

10 Tips Applying for Financial Aid

1. Use the right forms.

Most schools require a FAFSA, Profile, and a separate state or institutional aid application. Check it out for your college.

6. You must have a social security number to apply and use the name on your social security card to avoid delays in processing.

2. Apply Early

7. Use the correct institutional code for the schools to which you are applying. Check it out with your counselor or look it up at (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and/or record the entire name of the schools that you want to receive your information.

3. Gather your info over Winter Break

- Proof of your family's income (taxed & untaxed)
- Family's major expenses & net worth of all assets
- Your income tax information

8. Males (ages 18-25) must be registered for the selective service to be eligible for financial aid. Use the check off box on the FAFSA or register online at www.sss.gov.

4. Be Accurate!

- Check numbers, addresses, etc. to avoid delay.

9. Sign the form

5. Be Consistent:

FAFSA processors cross check data. If you report that you only have a one parent family, but report a two parent income your application will be held up for the verification process.

10. Make Copies

- Send originals
- Keep copies for yourself

