

Postsecondary Planning Timeline for Parents and Families



12th Grade

Third Quarter

Action Steps

- Help your child with their final decision as admission decisions start to be received.
- Review financial aid letters and packages with your child to help them choose the one that best fits your family.
- Review housing arrangements and submit deposits by school deadline.
- Attend the Miami National College Fair with your child to engage with a variety of national and international institutions.



Resources

- [How to Make the Best Financial Decision When Choosing a College](#)
- [Borrowing: The Parent's Role](#)



Fourth Quarter

Action Steps

- Attend financial aid awareness workshops to better understand how financial aid and scholarships received will impact your child's financial obligation for their postsecondary plan.
- Assist your child with comparing financial aid packages and making their final enrollment decision.
- Follow-up with your child about the submission of additional documents to your chosen school as needed. These may include residency forms, immunization documents, and orientation registration.
- Encourage your child to write thank you notes to anyone who assisted with the college admissions process.
- Celebrate your child as he/she transitions to their postsecondary life.
- Support your child with connecting with disability support services at the postsecondary institution or program in which he/she is enrolling if they have an IEP or 504 plan.



Resources

- [13 Things to Know When Evaluating Your Financial Aid Award Letter](#)
- [Direct PLUS Loans for Parents](#)
- [Your Financial Aid Award Letter - Review, Evaluate, Appeal Webinar - English](#)
- [Your Financial Aid Award Letter - Review, Evaluate, Appeal Webinar - Spanish](#)
- [Your Financial Aid Award Letter - Review, Evaluate, Appeal Webinar - Creole](#)

