

Senior Year at a Glance

The Financial Aid Process Kept Simple



Massachusetts Educational
Financing Authority

Late January – March:

Most financial aid applications are due at colleges. Deadlines may be earlier for some colleges, and later for community colleges. Check each college's deadline to make sure you submit applications on time.

March – April:

Financial aid award letters are sent to accepted students. Read each carefully. Don't just compare the total amount of the awards—make sure you understand the entire financial aid package. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the financial aid office at the college.

Graduation



Winter Break



October – December:

Early Action/Early Decision applicants may have early financial aid deadlines. Check with each college's financial aid office.

October 1:

The FAFSA® and the CSS Profile™ are available. Check to see which applications are required from each college on your list and be sure to submit your application(s) before the deadline. Every college will require at least the FAFSA.



Thanksgiving

Spring Break

Spring:

Attend a MEFA *After The College Acceptance* seminar for help reviewing your financial aid awards.

May 1:

Deadline to select your college and submit the enrollment deposit.



Finals

September:

As you finalize your college list, use the online Net Price Calculator at each school for a customized estimate of your financial aid. Make sure to have some affordable college options on your list.

September – December:

Attend a MEFA *College Financing* seminar for a detailed explanation of how the financial aid process works.

October - February:

Attend a free FAFSA Day workshop to receive assistance completing and submitting the FAFSA. To find a workshop near you, visit FAFSADay.org.



Fall:

Senior Year Begins

MEFA offers a variety of resources to help you through the financial aid process.

To help you stay on track, sign up for MEFA emails on mefa.org and connect with us on social media:

