Now That I've Applied, What's Next?

How do I pay for application fees?

You may be required to pay an application fee for some college applications or you may qualify for a fee waiver to cover the cost of application fees. For further information on fee waivers, speak directly with your school counselor. If you are required to pay, here are a few payment options:

CREDIT CARD or DEBIT CARD: You can pay with a credit card or debit card online. Check to see what cards each school accepts (e.g., Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover). If you decide to pay with a credit card, the following information is required:

- Type of card
- Credit card number
- Expiration date
- Name as it appears on the card
- Security code (the three- or four-digit number on the back of the card)

CHECK Some schools may allow you to send a check in the mail once you have submitted your application online. If you are able to do this, be sure to include a copy of your confirmation page with your payment. Other schools may not allow you to submit your online application until you have submitted the application fee. In this case, you may need to print the application and send it by mail with a check if you cannot use a credit or debit card.

What about additional information?

Depending on the school, you may be required to submit additional information to complete the application process. They may ask you to submit essays, test scores, and/or transcripts. It is best to find out the application requirements for each school you plan to apply to prior to completing the online application. Do not delay submission of those documents. The sooner you submit them, the sooner you receive a response from the school.

How do I confirm submission of my application?

Once you have completed and submitted your application, you will often be directed to a confirmation page. Make sure you print this page for your records, and some schools may require you to submit a signed copy to complete the application process.

When will I hear from the schools?

The schools' admissions offices should contact you through e-mail or by letter once you have submitted all the requirements for the application process. If you do not hear from them within one to two weeks, contact the admissions offices.

I've applied. Now how do I pay for college?

Worried about paying for college? There are plenty of resources out there to help you make it happen. To learn more about financial aid options that could work for you, visit www.CollegeforTN.org. In order to receive any form of financial aid, you will need to complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.