



I Applied ... Now What?



Congratulations!

Ok. So, you've applied to college and that's great, but what happens now?

Applying is one of the first steps on your path to attending college. Keep in mind that it may take a couple of months for the college or university to get back to you. Here's a step-by-step guide for what to do in the meantime:

Once you've submitted your application, make sure that you've turned in everything required for the college to consider you as a potential student. Have you:

- Submitted your application fee (or a fee waiver or deferral form)?
- Asked your high school counselor or registrar to send your transcript to the college?
- Submitted your essay(s), as required by the college?
- Sent any college transcripts you might have from dual credit courses?
- Sent all required test scores (SAT, ACT, AP, or IB)?

Even after you're accepted to a college, there's still a lot of work to do to make your final decision and get ready. You'll want to consider what financial aid and scholarships are available to you at the colleges you're considering, and you'll want to decide if you want to live on campus or commute. Of course, once you decide on a college, you'll need to register as a new student and enroll in classes.

Financial Aid

Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as soon as possible after October 1, as some financial aid is first-come, first-served. If you've already completed the FAFSA, be sure to update it with the schools you've applied to. Eligible undocumented students should complete the **Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA)** instead.

Next, complete the **OSAC Scholarship Application** to be considered for Oregon-based scholarships (due March 1) and the **Oregon Promise Application** if you may attend an Oregon community college (due June 1 for fall term).

Go to www.oregonstudentaid.gov to learn about all of the state and federal financial aid opportunities available to you.

Further Exploration

Keep researching the colleges you applied to so that you can learn as much possible about them before you need to make your final decision about where to attend next year. You never know what you might learn that will help you decide. You might even discover another college or two – remember that in many cases, application deadlines haven't arrived yet. You still have time to submit more applications!