



Financial Aid Roadmap

First, you'll need to complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov!

Continuing students: Birthingway will contact you shortly after your FAFSA is submitted for the year.

Applicants: Birthingway will contact you shortly after your program's application deadline.

Prospective students: Please contact Birthingway to make sure your FAFSA has been received and/or to set up a time to meet. We will not automatically contact you.

Next, you will receive notice that your FAFSA is:

Complete. Way to go! There is nothing more you need to do at this time.

Incomplete. Please make sure that you follow instructions from the Financial Aid Office to complete your FAFSA.

In Verification. Your FAFSA has been flagged by Birthingway and/or the Department of Education. You will need to submit additional documentation to Birthingway for review before the FAFSA can be considered complete. Please make sure that you follow instructions from the Financial Aid Office to complete the FAFSA. Check out our verification webpage to learn more on the verification process.

After your FAFSA is complete, watch for your **award letter!** The Financial Aid Office will create award letters for all students with a complete FAFSA on file in June (continuing students) or January (incoming students). **Review your award letter carefully, sign to accept your awards and return it to the Financial Aid Office.**

Now's the time to register for your courses. If we have a complete FAFSA on file and a signed award letter showing a disbursement in the upcoming term, you will be able to register for course without providing payment at the time of registration. **IMPORTANT:** You are responsible for all tuition and fees for which you have registered, whether they are covered by financial aid or not. Please be very aware of Birthingway's registration, course add/drop/withdrawal and refund policies.

Get ready to start your classes!

The Monday after the first full week of the term is our **Enrollment Confirmation Date.** On this date, we will confirm your enrollment status and finalize your financial aid awards.

Funds will be disbursed to your account one week after Enrollment Confirmation Date. **If you have a credit balance on your account,** funds will be released to you in the form of a check within two weeks of disbursement. **If your financial aid does not fully cover the charges on your account,** you will be sent a statement shortly after disbursements.

