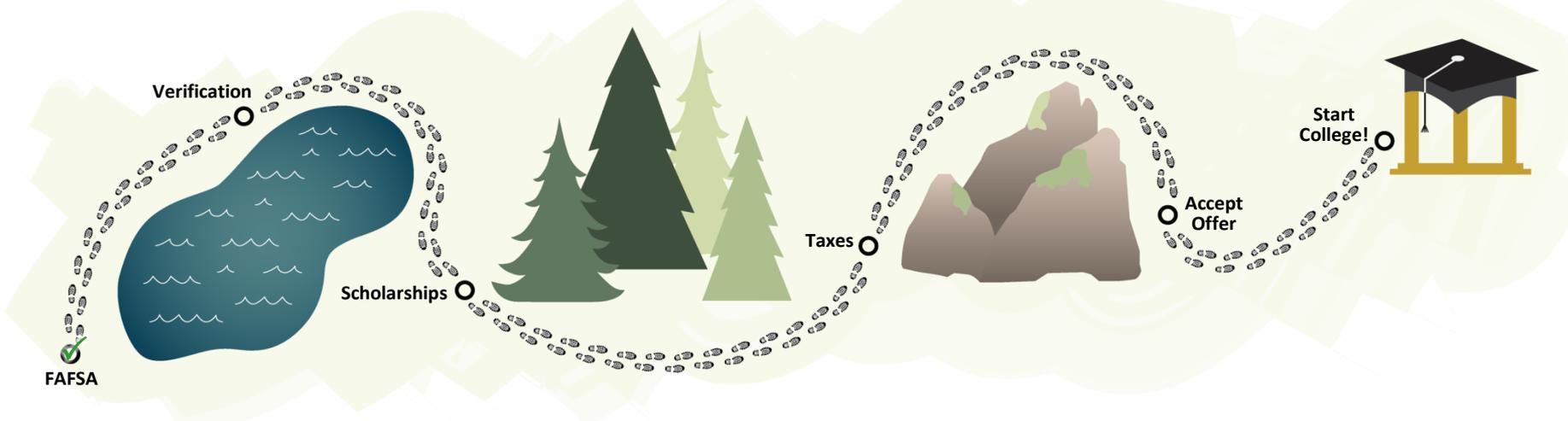


# I just submitted my FAFSA. What's the next step?



### January

- Submit your FAFSA Application!**
- Receive your Student Aid Report from the US Dept. of Education. (Check your status at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).)
- Review it for mistakes!
- Provide extra documents in a timely manner for verification, if asked. Tax transcripts can be found at [irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript](https://irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript).
- Complete any school-specific financial aid forms, if necessary.

**TIP:** Complete your FAFSA as early as possible. Some types of aid have deadlines and distribute money on a first-come, first-serve basis. But it's never too late!

### February

- Applying to Oregon schools? Fill out the OSAC Scholarship Application ([oregonstudentaid.gov](https://oregonstudentaid.gov)) by Feb 15.
- Search and apply for other scholarships.
- If you live with a parent or guardian, talk with them about filing their taxes early.

**TIP:** If you plan to attend PCC or MHCC, consider applying to Future Connect. Visit [pcc.edu/futureconnect](https://pcc.edu/futureconnect) or [mhcc.edu/futureconnect](https://mhcc.edu/futureconnect) for more info.

### March-April

- When your taxes are complete, update [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) with any new tax information.
- Check with schools to ensure your financial aid materials are complete.
- Receive award letter(s).
- If you have multiple award letters, compare the financial aid packages. You might want to discuss this decision with someone you trust.

**TIP:** The recommended order to accept aid is free money (grants and scholarships), earned money (work study), and then borrowed money (loans).

### May-September

- The deadline to accept or decline financial aid is generally May 1.
- Find out if you will be required to pay a tuition deposit and request a tuition deposit deferment if needed.
- Once you've accepted an offer, ask about next steps for orientation, class registration, meeting with an advisor and staying on track. There are people and resources available to help you—seek them out.
- Start College!**

**TIP:** If you have any questions, contact the Financial Aid office at your future school.



**Remember: These are just the steps you need to follow to ensure you get all the financial aid you are eligible for! To successfully enroll in college, there are other steps – like graduating from high school, taking placement tests and registering for classes – that you will need to complete.**

## My Next Steps:

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### Free Tax Preparation

CASH Oregon has sites throughout Oregon, walk-in and appointment based, in multiple languages. See [www.cashoregon.org](http://www.cashoregon.org) to find a site near you or call 503-243-7765.

The CASH Oregon Super Site is located at Lloyd Center, inside the mall on the third floor. Go to the Food Court and walk towards Nordstrom's. This site is open Sat-Thurs, 9 AM to 4 PM, with walk-in appointments. Spanish available.

### FAFSA Completion Help

Look for local events throughout January that will help you complete your FAFSA, at College Goal Oregon: <http://collegegoaloregon.gov/>.

For additional help, find more resources at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa> or call FAFSA Support Direct: 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 319-337-5665.

### Additional Scholarships and Financial Aid

Apply for multiple scholarships, including the Oregon Opportunity Grant, through the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion:

<http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/>

For more opportunities, explore a list of scholarship resources compiled by Black United Fund:

<http://bufor.org/index.php/site/programs-and-services/other-scholarship-resources>

### College Access Programs

Search a network of Oregon College Access Programs here, to find a program near you:

<http://www.oregoncan.org/directory>

ASPIRE is a state-wide program that supports students in pursuing options beyond high school. Check to see if your high school is an ASPIRE site here:

<http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov/aspire-doc/ASPIRE-Site-List.pdf>

## Colleges and Universities

### Mt. Hood Community College

Orientation Center:

Gresham Campus, AC1002 (under Vista Dining Hall)  
26000 S.E. Stark St.

Gresham, Oregon 97030

503-491-6927

[oc@mhcc.edu](mailto:oc@mhcc.edu)

<http://www.mhcc.edu/futurestudent/facebook.com/OrientationCenter>

### Portland Community College

Admissions Office: Office locations vary by campus.  
971-722-8888

<http://www.pcc.edu/admissions/>

Financial Aid Office: Office locations vary by campus.  
971-722-8888, option 4

<http://www.pcc.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/financial-aid/>

### Portland State University

Admissions Office:

105 Neuberger Hall

724 SW Harrison Street

Portland, Oregon 97201

503-725-3511

<http://www.pdx.edu/admissions/>

[admissions@pdx.edu](mailto:admissions@pdx.edu)

Financial Aid Office:

Neuberger Hall Lobby

724 SW Harrison Street

Portland, Oregon 97201

503-725-3461

<http://www.pdx.edu/finaid/>

[askfa@pdx.edu](mailto:askfa@pdx.edu)

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System:

<http://www.ous.edu/about-ous/campuses-centers>

Learn about independent colleges and universities throughout Oregon:

<http://oaicu.org/members/>

