Updating the Friends and Family Authorizations and Payment Elections in the Student Financials Hub

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Students are encouraged to review and update their Friends and Family in the Student Financials Hub to include any parents, guardians, or other individuals with whom they would like the University to discuss their student account. Without an active Friends and Family authorization on file, our office is unable to discuss student account information with anyone other than the student. FERPA authorizations can be updated directly in the Student Financials Hub. For instructions on how to update this please visit: [Friends and Family](#)

Payment Elections

Students are also encouraged to set up direct deposit via *Payment Elections* in the Student Financials Hub to ensure timely delivery of any eligible student refunds. During setup, please be sure to select the option indicating that you would like refunds deposited into your designated bank account. Please note that Parent PLUS Loan refunds are issued directly to the loan applicant unless a different refund preference was selected on the original loan application.

Staying Connected

The Office of the Bursar will be closed for in-person services from May 25, 2026, through July 2026 due to office construction. During this time, we will continue to provide support through virtual and limited in-person services.

Virtual Support

Available Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. via Q-minder

<https://bursar-office.qminder.site>

Limited Onsite Support

Beginning Wednesday, June 3, 2026, a Bursar staff member will be available onsite in the Office of Financial Aid every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are not required.

[Sign in](#)

We encourage students and families to visit the [Howard University Bursar website](#) first for answers to common billing and student account questions.

Sincerely,
The Office of the Bursar

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