YOUR FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

Some financial aid is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Here’s your guide to staying ahead of the deadlines so you don’t miss out on any potential financial aid.

**SEPTEMBER**

- **9** Create an FSA ID, which is your username for certain US Department of Education sites, at [FSAID.ed.gov](http://FSAID.ed.gov).

- **Prepare for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)** by gathering financial and tax information as well as Social Security and driver’s license or government ID numbers.

- **Mark the calendar** with the financial aid deadlines for each school you are applying to.

- **Research and apply for scholarships.** Check with your high school counselor for suggestions and information about local options.

**OCTOBER 1**

- **The FAFSA and CSS Profile™ become available.** Complete these early, as some schools offer financial aid on a first-come, first-served basis.

**NOVEMBER**

- **It’s National Scholarship Month!** Visit [DiscoverStudentLoans.com/Scholarship](http://DiscoverStudentLoans.com/Scholarship) to search over 3 million scholarships.

- **Once you submit your FAFSA,** you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review the SAR and make any corrections to your FAFSA, if needed.

**DECEMBER**

- **Accept your early decision financial aid package,** if applicable.

**MARCH**

- **Compare financial aid offers** from your potential schools at [CollegeCovered.com/Award-Letter-Tool](http://CollegeCovered.com/Award-Letter-Tool)

**MAY 1**

- **National Decision Day.** Notify the school you plan to attend and pay your deposit no later than today.

**JUNE 30**

- **Last day to apply for the FAFSA** for those already in college and seeking financial aid for the year you’ve just completed.