

# How Your Financial Aid Administrator Can Help You

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## What's a financial aid administrator?

A financial aid administrator works at a college or trade/vocational school to help the school's students apply for, receive and—in many cases—learn how to repay their student aid.

## When should I first contact my financial aid administrator?

While researching the school before applying, be sure to find out what types of financial aid are available at that school. Your research should include a visit to the financial aid office's website. Later, as you prepare to apply for aid at that school, the financial aid administrator will be able to answer your questions about the process.

## What questions can my financial aid administrator answer for me?

- What financial aid can I apply for through my school and through my state education agency?
- What are the financial aid application deadlines at my school?
- How do I fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA<sup>SM</sup>)?
- Do I have to include my parents' information on the FAFSA?

- I went to a website that I thought was the FAFSA site, but it asked for my credit card number. Do I need to pay to fill out the FAFSA?
- What am I supposed to do with my *Student Aid Report*?
- What is verification, what documents must I provide and when, and why was I chosen in the first place?
- When will I find out how much aid I've been awarded?
- What are all these different kinds of aid my school has awarded me?
- What if I'm not awarded enough money to pay for all my school-related expenses?

If you have any other questions or concerns about the financial aid process, contact the financial aid office at your school. Your financial aid administrator is there to help you.

