

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE? **DEADLINES YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Is your child busy researching, visiting and applying to colleges? With so many moving parts, it's easy to miss the little details. Help your student enjoy senior year and get ready for their freshman year at college by keeping these important deadlines in mind with this checklist from College Ave.\*

## FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS OPEN

2025

OCT  
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- The FAFSA application opens
- CSS application opens

Fill these out as soon as possible, as some aid is first come, first served.



NOV  
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- Early decision applications due\*\*

NOV  
15

- Early action applications due



2026

JAN  
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- The Common Application due

JAN  
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- Regular admissions applications due



FEB  
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Financial aid award letters start to arrive



MAY  
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Decision Day



**BONUS!**

Check monthly for scholarship opportunities, and don't forget to enter the \$1,000 scholarship sweepstakes from College Ave.\*\*\*

For more resources and tools on how to plan and pay for college — including scholarships and sweepstakes — visit [CollegeAve.com](https://CollegeAve.com).

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**Footnotes/Sources:**

\*Deadlines will vary according to school and may fall before, during or after these dates.

\*\*Early decisions are binding.

\*\*\*No purchase necessary to enter or win. See official rules for details.