
Reference Sheet F: Financial-Aid Process Checklist

- Search for scholarship opportunities, both local and national.
- Complete CSS/PROFILE in the fall, only if required.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Visit and review each college's Financial Aid web pages.
- Speak with or email Financial Aid Office staff to discuss your options and special circumstances.
- Complete and submit FAFSA after January 1st.
- Search and apply for more scholarships.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) to check for accuracy. Correct amounts if necessary.
- Receive financial-aid award letters from colleges.
- Analyze the elements of your financial-aid packages.
- Decide which financial-aid items(s) you want to accept.
- Accept an admissions offer and financial aid award by stated deadlines.