



# Financial Aid Checklist: For High School Seniors

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## NEED HELP PAYING FOR SCHOOL?

**Follow the steps below to apply for financial aid!**

### APPLICATION PROCESS (October-January)

- 1. Compare what it will cost to go to college at the schools you're interested in.
- 2. Visit [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov) to apply for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID) for you and your parent. These allow you and your parent to sign the FAFSA. **FSAID: student \_\_\_\_\_ parent \_\_\_\_\_**
- 3. Visit [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for federal and state aid. Complete the FAFSA after October 1 of your senior year (deadlines vary by school)\*. Your tax data can automatically be transferred to the FAFSA form. (Ohio State Federal School Code: 003090) Date FAFSA submitted\*\* \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Complete the Ohio State Application for Special Scholarships online at <https://sfa.osu.edu> prior to the February 1 deadline.
- 5. Apply for all Ohio State Lima scholarships (if you meet the eligibility requirements).
  - Rudd Scholars, Osborn Family Scholarship, and/or Griffith Family Scholarship (separate application form required).
- 6. Continue to search and apply for private scholarships.
  - Community and civic organizations
- 7. Receive notice that your FAFSA has been received and processed.
- 8. Receive your federal Student Aid Report (SAR) based on the FAFSA with your Expected Family Contribution.

### ACCEPTANCE PROCESS (January-April)

- 9. Congratulations! You have been admitted. Colleges will now begin offering you estimated financial aid award packages (grant(s), work-study, loan(s) and scholarships).
- 10. Compare aid packages offered from various colleges.
- 11. Decide which college you want to attend and accept your package, if required. Pay your acceptance fee by May 1.
- 12. Turn in additional documents to colleges/universities (tax returns and university documents), as requested.

### FINAL STEPS (May-August)

- 13. Did financial aid cover 100 percent of your financial need? If not, you should consider working part-time, borrowing if needed, using college payment plans, or other options to pay your balance.
- 14. Before school begins, complete your required online Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and sign your Master Promissory Note (MPN) for your loans ([studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov)).
- 15. If you were awarded work-study, search for a job on campus. This allows you to earn a paycheck while enrolled.
- 16. You are off to college — CONGRATULATIONS!!



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*\*The Ohio State University's priority deadline for the FAFSA is February 1 each year  
\*\*Be sure the FAFSA is signed by both the student and parent*

# FINANCIAL AID COMPARISON WORKSHEET

## **COST OF ATTENDANCE/ BUDGET:**

		COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3	COLLEGE 4
INDIRECT COSTS	College Name:				
	Tuition & Fees:				
	Room & Board:				
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>				
	Books & Supplies:				
	Personal Expenses:				
	Other:				
<b>(A) TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE/BUDGET:</b>	=	=	=	=	

### **Ohio State Tuition Guarantee:**

The Ohio State Tuition Guarantee provides Ohio students and their families certainty about the cost of full-time, in-state tuition, general fees, housing and dining. The guarantee sets rates for in-state tuition, mandatory fees and housing and dining costs for each entering class of first-year Ohio resident students and freezes those rates for four years.

## **FINANCIAL AID AWARDS:**

		COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3	COLLEGE 4
College Name:					
Federal Grants:					
Institutional Grants:					
Institutional Scholarships:					
Private Scholarships:					
Work-Study:					
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		=	=	=	=
AID TO BE REPAID	Student Loans:				
	PLUS Loan (Parent Loan):**				
<b>(B) TOTAL FINANCIAL AID AWARDS:</b>		=	=	=	=

List and add the award amounts you receive from colleges and universities. Then, subtract the "Total Financial Aid Awards" from the "Total Cost of Attendance/Budget" to see how much you would need to pay at each college. For more information on comparing budgets and aid awards, visit the Lima Office of Student Financial Aid or <http://go.osu.edu/limafa>.

### **DO THE MATH:**

		COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3	COLLEGE 4
<b>(A)</b>	TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE/BUDGET:				
<b>(B)</b>	TOTAL FINANCIAL AID AWARDS:	-	-	-	-
	<b>YOUR COST</b>	=	=	=	=

\*Work-study is earned by working and earning a paycheck  
\*\*Separate application required