

# Senior Year at a Glance

## The Financial Aid Process Kept Simple

### September:

Use [YourPlanForTheFuture.org](http://YourPlanForTheFuture.org) to finalize your college list and make note of financial aid application requirements for each school.



### September:

Create an FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). Your FSA ID will be used to log in to certain websites including the FAFSA website, [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). Both the student and a parent will need an FSA ID.

### 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/Financial Aid PROFILE<sup>®</sup> 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

### Winter Break



### 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.

### Prom



Graduation



Fall:  
Senior Year Begins

### 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 - January:

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](http://FAFSADay.org).



### Spring Break

### Spring:

Attend a MEFA Paying the College Bill seminar for help reviewing your financial aid awards.

### May 1:

Deadline to select your college and submit the tuition deposit.



Finals

### January - May: (following year)

Reapply for financial aid for your next year of college.

MEFA is here every step of the way to help you through your senior year.

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](http://mefa.org) and connect with us on social media:

