

Timeline for Awarding Financial Aid

Information for WCL students is not included.

Basic Application Process <i>Note: Incomplete applications and/or conflicting information may delay receiving an award letter.</i>	Early Decision Freshman Applicants	Freshman Applicants	Transfer Applicants	Graduate Applicants	Current Students Undergraduate & Graduate
2019-2020 FAFSA becomes available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov	October, 1, 2018				
Deadline to submit 2019-2020 FAFSA	November 15, 2018(ED1) January 15, 2019 (ED2)	January 15, 2019	May 1, 2019	Ongoing	May 1, 2019
Deadline to submit PROFILE ¹ online at https://profileonline.collageboard.com	November 15, 2018(ED1) January 15, 2019 (ED2)	January 15, 2019	May 1, 2019	Not Applicable	Not applicable
Students selected for verification ² are asked to provide additional information.	Late March	March - May (deposited students only)	Late March	Late March	Late March
Award letters ³ are sent to students.	December (ED1) February (ED2)	By April 1st	Mid May	March-April	Late June ⁴
Award letters continue to be sent out to late/incomplete applications as they are completed.	<i>Late applications and documents are reviewed on an on-going basis. Please allow 7-10 business days for review once submitted. Institutional awards will be awarded to late applications only if funding has not been exhausted.</i>				

¹Profile = The Profile is an additional application provided through College Board. This application collects information not collected on the FAFSA and is used to award Undergraduate need-based institutional aid. Students only need to complete the Profile when applying for undergraduate admission as an early decision applicant, regular freshman applicant, or transfer applicant. Graduate students and currently enrolled undergraduate students do not need to complete the Profile. If you parents are separated/divorced, you will also need to provide the Non-Custodial Parent Profile for the parent not listed on your original Profile.

²Verification = Verification is a process in which the Financial Aid Office asks for additional documentation such as tax transcripts and a verification worksheet to confirm that the information provided in the FAFSA is accurate. You do not need to submit anything unless requested by the Financial Aid Office. All transfer applicants, graduate applicants and current students must submit all requested verification documents prior to receiving an award letter. Early Decision applications and Freshman Applicants will be asked to provide verification documents after the student accepts the offer of admission.

³Award Letters = Paper award letters are mailed out to newly admitted undergraduate students. Newly admitted graduate students and currently enrolled students will receive their award letter online via the student portal. An email will be sent from the Financial Aid Office when this is available. Paper award letters are available upon request.

⁴ Award letters for continuing students will not be available until all prior year grades have been recorded on your official transcript and reviewed. You must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress to remain eligible for federal and institutional aid.

Questions? Please contact our office at 202-885-6500 or via email at facounselor@american.edu.

Submit all documents to the address or fax below:

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