

The Student's Calendar for Financial Aid

January - March

FAFSA

- ❑ • Complete and submit the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov
 - Indicate interest in applying for state aid and the Federal Pell Grant on your FAFSA.

STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

- ❑ • Your SAR will be sent automatically to:
 - Department of Education for Federal Pell Grant consideration.
 - State Student Assistance Agency for state aid consideration.
 - Financial aid office of each school listed on your FAFSA.
- ❑ • Review your SAR carefully as soon as you receive it.
 - Make changes or corrections.
 - If you filed the FAFSA with *estimated* income, revise with *actual* calculations from your Federal income tax returns.
- ❑ • List additional colleges on your SAR or call 1-800-433-3243 or (319) 337-5665 to add them.
 - Colleges will receive your corrected information automatically.

ADDITIONAL FINANCING

- ❑ • Request application information for student loans, grants and work-study programs from the financial aid office of your college(s).
 - Set up necessary interviews with admissions offices and/or alumni.

April - June

AWARD LETTERS

- ❑ • Receive school award letters detailing financial aid packages and amount you may need to borrow.
- ❑ • Keep track of all admissions, financial aid and scholarship deadlines.
- ❑ • Accept and return the award letter or financial aid package from the school you want to attend.
- ❑ • Choose lender for Federal Stafford loan (if applicable); complete Stafford Master Promissory Note (MPN).
 - Only one MPN is needed if you receive both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans; contact lender with questions.

July - August

FINALIZE FUNDING

- ❑ • Find alternative or private sources of funding to cover the unmet need from your award letter.
- ❑ • Borrow wisely by applying for a CompleteEd™ student loan at CompleteEd.com

FINANCIAL AID FOLLOW-UP

- ❑ • CompleteEd will notify you once your school has certified your loan amount.
- ❑ • Confirm that your college's financial aid office has all of your documents.
- ❑ • Check that your financial aid award has been credited to your account through the school's business office.

