



Financial Aid Timeline

SEPTEMBER

- CSS Profile – STILL OPENS IN OCTOBER: create your profile at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id>.
- FAFSA - Getting Started: Create an FSA ID, which is your username for certain US Department of Education sites, at studentaid.gov/fsa-id.
- You will need to create one parent ID and one student ID
- Be Aware of Deadlines: Mark the calendar with the financial aid deadlines for each school you are applying to and sign up for any financial aid workshop your school offers.
- Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships! Research and apply for scholarships. Check College Aid Pro, with your high school counselor for suggestions and information about scholarship deadlines and options from all the schools on your list, as well as private scholarship options.

NOVEMBER

- It's National Scholarship Month! Continue applying for scholarships. Talk with your high school counselor and teachers and see if they know of any local or state scholarships that might be a fit

OCTOBER

- The CSS Profile still opens **October 1**. Look to have this financial aid questionnaire and forms submitted by October 15th for the CSS Profile Schools on your student's list.
- MORE SCHOLARSHIPS: Continued research and applications to merit scholarships, keep in mind of deadlines so that you're not applying to schools after scholarship deadlines have passed.
- Other Schools to Add to Your List? Are there schools your student can apply to increase your chances for a successful financial aid appeal?
- Begin FAFSA Prep by gathering financial and tax information, evaluating your aid eligibility, and deciding if you can take action between now and December to maximize financial aid.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- Financial Aid Appeal Process: Compare financial aid offers and begin the financial aid appeals process as your student starts to have a finalized list of their accepted schools.

MAY 1

- It's National Decision Day! Notify the school you plan to attend and deposit no later than today.

DECEMBER

- FAFSA Opens on December 1 and is First Come First Serve. Prepare for the FAFSA by gathering financial and tax information as well as Social Security and driver's license or government ID numbers.
- Make sure the FAFSA is sent to all schools you're applying to. Applying to more than 10 schools? Once the FAFSA has been processed, you can continue to replace and add schools.
- Begin hearing back on early decision and early action applications. (this also extends into January)

APRIL

- Wrapping Up Financial Aid Appeals: Final negotiations and results for financial aid appeals

JUNE 30

- Last day to submit FAFSA for currently enrolled college students.



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