



You got into college...

What to do next

...if you got into 1 college / your top-choice college



Make sure you can pay for it

- **Submit your FAFSA®, CSS Profile, state aid forms, etc:** Make sure you've submitted all the forms you can, to receive the maximum government and institutional aid. Find out if your college has any scholarships with their own applications.
- **Apply for external scholarships** using sites like [Going Merry](#), Fastweb, or Bold.org
- **Consider appealing for more aid.** If you didn't quite get enough financial aid, or if your family finances have changed, consider sending in an appeal letter to request more money. [Here's a guide to financial aid appeals.](#)
- **Take out student loans, if you need them.** Max out on federal government loans first (those are usually cheaper), before seeking private loans. Get rate estimates from various companies, to find the best option for you. [Here's an informative article](#) on how loans work.



Stay on top of remaining documents & deadlines

- **Accept your admissions:** Most colleges have a deadline (often in May/June) for when you need to accept your admissions and/or pay a deposit to secure your spot.
- **Submit required documents** like your final high school transcript, ID, financial aid documents, or proof of vaccination.
- **Keep track of other deadlines**, like when to sign up for orientation or apply for student housing. Often all this info is communicated both via email and in your student portal.

...if you got into multiple colleges



Decide on the right one

- **Consider the experience:** What matters most to you about your college experience? Do research to assess which college can help you best achieve that. You can potentially attend multiple student orientations to help you further decide.
- **Consider the money:** Compare costs of attendance and likely post-graduation salary. Which college represents the best return on investment?
- **Talk it out:** Chat your friends & family. You might also want to speak to current or former students at each college, or visit campus to speak to professors or administrators.