

Congratulations! You have taken the very important first step to going to college – you’ve applied! Here are some tips and reminders of tasks that you need to complete over the next several months. If you have questions, contact your school counselor.

☐ **Follow Up with Transcripts, Test Scores, Recommendation Letters and Essays**

- Many admission offices require students to submit additional information in order to complete the application process. It is important to find out what other information is required and send it to the campus ASAP! The more quickly you submit all the necessary forms, the sooner you will receive a response from the admission office. Use your College Application Week checklist and envelope to keep track of these tasks and documents.

☐ **Don't forget your confirmation page**

- If you applied online, make sure to save a digital copy (screenshot or PDF) of your confirmation page. Some schools may still require this page to be signed and mailed to the admission office to complete the application process. Whether the school requires this form or not, you still need a copy for your records. Store this confirmation page in a safe place, like a dedicated folder on your computer or on your phone.

☐ **Schools should contact you!**

- Once you have submitted your online application, campuses should be in touch with you via email or letter to inform you of the status of your application. Make sure to check your email! If you have not been contacted by the school within two weeks of your submission, check the school's online application status tracker or get in touch with the college or university's admission office to inquire about your application status.

☐ **Now that I applied to college, where can I learn more about paying for college?**

- The U.S. Department of Education has resources to help you understand the types of financial aid, whether you qualify for aid and how to apply for aid: [StudentAid.gov/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/FAFSA)
- Speak with your family and school counselor about your financial aid options.
- Mark your calendar for FAFSA Next at your school to learn more about how to pay for college and to complete the FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Create a StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID) to start your financial aid process. The FAFSA will be available starting December 1. Visit your colleges financial aid page to make sure you meet their financial aid priority deadlines.

☐ **Deciding where to go**

- There is lots to consider when considering your next step and the best fit is a personal decision. Visit [levelupvirginia.org/decide](https://levelupvirginia.org/decide) for resources on finding your right fit and comparing financial aid packages to make the best decision.