
Applying for Financial Aid Checklist

Eligibility

Do you have (or expect to have) the following:

- High school diploma or GED certificate
- Social Security Number
- Enrollment in an eligible degree program
- U.S. citizenship (or eligible non-citizen status)
- Satisfactory academic progress

Application

Do you have the following:

- FAFSA for the right school year
- Social Security Number and driver's license
- Financial documents to answer questions on application
- Deadline for submission

Did you:

- Get help from your family to complete the form?
- Identify 1–6 schools on the form?
- Submit the application?
- Check if your school requires the CSS/PROFILE® application?

If PROFILE is needed, did you:

- Request the application?
- Identify what your schools' deadlines are for submission?
- Submit the application?

Verification

Did you:

- Receive your SAR (about 3–5 days after submitting your FAFSA online)?
- Check your SAR for mistakes?
- Submit corrections to errors on the SAR?