

Submitted FAFSA/ORSA... now what?



**A quick guide for
students after
submitting the
FAFSA/ORSA
applications for
financial aid.**



NOW THAT YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR FAFSA/ORSAA... HERE ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS.



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SUBMIT FAFSA/ORSAA

- ☐ Complete your FAFSA/ORSAA starting **October 1**
- ☐ Make sure FAFSA/ORSAA are signed and submitted
- ☐ Check for an email saying your FAFSA/ORSAA was “Processed Successfully”
- ☐ Log in to FAFSA to view your Student Aid Report (SAR) and make sure all the information is correct

TIP: If you make any **changes or corrections**, including adding colleges, make sure **you and your parent** sign and submit your FAFSA/ORSAA again.

TIP: Store your and your parent's FSA ID and password somewhere you can easily retrieve it (such as a draft email or in your phone).

☐ Create a **student account** for each college you're admitted to

☐ Check your **college email** and **student accounts** early and often to see if you need to complete additional forms

☐ Complete any additional forms and turn them into the college's financial aid office ASAP

NOTE: Being asked to complete additional forms means you were **flagged for verification**. It doesn't mean you did anything wrong; in fact 1/3 of students have to complete additional forms to check their information is correct.

CHECK FOR VERIFICATION

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REVIEW AND ACCEPT AWARDS

☐ Check your college email or student accounts for award letters

☐ Compare all your **financial aid packages**. Discuss which awards to accept or decline with someone you trust or a school counselor.

☐ **Accept your award** offer by your college's deadline. If you need more time, contact your college.

TIP: You don't have to accept all awards your college offers. Always accept **free money** (grants and scholarships) and **earned money** (work study).

You can accept or decline borrowed money (loans).

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

☐ Check your college's website for scholarships

☐ Ask your school's college and career center or counselor about scholarship opportunities

TIP: You should never have to pay for a list of scholarships and never pay to apply for a scholarship

Suggestions to Begin Your Search for Free Money (Scholarships & Grants)

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- Oregon Promise
- OSAC Scholarships
- Future Connect at PCC
- Black United Fund
- PSU 4-years Free
- UO Pathway Oregon
- Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber

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Scholarships have different deadlines. Make sure to **check for deadlines** and apply before the deadline.

REPEAT EACH YEAR FOR COLLEGE!