

Financial Aid

CHECKLIST

Follow these steps in your senior year of high school to apply for financial aid. Deadlines vary by state and college so complete the steps when you can, even if it's passed the suggested timing.

Prepare

SEPTEMBER

Make enrollment

When you enroll, make sure you are enrolled in the correct courses for the year you will be accepted into. Make sure you are enrolled in the correct courses for the year you will be accepted into.

Create FSA ID

Use a valid email address to create a FSA ID.

- Watch [How to Create a Unique Identifier \(FSA ID\)](#)
- Create an FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](#)

Apply

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Submit CSS Profile

Required by some schools for admission. The CSS Profile is a standardized application for financial aid.

- Visit [cssprofile.edu](#) to see if your college(s) require the CSS Profile and to submit the application
- Collect information needed using the [CSS Profile Checklist](#)

Submit FAFSA

Available **December 2023**, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a standardized application for financial aid.

- Watch [FAFSA Overview](#)
- Collect information needed using the [FAFSA Checklist](#)
- Fill out and submit your FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](#)



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