

YOUR FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

Some financial aid is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Here's your guide to staying ahead of the deadlines so you don't miss out on any potential financial aid.



SEPTEMBER

Create an FSA ID, which is your username for certain US Department of Education sites, at [FSaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov).

Prepare for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) by gathering financial and tax information as well as Social Security and driver's license or government ID numbers.

Mark the calendar with the financial aid deadlines for each school you are applying to.

Research and apply for scholarships. Check with your high school counselor for suggestions and information about local options.



DECEMBER

Accept your early decision financial aid package, if applicable.



MARCH

Compare financial aid offers from your potential schools at CollegeCovered.com/Award-Letter-Tool



JUNE 30

Last day to apply for the FAFSA for those already in college and seeking financial aid for the year you've just completed.



OCTOBER 1

The FAFSA and CSS Profile™ become available. Complete these early, as some schools offer financial aid on a first-come, first-served basis.



NOVEMBER

It's National Scholarship Month! Visit DiscoverStudentLoans.com/Scholarship to search over 3 million scholarships.

Once you submit your FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review the SAR and make any corrections to your FAFSA, if needed.



JANUARY

Continue applying for scholarships.



MAY 1

National Decision Day. Notify the school you plan to attend and pay your deposit no later than today.