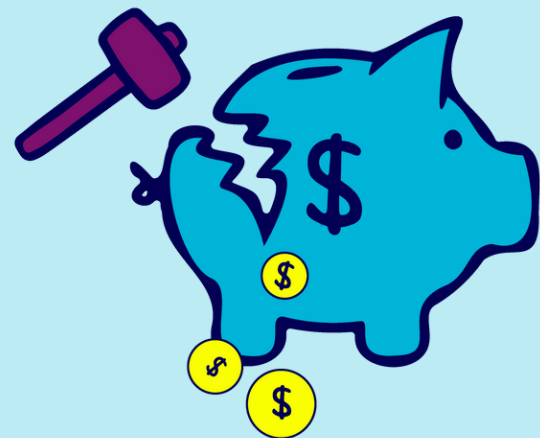


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## 9th Grade

### Financial Aid Definitions

- Read our guide: [Everything You Need to Know About Admissions and Financial Aid](#)

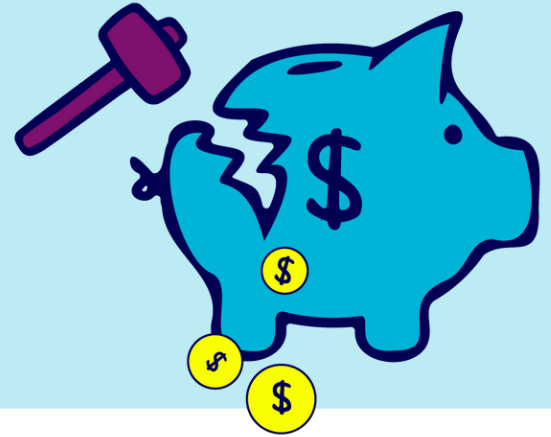
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- Understand [college tuition and fees](#)

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- Determine [what you can afford](#) to pay for college

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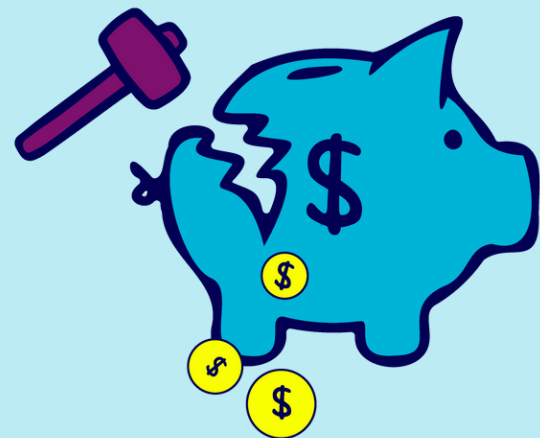
## 10th Grade

### Financial Aid Definitions

- Understand how your SAI is calculated
- Use a SAI calculator
- Review steps to increase your financial aid eligibility
- Learn about net price calculators
- Make a test prep plan

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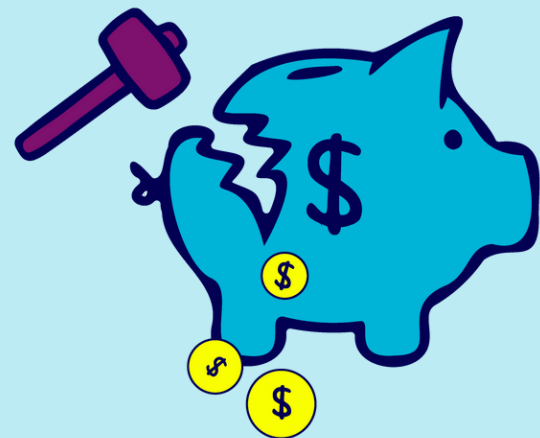
## 11th Grade - Fall

### Financial Aid Definitions

- Organize college information and application materials
- Take the PSATs
- Start researching local scholarships

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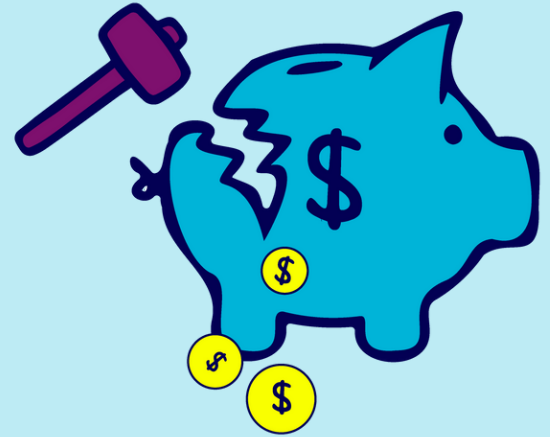


## 11th Grade - Spring

- Learn about merit scholarships
- Start researching schools that will award merit aid
- Familiarize yourself with financial aid applications
  - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - CSS Profile

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## 12th Grade - Fall

### Financial Aid Definitions

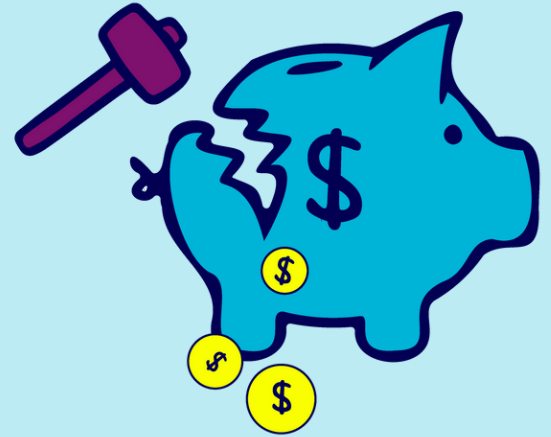
**Mark Your Calendar for October 1: Financial aid applications open.**

- Collect all **required** financial documents
- Check financial aid **deadlines** for state programs
- Check priority financial aid deadlines for each school
- Create your **FSA ID** for the FAFSA
- Complete the **FAFSA\***
- Complete the **CSS Profile**
- Review your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**

\*For 2023, the FAFSA will not open until December.

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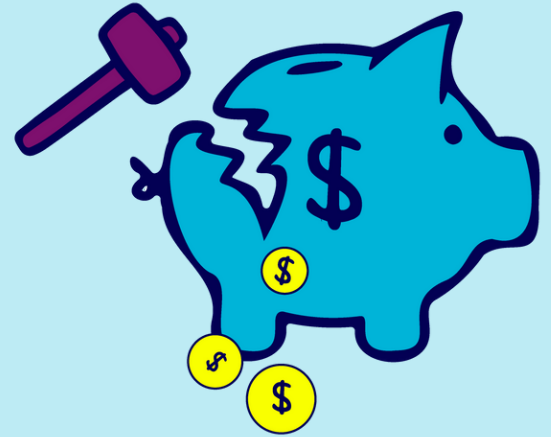
## 12th Grade - Spring

**Mark Your Calendar: May 1 is National Decision Day for most schools.**

- Begin receiving financial aid award letters
- Compare your financial aid offers with other families
- Appeal your financial aid award—if needed
- Create your FSA ID for the FAFSA
- Pay deposit to the school your student will attend
- Accept all or part of the school's financial aid award

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## 12th Grade - Spring (continued)

- Report any outside scholarships your student was awarded to the financial aid office

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- Check with the school to find out where/when work study positions are posted

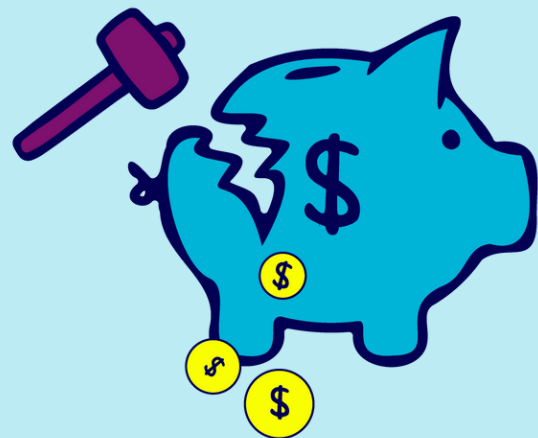
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- Ask school when/how funds will be disbursed

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- Find out what type of payment plans are available

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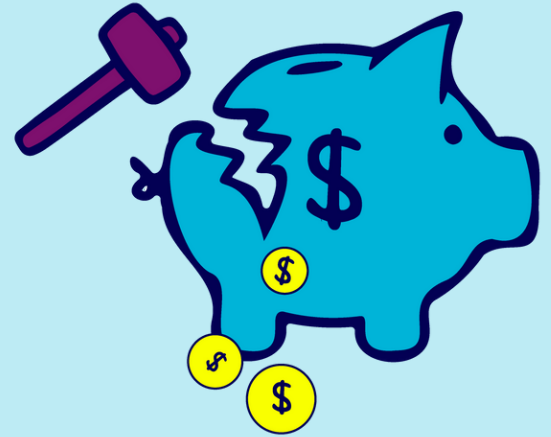
## 12th Grade - Summer

- Understand your **loan options**
- Review our **student loan advice** before applying
- Research lenders and apply for a student loan
- Complete the Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note for federal loans
- Complete all necessary **legal documents**
- Understand **how the financial aid award is disbursed**



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## Start of Freshman Year of College

### Financial Aid Definitions

**Be Aware: Financial aid will be applied to your student's semester bill. Any remaining funds will be disbursed to your student.**

- Check statement to make sure all funds were applied—including outside scholarships

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- Adjust your monthly tuition payment plan to reflect actual costs if needed

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