

# College financial aid timeline for HS seniors



July -Sept

- **Research** local scholarships
- Get an estimate of what colleges on your list will cost using **Net Price Calculator**
- Look up priority **deadlines** and required forms

Dec - Jan

- **Submit applications** for admission
- **Apply** for outside scholarships
- Get to know the **FAFSA**
- **Gather** year end documents for FAFSA and PROFILE

**FAFSA Available**  
**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mar-Apr

- **Compare** your financial aid awards
- Communicate any **special circumstances** to financial aid offices
- Research **loans** offered and other financing options

HS Senior  
Year Begins

Off to College

Oct-Nov

- Continue **scholarship research**
- Find out if you need to file the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**
- **Complete** the PROFILE

**CSS/PROFILE Available**  
**Oct 1**

February



- **File taxes** as close to Feb 1st as possible
- Submit **FAFSA** and **PROFILE**
- **Correct** early FAFSA with actual tax information
- **Add schools** to PROFILE as needed
- **Submit** any other institution applications for aid

May

**Make your decision**  
**May 1st**