

After the FAFSA: What's Next?

All of the information you entered on the FAFSA is sent electronically to each college you listed on the FAFSA. You can list up to 10 colleges on the FAFSA.



Some students are selected for verification and required to submit additional information and forms as part of the financial aid process. Check your Student Aid Report (SAR) to determine if you've been selected!



Once you're admitted, colleges often start sending items to your college email and portal! Make sure to check these regularly!



Want help comparing options? Meet with the College Adviser to get help comparing your award letters!



Step 1: Compare cost, location, size, etc. to determine which college is the best fit for you by May 1st!



Step 2: Notify the college you've chosen that you will be attending by submitting your enrollment deposit (if required) and selecting an orientation date. If living on-campus, you will need to complete a housing application and select a meal plan as well!

Step 3: You must accept or decline the financial aid you've been offered! Know your cost of attendance and whether you will have enough financial aid to cover the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, and books. If not, determine how you will pay your remaining bill.



Step 4: At orientation, you will select and register for your courses. You will typically have one week to make changes and receive a refund. After one week, your student account will be charged for the courses you are enrolled in for the semester.

Step 5: If you have any financial aid remaining after your tuition and housing are paid, you will receive a refund. The remaining funds can be deposited directly into a bank account or you will receive a check. You may use this money for other "education-related expenses!"

