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AFTER FAFSA SUBMISSION: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you submit your FAFSA online:

- You'll see a confirmation page and receive a confirmation email with your Student Aid Index (SAI) and estimated eligibility for federal aid.
  - Your SAI is the number used to determine your eligibility for need-based aid. It is calculated using information that the student (and contributors, if required) provides on the FAFSA form.
- Within three to five days, you'll receive an email letting you know your FAFSA Submission Summary is ready to review in your StudentAid.gov account.
  - Your FAFSA Submission Summary contains a summary of the information you entered on the FAFSA, your SAI, estimated federal aid, and any issues you need to address.
- Review Next Steps section of your summary carefully. Follow directions for making and submitting corrections. Be sure to submit corrections promptly so your colleges have the most up-to-date information.

If your FAFSA is complete:

- Once your FAFSA is processed, the colleges you listed on your application will have access to your information electronically. Depending on their own process and workload, colleges may not retrieve your information immediately.
- Your FAFSA may be selected for a process called verification, which verifies the accuracy of your information. If you are selected for verification, your college will request that you submit additional documents to their office, so check your email frequently.
- Your college will use your FAFSA information to determine the amount of federal and state grants, student loans, work-study, and any available institutional aid for which you may be eligible.
- Check with your college to see if any additional financial aid forms are required.
- Your college will send you a financial aid award offer that details the financial aid you are eligible to receive.
- Once you receive your award notification, you should review your financial aid package and determine which aid you want to accept/decline and respond by the deadline set by the college (if applicable).
- Contact the college financial aid office if you have questions about your financial aid.

Information from the U.S. Department of Education's website studentaid.gov/FAFSA.