

“I Applied. What’s Next?”

Congratulations! You are now on the path to college. This is what you can expect next.

Application Follow-up

- Mail or submit your application fee (or a fee waiver or deferral form).
- Request your official transcript to be sent to the college(s).
- Submit essays, as required.
- Ask your references or school counselor to send letters of recommendation, if required.
- Request official transcripts from any colleges where you’ve earned credit while in high school (dual enrollment) to be sent to the college(s) you have applied to.
- Request required official test scores—ACT, SAT, AP, IB, CLEP, or TOEFL.

Apply for Financial Aid

You’ll need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the FAFSA, which is your key to aid to help pay for college. This should be done as soon as possible after October 1 when it is available online at fafsa.gov. Save the date for the school name FAFSA completion workshops on date at time hosted at location.

When will you hear from the colleges and how?

You may be notified by mail or email of your acceptance (or if anything is missing from your application). Check your email and mail, regularly.

Know your deadlines

Make sure you know the deadlines for all of your colleges, so you don’t miss any important steps or decisions that may impact you later. There are deadlines for:

- Financial Aid (varies by college)
- Acceptance (usually by May 1st)
- Residence choices (varies by college)

While you are waiting

Spring seems far away but take some time to thank those people who have helped you on your path to college...counselors, your recommenders, mentors, coaches, or anyone else who has been an inspiration for you to go to college. Be proud! You are going to college!

Before you leave for summer break

Be sure to request your official final high school transcripts be sent to your college (many high schools are closed much of the summer).

Check your emails and voicemail through the summer. If your email or phone number changes, update your college and/or scholarship offices. Once you select your college, find out and follow the required steps and deadlines to enroll.