

Financial aid timeline

August–September

Complete any prepwork needed for your financial aid application:

- Figure out if you need to complete the FAFSA or TASFA
- Determine your dependency status and which parent to report (or whether to report both) on your application
- Create an FSA ID (FAFSA only)
- Talk with your parents about their role in the financial aid process

October 1

The FAFSA and TASFA open for the upcoming school year

November–December

Check the colleges you're interested in for any financial aid deadlines. Some may have a priority deadline in this window. Submit your financial aid by each college's priority deadline to qualify for institutional scholarships and grants.

January 15

If possible, submit your financial aid application by the state priority deadline. All public colleges and universities in Texas also use this date as their priority deadline. For private and out-of-state colleges, you'll need to check in with the institution. You may need to apply by this deadline to qualify for institutional aid and scholarships.

March–June

Expect to receive financial aid offers from the colleges you've been accepted to. Be on the lookout for communication from colleges via email or your college portal. Each college decides when they'll send out aid offers, and you can always contact the college directly to get a better idea of when you'll receive yours.

June 30

The last day to submit your financial aid application. But don't wait till then if you can help it!