



Financial Aid Timeline

SEPTEMBER

- CSS Profile – STILL OPENS IN OCTOBER: create your profile at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id>.
- FAFSA - Getting Started: All contributors must create an FSA ID at studentaid.gov/fsa-id.
- Gather financial documents, evaluate your aid.
- eligibility, and determine if you can maximize aid.
- 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.
- Research and apply for both institutional and private scholarships. Check with your high school counselor for suggestions and information about scholarship deadlines.

OCTOBER

- The CSS Profile 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.
- Continue to research colleges that give institutional merit aid,
- Are there schools your student can apply to to increase your chances for a successful financial aid appeal?
- Complete the FAFSA

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

DECEMBER

- Begin hearing back on early decision and early action applications (this also extends into January).
- Prepare appeal strategy

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.
- Some schools are now offering more merit aid past the traditional May 1 deadline. Keep your options open.

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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