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# Financial Aid Calendar

September	October	November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a timetable of financial aid deadlines for each college</li> <li>• Obtain an FSA ID at fafsa.ed.gov as a prerequisite for submitting the FAFSA online</li> <li>• Obtain a username and password at collegeboard.org as a prerequisite for submitting the CSS Profile online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather last two years of tax returns for parent and student</li> <li>• Complete and submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1</li> <li>• Complete and submit the CSS Profile if student is applying to college early action or early decision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research college and private scholarships and gather supporting materials (students may be considered for college scholarships automatically when they apply)</li> </ul>
December	January	February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and submit the CSS Profile if student is applying regular decision</li> <li>• Complete additional college-specific aid forms, if any</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and submit private scholarship applications</li> <li>• Review Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA showing your expected family contribution (EFC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that all required federal and college financial aid forms have been submitted, and submit any additional documents as requested</li> <li>• Continue to complete and submit private scholarship applications</li> </ul>
March	April	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watch for college acceptances; if acceptance contains offer of merit aid, make sure to understand requirements of any merit scholarships</li> <li>• Receive financial aid award letters from colleges detailing financial aid package; read each award letter carefully</li> <li>• Watch for notifications from private scholarship sources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare financial aid awards by comparing out-of-pocket costs at each college as well as total overall costs</li> <li>• Decide on a single college!</li> <li>• Sign and return financial aid award letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact financial aid office to confirm all paperwork is in</li> <li>• Notify financial aid administrator of any changes in circumstances that may affect your family's ability to pay EFC</li> </ul>
June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High school graduation!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student signs student loan promissory notes, if applicable</li> <li>• Student receives federal student loan counseling, if applicable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations! Off to college</li> </ul>



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