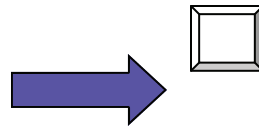
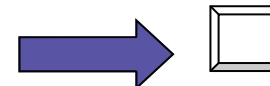


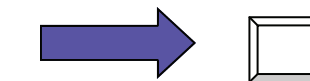
Financial Aid Planning Calendar



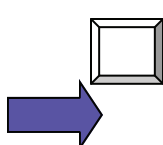
- Make plans to visit some schools that you are interested in attending.
- While visiting, go on campus tours, pick up applications, and visit the financial aid office to pick up financial aid information specific to the school.
- Request FAFSA pin from www.pin.ed.gov.



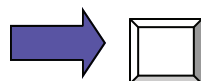
- Make a final list of all the schools you are interested in attending.
- Review financial aid information and admission filing deadlines for each school.
- Investigate federal, state, institutional, and local financial aid opportunities.
- Meet with your high school counselor to get information.
- Research scholarships.



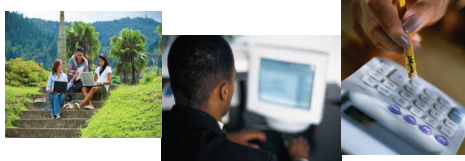
- Obtain the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Continue scholarship search.



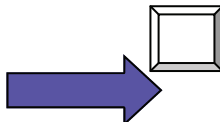
- Apply for independent scholarships and private grant programs.
- Meet with your counselor.
- Continue looking for grants and scholarships.
- Contact local civic and community organizations to ask about scholarships.



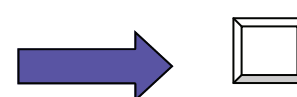
- Request FAFSA pin if you haven't already.
- Gather all documentation needed to submit your FAFSA so it will be ready to go.



- File your FAFSA on FAFSA.ed.gov.
- Apply for financial aid to meet each school's deadline.
- Keep an eye out for your Student Aid Report.
- File taxes early!



- Review, correct, and return the form to the processor or contact the school for more instructions.
- Send documentation (if requested) to your school for any state or private scholarships that you have been awarded.
- Start receiving college acceptances and financial award letters in mail.



- Receive an award letter from your school's financial aid officer.
- Follow up with civic and professional organizations.
- Compare packages and apply for loans.



- Line up summer jobs to help pay expenses.