

# I applied...now what?

**OK, so you've applied to college and that's great, but what happens now?**

Applying is one of the first steps on your path to attending to college. Keep in mind that it may take a couple of months for the college or university to get back to you. Once you've submitted your application, make sure that you've turned in everything you need in order for the college to consider you as a potential student. Have you:

- Submitted your application fee (if the college charges a fee)?
- Submitted any required transcripts to the college?
- Submitted your letters of recommendation (if required by the college)?
- Submitted your essay (if required by the college)?

Even after you're accepted to a college, there's still a lot of work to do to make your final decision and get ready. You'll want to consider what financial aid is available to you at the colleges you're considering, and you'll want to decide if you want to live on campus or commute. Of course, once you decide on a college, you'll need to register as a new student and enroll in classes.

## **GET REMINDERS BY TEXT!**

To help keep you on track, CFWV offers free text messages to remind you to complete key college tasks, like registering for orientation, applying for financial aid, and purchasing textbooks. To sign up for these alerts, visit [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com) and click on the badge on the homepage.

## **FREE FINANCIAL AID HELP:**

In December, you'll need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If possible, you should complete the FAFSA before March 1, because that's the deadline for many state-level scholarship programs.

You can get in-person, confidential assistance completing the FAFSA by attending a financial aid workshop. For a calendar of these events, visit [cfwv.com](http://cfwv.com) and click on the Community Calendar link under the Upcoming Events heading.

Explore the financial aid planning tab or [collegeforwv.com](http://collegeforwv.com) to learn about all of the state and federal financial aid opportunities available to you. Visit college and university web sites to see what sort of financial aid and scholarship programs are offered at the school you plan to attend. Complete and submit applications for as many scholarships, grants, and other financial aid awards as you can find!