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TIME LINE

Scholarships can be started as early as junior year (each one is different). We recommend you work with the high school guidance department on scholarships. College Planners, Inc. does not do scholarship searches.

Applications start in the fall of senior year. We recommend six schools. Work with your high school guidance department on selection of schools. They are trained and experienced to help you and the student through the selection process. College Planners, Inc. does not fill out college admissions applications.

Financial aid planning ideally starts with a meeting with College Planners, Inc. in the fall of the student's junior year (although its never too late). Forms cannot be mailed in until **January 1** of the senior year.

SARs come back approximately a month after mailing in the **FAFSA**. Make sure they are processed correctly including any verification that is required.

Financial Aid Office of each college has to have everything they need in order to issue an award letter: FAFSA, SAR, copies of 2014 income tax returns and W-2's, parents and students. Also, if applicable, make sure they have the CSS Profile and a letter regarding any special circumstances.

Acceptance by Admissions varies by school (usually spring of senior year).

Award letters arrive between February and April.

Your final decision on a college is made usually around May.