

# What to do after the FAFSA



1. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) with your Financial Aid Advisor
  - The **SAR** is a summary of everything you reported on your FAFSA. It is important to review your SAR to make sure **ALL** the information you entered is correct.
2. Complete Additional Financial Aid Forms
  - **CSS Profile** is a form required by some private colleges. It can be completed at [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
  - Some colleges have their own Institutional Financial Aid Forms. Check your college's website to see if it's one of their requirements.
3. Complete Verification (if selected/ required)
  - You may receive a notice from your college asking for additional information and documentation to confirm the information you reported on your financial aid forms. This process is called verification. Your financial aid will be pending until you submit the required documentation.
  - Some private schools that require the CSS Profile will also require you to complete IDOC, a process for collecting additional documentation.
4. Review and Compare **ALL** Financial Aid Award Letters **BEFORE** deciding on a college
  - Once the above steps are completed, colleges will send you a financial aid award letter, which will explain the amount of aid you are receiving to attend that college. It is important to compare (and appeal if necessary) **ALL** your award letters before making your decision and deposit. **College Decision Day is coming up! Check your college's website to learn your deadline.**

## Financial Aid Tips and Tricks:

1. Regularly check your mail, email, and college portal! Read every letter the colleges send, and respond to requests for additional documentation ASAP!
2. Do not deposit if you have not received an award letter. You can request deposit extensions if you haven't received an award letter.
3. If you run into an issue with your financial aid, contact your college EARLY. Help is available, you just need to ask 😊

