

## Financial Aid Timeline

What is Happening	What You Need to be Doing
<b>SOPHOMORE Year</b>	
Fall	<p><a href="#">Review Financial Aid Strategies</a></p> <p><a href="#">5 Financial Aid Strategies Parents of Sophomores Need to Know Before the Spring Semester</a></p>
Spring	<p>Jan 1: Start of the tax year that will be used for financial aid.</p> <p><a href="#">Use College Board EFC Calculator</a></p> <p><a href="#">Start using Net Price Calculators</a></p>
<b>JUNIOR Year</b>	
Jan	Save the information you use to complete your taxes for use in the fall.
<b>SENIOR Year</b>	
Sept	<p><a href="#">Collect required financial documents</a></p> <p>-</p> <p><a href="#">Check financial aid priority deadlines for all possible colleges and state aid program.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Apply for FSAID (both parent and student for dependent students).</a></p>
Oct-Nov	<p><a href="#">Oct 1: CSS/Financial PROFILE available</a></p> <p><a href="#">Oct 1: FAFSA is available</a></p> <p><a href="#">Complete CSS/Financial PROFILE if required for early decision or early action.</a></p> <p>Complete FAFSA as soon as possible, submit any special circumstances information to financial aid office.</p>
Jan-Mar	<p><a href="#">Time period for fine arts scholarship auditions, campus scholarship weekends.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)</a></p>
Feb-Apr	<p>Receive financial aid award letters</p> <p><a href="#">Compare financial aid awards</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appeal award if needed</a></p>
May	<p><a href="#">National Association for College Admission Counseling listing of colleges still accepting students and awarding aid available</a></p> <p>May 1: deadline to place deposit for school you accept. (some schools require an earlier and separate deposit for housing)</p> <p>Accept part of or all of award</p> <p><a href="#">Report outside scholarships</a></p> <p>Check with college for following:</p> <p><a href="#">* when/where work-study jobs are posted</a></p>

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		<p>* how funds will be disbursed and how often</p> <p>* for start date of payment plans-9 month payment plans will often start in the summer before you ever receive a bill.</p>
Summer		<p><a href="#">Apply for loans part of award</a></p> <p><a href="#">Apply for PLUS loans</a></p> <p><a href="#">Apply for private loans</a></p>
July		<p><a href="#">Complete federal loan counseling and sign Master Promissory Notes</a></p>
Start of Freshman Semester	<p><a href="#">Financial aid award is being deducted from semester bill. Any remaining funds are disbursed to the student</a></p>	<p>Check statement for application of all funds especially outside scholarships.</p> <p>Change your monthly tuition payment amounts if necessary to reflect actual costs.</p>

For more information on paying for college, finding merit scholarship and understanding the financial aid process check out both the [www.Road2College.com](http://www.Road2College.com) and [www.DIYCollegeRankings.com](http://www.DIYCollegeRankings.com) sites.

