

Senior Checklist



September

- Complete college list and add to Common App:
- Review:
 - application deadlines
 - financial aid forms required
 - extra essays required
 - number of recommendations required
- Complete college essay
- Decide if you are going to take the SAT again (ETS has a fee waiver for you)
- Complete the NCAA eligibility form if you are planning to play a sport in college

October

- Create your FSA ID- your parent will need to create one as well
- Meet with your guidance counselor
- Determine method of submitting college applications
- Begin to complete college applications
- Ask for recommendations if you have not already- add recommenders onto application portal

November/December

- Complete college applications
- Complete and submit the FAFSA (opening date is TBD this year, but likely mid-December)
- Complete the CSS Profile if needed

January

- Continue to work hard academically
- Finish all college applications
- Explore and apply for scholarships

February

- Continue to explore & apply for scholarships
- Complete any last-minute college applications

- Complete FAFSA and/or Profile if not finished
- Regularly check for email & written communication from colleges- review with your ETS advisor
- Create college accounts to access your admissions and financial aid information & review with your ETS advisor

March/April

- Show acceptance letters & financial aid awards to ETS advisor
- Compare financial aid offers
- Continue to explore & apply for scholarships
- Visit colleges to help with the decision
- Decide which college to attend

May/June

- Send in the required deposit to school of choice by May 1
- Read all material sent from the college & any additional paperwork and requirements
- Complete Loan Counseling & Sign MPN
- Send thank you notes for scholarships
- Register to attend college orientation
- Register for college classes & sign up for housing

July/August

- Check portal to make sure everything is complete
- Pay bill due end of July or early August. Review payment plans if needed.
- Create a packing list
- Explore options for books

Use the QR Code below to access resources to help with the entire college process on the ETS website!



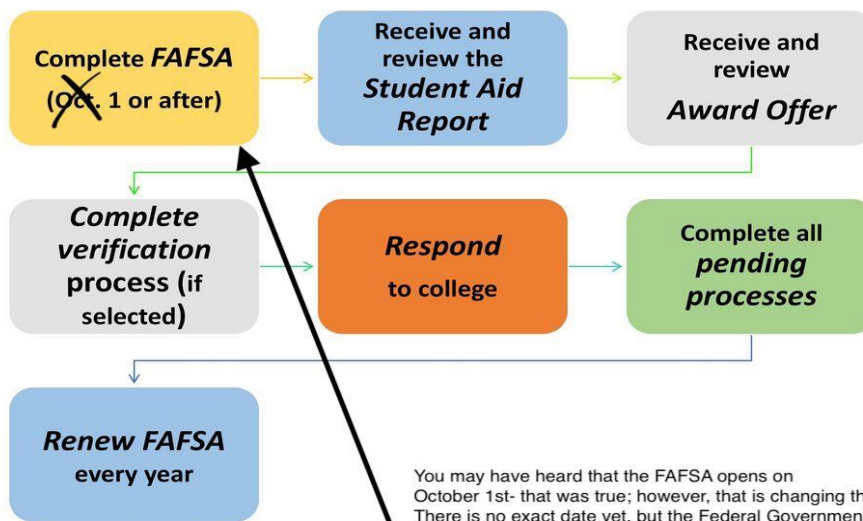
Financial Aid Application Checklist

-Excerpted from National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Use this checklist to ensure that you do everything needed to apply for and receive financial aid. Many of the items listed have deadlines; you should indicate the date by which you need to complete the item.

- Obtain an FSA ID from the U.S. Department of Education** at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. **(One of your parents will need an FSA ID as well)**
- File your FAFSA as soon as possible after it opens (exact date for 2023-2024 is TBD, but likely will be mid-December).** You may file your FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov.
- Complete and submit any additional financial aid applications or forms** for the schools to which you plan to apply, i.e. CSS Profile, college or university supplemental forms. **Be aware of deadlines.**
- Promptly respond to any school requests for additional information or documents**, such as copies of federal tax returns or IRS transcripts. You will need to check your email regularly as well as your online student account for schools in which you have been accepted.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy.** If necessary, correct inaccurate items. Check to see if you have been selected for verification (an asterisk would appear at the top right near your EFC).

The Financial Aid Process



You may have heard that the FAFSA opens on October 1st- that was true; however, that is changing this year! There is no exact date yet, but the Federal Government has been saying "late December."

See QR code for more resources & information!

