



# ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID NEXT STEPS



Congratulations on applying for admission and financial aid—two big steps toward achieving your goals!

## ***Next steps in the admissions process...***



**CHECK YOUR EMAIL.** Many colleges communicate with students via email. Stay on-top of your inbox so you don't miss anything important.



**BE RESPONSIVE.** If your college sends you an email or letter asking you to complete additional steps, do it promptly.



**KEEP IN TOUCH.** Set-up access to your college's web portal if possible. Make sure you check the portal frequently—this is how your college will likely communicate with you about registration deadlines and your financial aid award.



**ATTEND SUMMER ORIENTATION.** Some schools offer a summer orientation program. It's an opportunity to meet fellow students, familiarize yourself with your campus, and visit important offices like registration and financial aid. This is often when you'll sign up for your fall courses.





## ***Next steps in the financial aid process...***



**REVIEW YOUR APPLICATIONS.** If you filed a FAFSA, review your Student Aid Report (the summary of your FAFSA). If there are errors, login to your FAFSA and make corrections.



**KNOW YOUR DEADLINES.** Colleges have specific financial aid deadlines and may require their own financial aid forms. You must submit them on time. If you have any questions, ask your financial aid office.



**MAKE COMPARISONS.** Compare financial aid offers from the schools you've applied to and consider which school is offering you the best aid package.



**APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.** Scholarships are a great way to help pay for college. Build a scholarship seekers profile at [TheWashboard.org](http://TheWashboard.org) to see which scholarships might be best for you.

**For more information on preparing for and applying to college, visit [www.ReadySetGrad.org](http://www.ReadySetGrad.org).**

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