



What Happens After I Complete My FAFSA?

- **Watch for email or mail that will come after you complete the FAFSA. You should receive:**
 - **A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR)** – You will either receive the SAR in the mail (within 1-2 weeks) or electronically if you provided your e-mail address on the FAFSA application. Check the SAR for errors and contact your College Access/[*your organization*] advisor or a college financial aid administrator if you have questions. ***If you have not received your SAR after 3 weeks, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).***

- **You may also receive:**
 - **The PHEAA State Grant Status Notice, via mail or email** – For Pennsylvania residents, the FAFSA form is also the first step to applying for the Pennsylvania State Grant (PHEAA State Grant.) The PHEAA State Grant is financial aid that you can receive in addition to the Pell Grant or any other federal financial aid for which you may be eligible. Follow the instructions on the Status Notice, complete each of the questions requested, and return in a timely fashion in the envelope provided. PHEAA offers online access to your account for updating information and checking on status. Online access will be emailed to those who provide an email address on the FAFSA application. **Questions? Contact PHEAA: 1-800-692-7392 or www.aesSuccess.org**
 - **Master Promissory Note (MPN) Loan Applications** – You may receive loan application forms from a variety of different sources including colleges, universities, or banks. If you and your family decide that you need to borrow to help cover the cost of attendance, you can complete the MPN to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan or Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) or other federal loans. Contact the college or university financial aid office or other professionals familiar with financial aid who can guide you.
[Tip: Make sure you understand how much money you need to borrow, the interest rate, the total amount you will have to pay back, when you have to start paying it back, and how much you will be paying back each month. Be careful in your choice of loans, and if in doubt, contact a trusted advisor at Middle Tennessee Reconnect Community]
 - **A Verification Form** – You may be called for verification and a verification form will be sent to you by mail. The verification form helps the college or university to ensure that all information is accurate. Follow the directions, complete the verification form, and send copies of all documents (like tax form copies) to the financial aid office making the requests. You must complete all verification paperwork before the financial aid office at the college or university can move forward with your application.



- **Institutional Forms** – The colleges or universities to which you have applied may send to you and want you to complete an additional financial aid form specific to that institution. Follow the instructions and be sure to return it by the deadline provided.
- **Getting Your Award** – When all forms are complete and the process has been finalized, you will receive a ***Financial Aid Award letter from the colleges and universities to which you have applied***. Review the financial aid dollar amounts you have been awarded and follow any instructions provided. Contact the financial aid office if you have questions about the financial aid awards or any information on the letter.
- **You may Need More Money** -The financial aid generated by completing the FAFSA form may not cover your complete cost of attendance. Be sure to continue to research additional funds including other grants, scholarships, and loans. For more information on scholarships or additional financial aid, talk to your College Access advisor or school counselor or go to:

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