

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS

You should apply as soon as possible. However, applying early does not guarantee you'll receive an award. For more information about government financial aid programs, visit www.ed.gov or call (800) 4FED-AID.

Create an account on www.fafsa.gov so you can apply and sign your FAFSA online.

Gather your **income tax returns, W-2 forms** and other information needed to show your income when you apply.

Ask your school counselor about financial aid nights.

Complete other applications for private, state or school financial aid. Watch for **deadlines!**

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. Apply online at www.fafsa.gov.

Review your **SAR** to find out your family's EFC. Make corrections and resubmit if necessary.

Turn in any other documentation your school needs to verify your application information to the financial aid office.

Make sure that the financial aid office at each school you are applying to has all of the information it needs.

Review the award letter from each school and compare the amount and types of aid that you will receive if you attend.

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