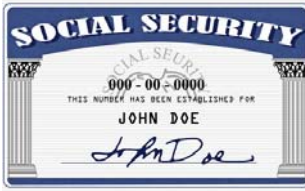


Financial Aid Timeline and Checklist

Senior Year:

Make sure you have a Social Security number. You will need one to file for financial aid.



September:

If intend to submit and Early Action or Early Decision college application, check with the college Financial Aid office for their deadlines.

October:

If you are applying to a private school, check to see if they require the CSS Profile. A list of these colleges and the application is found on their website
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>

The CSS Profile is available October 1st. Check with each college Financial Aid Office for specific requirements and deadlines. There is an initial application fee and an additional fee for each report sent to colleges.

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard.com website interface for students. At the top, there is a blue header with the CollegeBoard logo and the text 'CollegeBoard.com' and 'for Students'. Below the header is a navigation bar with five buttons: 'College Board Tests', 'Plan for College', 'Find a College', 'Apply to College', and 'Pay for College'. The 'Pay for College' button is highlighted in green. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Pay for College' and the breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Pay for College > CSS/PROFILE'. The main content area is titled 'CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE' and includes a sub-header 'The fast, easy, convenient secure way to apply for financial aid'. The text describes the PROFILE service as a national, not-for-profit membership association that connects students to college success and opportunity. It mentions that many member colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information collected on PROFILE to help them award nonfederal student aid funds. The text also states that completing PROFILE Online requires a secure browser and either a valid credit card or checking account. There is a link to 'PROFILE 2010-11' and a note that users should file this application if they are entering or returning to college in the fall of 2010 or the spring of 2011. At the bottom, there are two links: 'Click to view the 2010 - 11 PROFILE Student Guide.' and 'Click to view the list of colleges, universities, and scholarship programs that will use the 2010 - 11 PROFILE, Noncustodial PROFILE (NCP), and IDOC Services.'

November

Attend Financial Aid Information Night at PVHS for an understanding of terms, Process and the financial aid timeline.

December:

Request your PIN (Personal Identification Number) for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
<http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site. At the top left is the U.S. Department of Education logo with the slogan "START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID". To the right is the text "Federal Student Aid PIN". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "PIN Home", "Help", "Contact Us", "FAQs", and "About Us". On the right side, there are language options: "English | Español". A left-hand menu lists various actions: "Apply For A PIN", "Check PIN Status", "Request A Duplicate PIN", "Access My PIN E-mail", "Change My PIN", "Update My Personal Information", "Disable My PIN", "Reestablish My PIN", and "Activate My PIN". Below the menu are "Helpful Links" including "Student Aid on the Web", "Links to Federal Student Aid Electronic Services", and "FAFSA on the Web". The main content area features a large heading "Welcome to the Federal Student Aid PIN Web site" with a graphic of blue dots. Below the heading is a paragraph: "This Web site is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN. Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree not to share it with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place." To the right of this text is a blue box titled "Apply For A PIN" containing the text: "The PIN Application is for students and parents who want to apply for a Federal Student Aid PIN." and a button labeled "APPLY NOW".

Parents should gather your tax information and prepare to complete your taxes early. This will help in filling out the FAFSA as information requested is based on your current income tax information.



If you intend to apply for a Cal Grant, talk to your counselor about submitting your verified Cal Grant GPA to the California Student Aid Commission. This must be done along with the FAFSA by March 2.

January:



Obtain the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Available January 1st.
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it says "START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID" and "FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid". There is a navigation menu with links like "FAFSA Home", "Student Aid on the Web", "Application Deadlines", "PIN Site", "Help", "Contact Us", "FAQs", "Site Map", and "About Us". On the left, there is a sidebar with a numbered list: "1 Before Beginning a FAFSA", "2 Filling Out a FAFSA", and "3 FAFSA Follow-Up". Below this is a "Special Announcements" section with a link to "Updated information available for the new TEACH grant." and a box titled "Looking for an early start on the financial aid process" with a "Link to FAFSA4caster". The main content area features the heading "Federal Student Aid FAFSA" and a large graphic with three numbered steps: "1 Before Beginning a FAFSA", "2 Filling Out a FAFSA", and "3 FAFSA Follow-Up". Each step has a brief description and a list of links. Step 1: "Get organized! To simplify the application process, gather required documents and other information ahead of time." Links include "Determine Your Dependency Status", "FAFSA on the Web Worksheet", "Search for School Codes", "Students & Parents Apply For a PIN", and "Check Application Deadline Dates". Step 2: "Fill out the application! The FAFSA contains questions that ask about you, your financial information, your school plans, and more." Links include "Fill Out Your FAFSA", "Open Your Saved FAFSA or Correction Application", and "Sign Electronically With Your PIN". Step 3: "View your results online! You can check the status of your application, make corrections to a processed FAFSA, and get other information." Links include "Check Status of a Submitted FAFSA or Print Signature Page", "Make Corrections to a Processed FAFSA", "Add or Delete a School Code", and "View and Print Your Student Aid Report".



Attend the FAFSA Workshop at PV High for help filling out your form. Watch the CCC weekly e-mail bulletin (register your e-mail on Naviance) announcement for the day and time.

February:



Contact the Financial Aid office of colleges and inquire about financial aid programs that might be available to you. Make sure you are aware of any deadlines specific to a particular college.

March:



File your FAFSA and/or Cal Grant Application before the March deadline.

April:

Compare your financial aid awards from colleges that have offered you admission. Contact the College & Career Center if you have any questions.

If you have any questions or concerns about the financial aid offered to you, contact the college – Office of Financial Aid. They are very helpful.

May-June:

Make sure you have completed any financial aid forms requested by the college of your choice. Call the Financial Aid office if you do not receive a confirmation. Never assume.