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YOU GOT ACCEPTED – NOW WHAT?

# I Got Accepted – Now What?

## AGENDA:

- 1) Get more information
- 2) Compare financial aid awards
- 3) Make a decision
- 4) Respond to the colleges
- 5) Take next steps needed prior to first day of class



**IT'S ABOUT FINDING  
THE BEST FIT SCHOOL FOR YOU**



You already have a lot of information about each college, but digging a little deeper can help you make the best choice for you.

## 1) Get more information:

- Ask questions
- Get answers
- Revisit the campus(es)
- Think things over
- Compare the colleges

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THE BEST WAY TO FIND A  
BEST FIT SCHOOL IS TO  
GO RIGHT TO THE SOURCE:  
**CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS**

## 2) Compare financial aid awards

This is an important step for many students. Use an online award letter comparison tool to assist you in this process.

- [uAspire.org](https://uaspire.org)
- [CollegeBoard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- [Finaid.org](https://finaid.org)

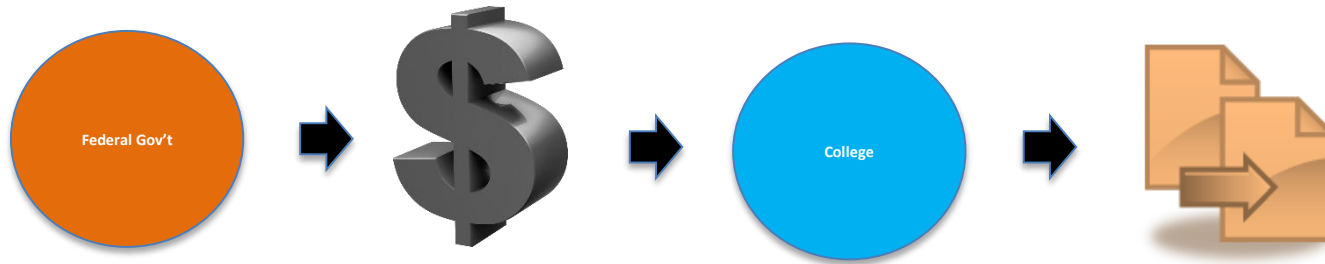


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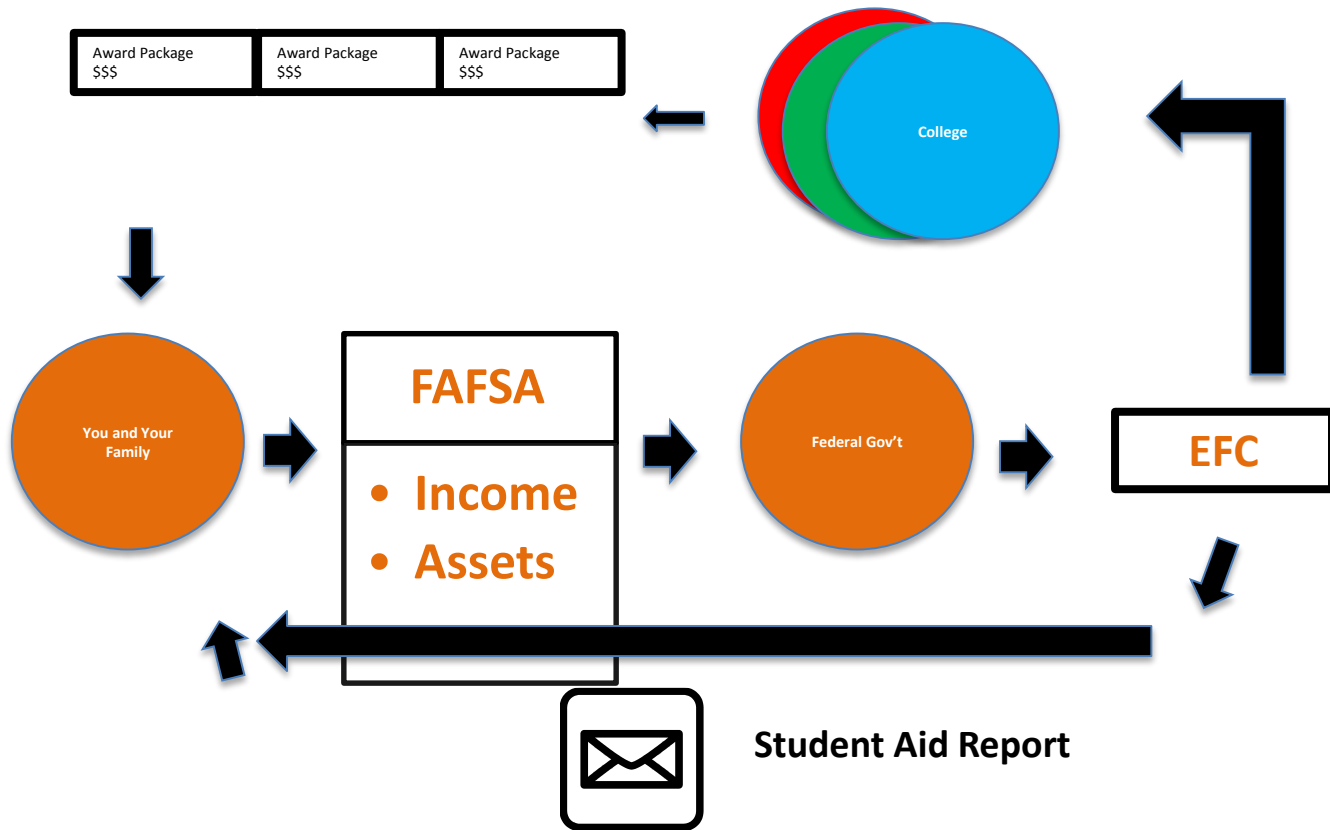
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OF **FINANCIAL AID**  
COMES FROM  
THE SCHOOLS  
THEMSELVES VIA  
MERIT BASED  
**SCHOLARSHIP**  
DOLLARS

## THE MAJORITY OF 4-YEAR COLLEGES WILL ACTIVELY GIVE OUT ACADEMIC MERIT BASED DOLLARS BASED ON TWO CRITERIA:

- High School GPA
- SAT<sup>®</sup>/ACT<sup>®</sup> Scores

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	Adams University	Lincoln University	Washington University
Cost of Attendance	\$10k	\$20k	\$40k
EFC	\$9k	\$9k	\$9k
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Need	\$1k	\$11k	\$31k
Award	\$1k	\$11k	\$25k
Unmet Need (what you would pay)	\$0	\$0	\$6k

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Cost of Attendance	\$10k	\$20k	\$40k
EFC	\$9k	\$9k	\$9k
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Need	\$1k	\$11k	\$31k
Award	\$500	\$7k	\$31k
Unmet Need (what you would pay)	\$500	\$4k	\$0



### 3) Make Your Decision

You don't have to decide overnight. Many colleges don't expect your final decision until May 1, so you have some time to make up your mind. But remember that colleges are serious about reply deadlines. If you don't send your deposit in time, you risk losing your place.



## 4) Respond to the Colleges

Once you've decided which college you want to attend, inform all the colleges that accepted you about your decision.

**Respond to the college you've decided to attend.** Make sure to send in the following items by the deadline:

- Your acceptance letter
- A deposit
- A separate acceptance letter for financial aid, if required
- Any other required items

**Respond to the colleges whose offers you're declining.** Send a brief note to the other colleges to thank them and turn down their offers. This frees up places for other students.

## 5) Take next steps needed prior to first day of class:

- Select housing and dining options
- Complete high school requirements
  - Important to maintain grades/attendance necessary for graduation
  - Student is responsible for making sure university receives final transcript from high school
- Orientation
- Registering for classes
- Consider Greek life/Prepare for Rush Week



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# Other practical decisions/steps to consider:

What will you need for your residence hall room?

- Don't bring everything under the sun! Just the essentials.
- Make it as comfortable as possible – this is your new home for the year.
- Know what to do if you have a terrible roommate – it happens, and you have options
- Be prepared to share: kitchen, bathrooms, space in general

What will you need for classes?

- School supplies, as always – even more important in college to take notes.
- Books – where to get them inexpensively
- Map out your classes and see how long it takes to travel between them – don't schedule classes back to back if you can't make it to the second one on time.

# QUESTIONS?

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