

Apply for aid.

Fill out scholarships and applications for financial aid. For each college on your list, make sure you complete all applications for scholarships and financial aid.

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

Start the FAFSA process.

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

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Submit your FAFSA.

Complete and submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 (ideally, after your parents' 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.

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Apply for scholarships and grants.

Fill out as many scholarship applications as possible, and submit them by their required deadlines.

Helpful websites:
Find Scholarships (findaid.org/scholarships)
Fastweb (fastweb.com)
Cappex (cappex.com)
Scholarships.com (scholarships.com)

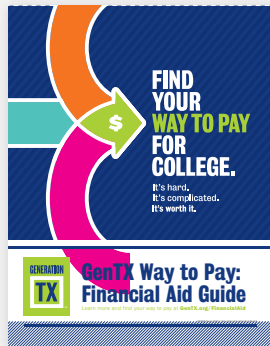
Compare financial aid letters.

Review and compare financial aid award letters with your counselor or college adviser.

Talk to your financial aid office.

Talk with a financial aid counselor at your school to learn how you can use your college savings and scholarships to reduce your college loan amounts.

Helpful websites:
Understand Borrowing Money for College (aie.org)
GenTX Way to Pay (gentx.org/financialaid)



GenTX Way to Pay Financial Aid Guide

This helpful guide provides a wealth of information for students and parents 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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