



Peace of Mind (POM) Financial Aid Process

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The FAFSA opens during October of a student's senior year.

- The POM Financial Aid Team will begin working with families to obtain necessary documents for the FAFSA in the summer before senior year.
- POM Financial Aid Counselors file FAFSAs based on college priority deadlines.
- Students will also receive a personalized scholarship report in the fall semester of senior year from their POM Scholarship team member.

Specific Tax Information

We have a secure ShareFile Portal where you can upload your tax documents.

Typically we need the following items (we will let you know for what year):

- **Parent Tax Return AND any Business Tax Returns** (i.e. Schedule C, 1120, 1120-S, Schedule E, etc.)
- **Parent(s) w-2s, 1099s and K-1s** (from business income)
- **Student Tax Return**
- **Student W-2**

Additional Information

- **FSA ID**- The student and one parent must create an FSA ID in order to login to and sign the FAFSA.
- **POM Client Questionnaire**- Families must enter the pertinent info we need to submit the FAFSA/CSS Profile.
- **School Selections**- To track financial deadlines and requirements, we must have an updated list of schools for which the student is applying and be alerted if the student is applying Early Action or Early Decision.

Evaluation of Award Offers

- **Send us your award offers**- POM provides you the service of evaluating your award offers for maximum benefit. If possible, we may be able to negotiate your award offer for additional aid.
- **Appeal Request Form**- Special circumstances includes loss of job, high medical expenses, private school tuition, etc. If your family has a special circumstance, we can draft an email letter to request additional aid.