

Financial Aid Checklist

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In an effort to ensure your timely and successful completion of the Financial Aid Process, we have provided the following checklist for you to follow. We wish you success in all your future academic endeavors!

1. Complete the admissions process at the college or university of your choice. Financial aid cannot be disbursed until all admissions requirements are met.
2. Apply for a U.S. Department of Education PIN at www.pin.ed.gov.
3. Complete the current year FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
4. Receive and review the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Department of Education.
5. Contact the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243 if you have not received your SAR within 2 – 3 weeks of completing the FAFSA.
6. Contact the Financial Aid Office at the college or university you plan to attend and check on the status of your application.
7. Complete and submit any additional documents requested by your school's Financial Aid Office.
8. Accept your financial aid award package.

The remaining steps may vary from school to school. Please contact your Financial Aid Counselor for further assistance. If you have not completed any of these steps, we strongly encourage you to complete this process as soon as possible.

Remember deadlines are important. Our state agency, LOSFA, has a deadline for TOPS and your colleges and universities have financial aid priority deadlines that vary from school to school.