

Student Financial Responsibility Statement

Please take time to become familiar with Barton's policies regarding student financial responsibilities, doing electronic business, and phone calls.

Student Obligation

By registering for classes at Barton County Community College (BCCC), you agree to assume financial responsibility for all charges billed to your student account including, but not limited to tuition, course fees, books, Child Development Center fees, student housing charges, returned checks, parking and library fines, and non-returned or damaged loaned items or rental textbooks (hereafter referred to separately and collectively as "Student Obligations"). You understand and agree that your registration and acceptance of these terms constitutes a promissory note agreement (i.e., a financial obligation in the form of an educational loan as defined by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code at 11 U.S.C §523(a)(8) in which Barton County Community College is providing you educational services, deferring some or all of your payment obligation for those services, and you promise to pay for all assessed tuition, fees and other associated costs by the published obligation or assigned due date. You acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the following provisions:

- Financial Aid - If your federal or institutional financial aid is either not received by BCCC or you later lose eligibility to retain financial aid for the semester, you assume responsibility for paying all student obligations for this term.
- Third Party - If your third-party sponsor (military, employer, governmental agency, etc.) fails to pay BCCC, you assume responsibility for paying the amount the sponsor originally promised to pay on your behalf.
- Hold on Student Account - A "HOLD" will be placed on your records if your student obligations remain unpaid. As long as the hold remains in effect, it will prevent your ability to register for future semesters, add classes for the current term, and receive transcripts.
- Collection Information and Reminders - BCCC or its designated collection agency may use an automated calling system and pre-recorded voice or text messages to contact you by phone regarding any outstanding account, student obligations or reminders to any current or future phone number you have provided to the college, including any number to a cellular phone or wireless device.
- Collection Fees and Credit Reporting - Delinquent debts may be reported to a credit bureau or referred to a collection agency and pursued through legal action against you. Your account may be submitted to the Kansas Setoff Program. The State of Kansas will

deduct any account balance owed from any State payment due you. This could include garnishment of State wages, tax refunds, lottery winnings, etc. You agree to pay for any collection fees, together with all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, necessary for the collection of your delinquent account.

- Student Age - If you are younger than the applicable age of majority when you execute this agreement you understand the educational services provided by BCCC are a necessity, and you are contractually obligated to the “doctrine of necessities.”

How to Avoid Financial Responsibility

- You are required to officially drop classes in order to avoid financial responsibility. If you decide not to attend a class, you must officially drop that class within the stated refund periods.
- Your financial aid eligibility may be affected. Be aware that dropping classes may reduce your eligibility for financial aid, resulting in debt owed by you. Do NOT assume you will be dropped automatically if you do not pay your tuition or if you do not attend classes.
- Courses not dropped are graded and you will have a financial obligation for the course.

Doing Electronic Business

As required by Federal law, Barton Community College must inform students that it conducts business electronically and allows students to choose to conduct business through other means. Therefore, as a current or former student you are given a choice to agree to conduct business electronically with the college by acknowledging the Consent to do Business Electronically. You are not required to give consent. However, in order to use the Student Financial Center and other electronic systems to conduct business with the college, you must confirm that you consent to do business with college electronically.

If you choose not to do business electronically you cannot use the Student Financial Center to access your financial information. However, you can conduct business by visiting or contacting the appropriate college office during normal business hours (for example, you will go to the Registrar’s office to register for classes or to the Business Office to make payments in person or over the phone.)

Please note that choosing not to do business with the College electronically will not impact the College’s official mode of communication with you, which remains through the College provided email account. College communications will continue to route to your Barton email address and you will be responsible for all academic and administrative information provided to you in this format.

Phone Calls

I hereby expressly consent to and further knowingly provide my cell number or other telephone number or other means of communication, including but not limited to text messages or electronic mail, at the address provided by me to Barton Community College as a means for Barton Community College or a debt collection company contracted by the college to contact me directly or through an automated or predictive dialing system or prerecorded messaging in an effort to contact me to recover any unpaid obligation incurred hereunder, or as otherwise determined in the event of my default to any obligation identified herein.