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If you thought college applications were fun, you are going to love applying for financial aid.

Fortunately, CaliforniaColleges.edu, provides a lot of helpful information to make it easier for you.

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What Happens After I Submit my FAFSA?

About 4 weeks after submitting your FAFSA, you should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) that lists all of the information you completed on the FAFSA.

- Review the information listed on the form to make sure it is correct and that all of the colleges you are interested in attending are listed on the form.
- If any of the information is not correct, return the form with the correct information. (Note: The corrected information is forwarded to the schools you listed on the FAFSA.)
- Once the schools receive the information they will verify the information along with any additional documents they asked you for, and will then notify you of your eligibility for financial aid.

What exactly is your financial aid "package"?

Typically you can receive financial aid assistance through more than one financial assistance program and all of those programs together are called your financial aid package. The components that make up your financial aid package can include:

- Grants
- Student Loans
- Student Employment Assistance

What does "estimated aid" mean on my financial aid award letter?

Sometimes the financial aid office at the college where you've been accepted will send you an award letter before they have confirmed all of the final numbers you provided on the FAFSA. Because they want to get information to you as quickly as possible they will use their best judgment of your financial aid eligibility. It's important to remember that an estimated award is subject to change once they receive the final, verified information.

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