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I Applied (or plan to) - What happens now?



MY FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) If you need help paying for college, you should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as the FAFSA. The FAFSA opened on Oct. 1, and filing it is the first step in getting grants, work study, loans or scholarships. Once you file, the U.S. Department of Education will send a Student Aid Report (SAR), which summarizes your eligibility information to the colleges specified on your FAFSA. From there, the colleges and universities will determine how much aid they can offer you.

- ☑ File your FAFSA if you have not done so. Make sure you understand the aid deadlines.
- ☑ Attend Financial Aid College night to receive assistance with your FAFSA.
- ☑ Make necessary corrections to your FAFSA. ☑ Add additional schools if needed.
- ☑ View your SAR. You will receive instructions via email on how to view an online copy, usually within a couple of weeks of filing your FAFSA. You can also look it up using your FSA ID.
- ☑ Contact the financial aid office at your college to confirm they received your FAFSA.



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CONTINUE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships help bridge the gap, and you can find one for just about anything (duct tape creations, zombie costumes - you name it!). The key is identifying opportunities that match your interests and qualifications and sticking to the submission deadlines. With more than three million opportunities, our Scholarship E-Finder is a service that can help you score some extra cash for school. Follow these simple steps:

- ☑ Build your personal profile.
- ☑ Find scholarships that match your skills, interests and qualifications.
- ☑ Save and apply to the scholarships selected for you.
- ☑ Receive monthly list of scholarship e-mail alerts.



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MY FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION(S) Over the next several months, colleges will notify you of your admission status. Some will give you a decision soon after receiving your application; others may take longer. You may have to wait several months before you receive the decision in the mail, so don't panic!

After you've applied...

- ☑ Continue to apply to colleges you wish to attend.
- ☑ Check in with the admissions office to make sure your application is complete.
- ☑ As you receive positive admissions decisions from each college Review and compare the college's cost to the financial aid award letter they sent you. Use the SLOPE Calculator to compare monthly loan payments to expected career salary.
- ☑ Decide which school you will attend.
- ☑ Be sure to read the information your college sends and mark your calendar with important dates. You don't want to miss the decision deadline!



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MY MILITARY APPLICATION The U.S. Armed Forces provide educational opportunities for high school graduates, aged 18 to 35, with varying durations of active duty commitments. The job skills training offered in the military are not as readily available elsewhere, and often translate well to civilian jobs. Sometimes this training is even recognized for college credit. To officially join the military, you will have to:

- ☐ Decide when and for which branch you wish to serve.
- ☐ Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test.
- ☐ Get a physical exam.
- ☐ Determine/verify your career choice and sign the enlistment contract.
- ☐ Take an enlistment oath.
- ☐ Consider officer training or a four-year college degree to become an officer.



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YOU'VE WORKED HARD Remember to take some time and celebrate your accomplishments. Applying to college or the military is a lot of work, but it's one of the best investments you can make in your future. Stay on top of your scholarship applications, decision deadlines and FAFSA filings to ensure you make the most of your opportunities!