

# COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE 2019-2020\*

- Create FSA ID
- Gather 2018 tax documents
- Research Financial Aid process
- Look up requirements and FAFSA priority date(s) for each school
- Search for scholarships all year

- Work on FAFSA/ WASFA
- Call FAFSA if there are problems
- File FAFSA/ WASFA when complete
- File CSS Profile if needed
- Save confirmation emails for senior project & records

- Check Student Aid Report (result of filing FAFSA) carefully
- Make FAFSA corrections if needed
- Add schools if needed

**FAFSA Help Line**  
**1-800-433-3243**

- Check email for requests from colleges & provide any additional information

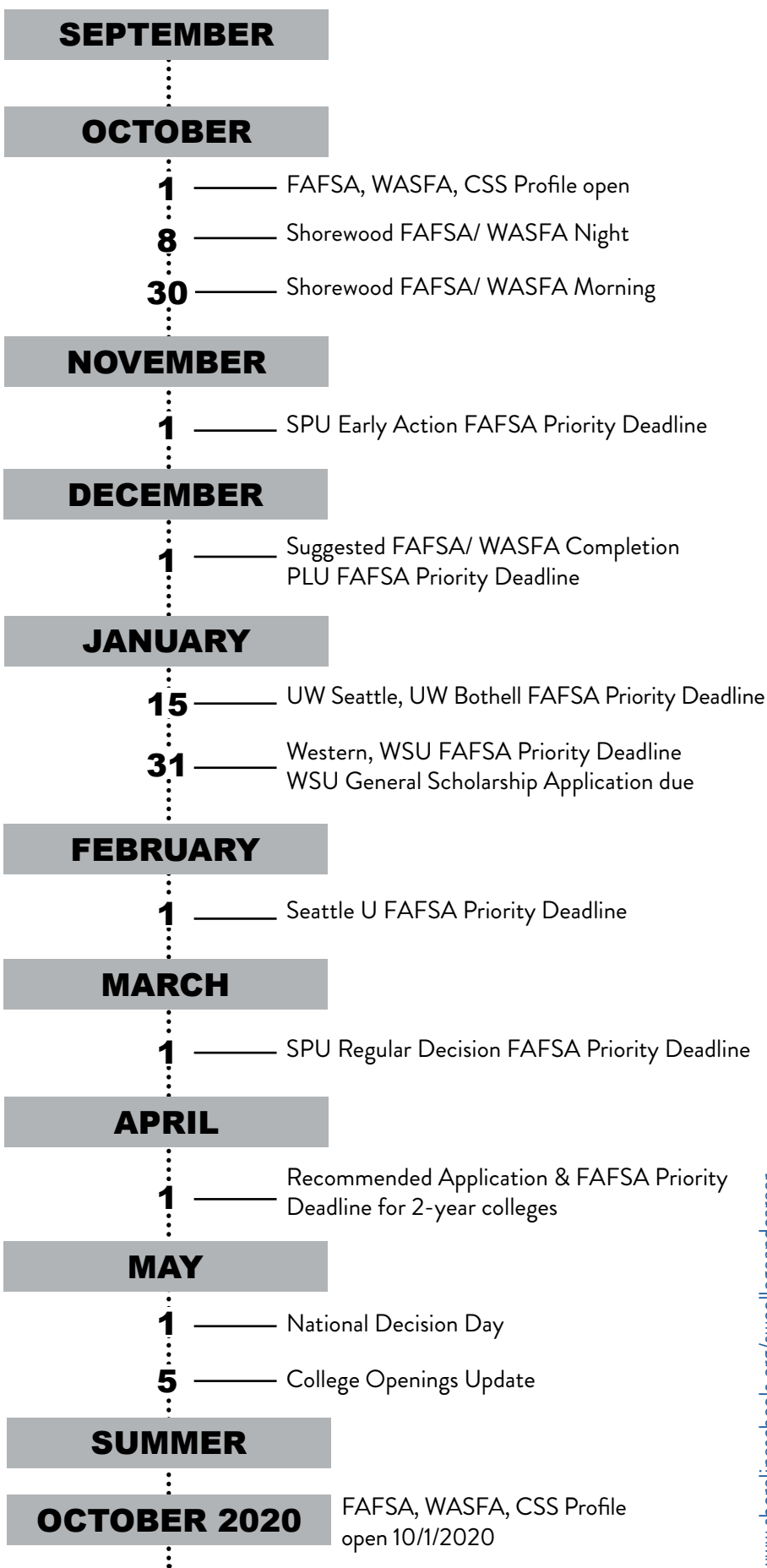
- Compare Financial Aid Award Letters
- Accept/ reject admission offers
- Accept/ reject financial aid awards
  - say yes to free money
  - carefully examine any loan offers
- Appeal award if family circumstances have changed; look for the appeal procedure for the particular school and put together requested materials.

- Pay enrollment deposit (for 4-year schools) by May 1
- Report outside scholarships to college
- Work out particular terms of awards
- Provide any additional information

- Apply for any loans
- Learn how billing/ payment works
- Enroll in college payment plan

- Start the college adventure

\*Verify dates with college financial aid offices.



## Pre-FAFSA Steps

1. Set up FSA ID. The student needs one and one parent needs one. Fill out FSA ID worksheet first, then do task on [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov).
2. Determine FAFSA parent [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info).
3. Download Worksheet and practice (optional; see below).

## Gather Documents to Fill Out FAFSA/ WASFA

- Social Security card for parent and student, or Alien Registration Number
- Driver's license number (if you have one)
- 2018 Tax Records
  - 2018 Federal Income Tax Return (IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) for parent and for student (if the student filed taxes)
  - W-2 forms, 1099 forms for parent and student if the student filed taxes
- Records of other 2018 income (child support, welfare benefits, Social Security income, interest income, military benefits, etc.)
- Current bank/ brokerage statements
  - You will be asked for current balances of \$ on hand on the date you sign the FAFSA, not 2018 balances.
- List of colleges you are applying to (you can add more schools later).
  - Look up Federal School Codes for each college: [fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/schoolSearch](https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/schoolSearch)

## Optional Pre-FAFSA Practice Exercise

1. Download the 2019-2020 worksheet from [www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer](http://www.shorelineschools.org/swcollegeandcareer). This worksheet is from last year and it is only for prep. *It cannot be sent in as a real FAFSA.*
2. Become familiar with the content of the FAFSA and fill out the worksheet by hand.
3. When you fill out the online FAFSA, transfer information from paper to the fields on the online form, checking carefully for differences between the worksheet and the web version.

## Resources/ Sites for Financial Aid Process

Set up FSA ID	<a href="https://fsaid.ed.gov">fsaid.ed.gov</a>
Determine FAFSA Parent	<a href="https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info">https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info</a> graphic on <a href="http://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2196">www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2196</a>
Fill out FAFSA	<a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov">fafsa.ed.gov</a>
Fill out WASFA	<a href="https://readysetgrad.org/wasfa">readysetgrad.org/wasfa</a>
More Links & Resources	<a href="http://www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2196">www.shorelineschools.org/Page/2196</a>



## FAFSA/ WASFA Night 2019

**Tuesday, October 8**

**6:00 PM Shorewood Theater**

**Presentation and direct assistance**