

# College Financial Aid & Scholarship Checklist

## Confirm Scholarship Terms

- Is the scholarship guaranteed for all four years, or is it renewable?
- If renewable, what GPA or other requirements must be met?
- Is the scholarship amount fixed, or can it change?

## Understand Federal Aid Uncertainty

- Does the financial aid package include Pell Grants, work-study, or federal loans?
- If federal aid is reduced, will the school make up the difference?
- Are there institutional emergency funds or additional grants available?

## Ask About Institutional Budget Impacts

- Are the scholarships funded by endowments or the university's budget?
- Could institutional aid change if the school faces budget cuts?

## Explore Backup Plans

- Are there additional scholarships available if aid is reduced?
- What private or state-based scholarships can they apply for?
- Are there tuition payment plans or alternative financing options?

## Key Questions to Ask the Financial Aid Office

- "We're reviewing the financial aid package in light of possible federal funding changes. Can you confirm whether this scholarship and aid package will remain the same throughout their four years?"
- "If federal aid is reduced, will the school step in with additional institutional aid?"
- "Are there additional scholarships or grants available if we need to fill a funding gap?"
- "Is there an appeal process if our financial circumstances change?"

## Next Steps:

- Contact the college's financial aid office for clarification.
- Research additional scholarships and state-based aid.
- Plan for potential funding gaps with tuition payment plans or alternative financing.