

Steps after Applying to Colleges:

1. Constantly be checking your email / mailbox!

- a. Check your email to make sure that the university did in fact receive your application! All schools will email you a confirmation receipt
 - i. The confirmation receipt will have instructions on student portals (if the university uses it) with your username and password
 - ii. **IF ADDITIONAL INFO / DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED- Each university is different in how they will contact you. Contact could be made through email, student portals, or mail! Be sure to see what your university selects!**

2. Complete FAFSA / CA Dream Act

- a. Make sure your FAFSA / CA Dream Act is complete
 - i. Corrections can always be made to FAFSA if needed
 1. <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct/correct>

3. DOUBLE check if your official transcript is needed

- a. Most universities do not require an official transcript (*except for out of state*) until you **commit** to the school, **HOWEVER**, universities may request it earlier! This request can be found by either checking your student portal, email, or mail!
- b. To send your official transcript
 - i. <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/7144/account>

4. AGAIN - Check your emails weekly!

- a. Whether it be through your student portal or your email, check weekly to make sure nothing is requested or missing!

- b. Get in the habit of checking your resources because this is how universities / professors will stay in contact with you while in college!

5. Are you wanting to submit your SAT score?

- a. IF you are **wanting** to submit your SAT score, you can do so through collegeboard! Make sure you submit it ASAP!

- b. Link:

<https://account.collegeboard.org/login/login?idp=ECL&appId=115&DURL=https%3A//nsat.collegeboard.org/satweb/login.jsp>

- c. Please note: this is **OPTIONAL**!

6. Come March - It's go time!

- a. If you applied for *regular decision deadlines* - You will start to see acceptance letters come in sometime the second week of March (this will be done through mail or your student portal - MOST times through the student portal)
- b. **May 1st** is the **decision deadline** for MOST universities

7. Do you want to submit your AP scores?

- a. Once you have **committed** to a school and you want that university to have your scores, please login to collegeboard to send off your scores!

- i. <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/sending-scores/online>

You have filled out FAFSA...Now what?

1. Check your email & house address on Aeries - VERY IMPORTANT

- a. Please **click on the link below** and review the information Ms. Haidar has sent regarding FAFSA/ Cal Grant
- b. <https://www.tustin.k12.ca.us/foothill/academics/college-and-career/cal-grant>
- c. If any corrections are needed, please fill out the form located on the website above and turn into Ms. Haidar

2. Find your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- a. Located under the Student Aid Report and review what your projected EFC is for each college you applied to

3. Double check the schools you listed

- a. Take away or add any additional schools if appropriate

4. Make any corrections needed

- a. Need to change something on your application? Now is the time!
- b. Helpful link:
<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/review-and-correct>

5. Check on your Cal Grant Status

- a. After you submit your FAFSA, your cal grant application will be automatically submitted and TUSD will submit your transcript for eligibility
 - i. Create an account on <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/> to verify and review awards granted

6. Apply for scholarships

- a. Free money is the best money! Here is a google doc that has an abundance of scholarship information
 - i. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xnNKeMUwrFoRVG8LsoDjB48gATCFfB1HXq1JA1UwACk/edit?usp=sharing>

7. Frequently check your email for any missing documents a college may be asking for

- a. The colleges you listed on your FAFSA may email you asking for additional documents, CHECK YOUR EMAIL FREQUENTLY!

8. Review your financial packages

- a. Each college will provide you with their financial aid package if admitted. Review this information and see what awards / loans you were given
- b. Be aware of your student loans and what your estimated cost will be for attendance for 4 years (calculate, calculate, calculate!)

9. SET AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT YOUR FUTURE SCHOOL

- a. After you have accepted the college you wish to attend, make an appointment with the financial aid office! Financial aid administrators are there to help you understand your financial aid packages and answer any questions you may have!