☐ **Start the FAFSA process.**

Begin filling out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov.

Helpful websites:
FAFSA *(fafsa.gov)*
GenTX Way to Pay *(gentx.org/financialaid)*

☐ **Submit your FAFSA.**

Complete and submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 (ideally, after your tax information has been imported by the IRS). The sooner you submit the FAFSA, the better your chances are for getting a good financial aid package.

Helpful websites:
GenTX Way to Pay *(gentx.org/financialaid)*

☐ **Ask about fee waivers.**

Ask your school's financial aid office if there are any scholarships or fee waivers for nontraditional students.

Helpful websites:
Financial Aid for Older and Nontraditional Students *(finaid.org)*

☐ **Consider costs.**

Determine the cost of the program you are entering. If you plan on working while in school, consider whether you want to enroll in school part-time or full-time and how enrollment will affect your financial aid.

GenTX Way to Pay Financial Aid Guide

This helpful guide provides a wealth of information for students beginning the financial aid process. From an explanation of the challenges surrounding FAFSA to an in-depth look at the many types of financial aid, this is a great reference you can download and print in English or Spanish as you find your way to pay for college.

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