PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CALENDAR

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
 Senior year for traditional students or year prior to starting college for nontraditional students Request applications and information from colleges. Check Education Planner or Millersville University Admissions for more information on the college admissions process 	 Mark your calendar for college fairs - many of these have financial aid presentations you can attend for general information on receiving financial aid. Create a schedule of admissions and financial aid deadlines. 	 Complete the FAFSA early (available October 1 as) for maximum consideration of all available student aid programs. Once you complete the FAFSA You will receive an email with a link to your Student Aid Report. Read it thoroughly and make any necessary corrections. If no corrections are necessary, keep it for your records. 	 Begin a student financial aid folder for all of your important papers. Include copies of all applications, taxes, and letters you receive. Explore college or scholarship information or apply to colleges online. See Education Planner for information or FinAid for more scholarship information.
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
 File the FAFSA early. Priority filing deadline is March 15 for Millersville University. Obtain any other financial aid forms that may be required by your target schools. Plan visits to the colleges you are deciding between. 	 Millersville University begins to send out financial aid award letters to incoming freshmen and transfer students who have been admitted to MU. Begin to compare financial aid awards at your target schools. Be sure to consider the cost of education at each institution when comparing the award amounts. Some schools may be offering more money to you, but their cost of education may be considerably higher than other schools and you may be awarded with more loans instead of grants/scholarships 	Access information regarding payment plans at each institution. Millersville has a ten-month payment plan called TMS. There is a deadline of June 1 (for the annual option or the fall only option) and November 1 (for the spring only option.	 File the FAFSA early. Priority filing deadline is March 15 for Millersville University. Complete any outstanding requirements to ensure your financial aid is processed. If you have outstanding verification items, your financial aid will not pay.
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
 Complete any outstanding requirements to obtain your Federal Direct Student Loans such as Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note. Parents can begin applying for the Parent PLUS Loan. 	 Deadline for PHEAA State Grant (The FAFSA must be received by the processor by this date, not postmarked!) - MAY 1 PHEAA notifies students about PA State Grant awards. PHEAA is only sent to one school. If you do not see a PHEAA award on your account and listed more than one school on your FAFSA, contact PHEAA to update the school you are attending. 	 Plan for college orientation, transportation, and housing. Consider other types of financial aid necessary to pay your bill, including the Federal PLUS Loan (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) or Alternative Loans. Do not wait until August to apply for these additional funds. Doing so may jeopardize your start of the fall semester! Deadline for using the payment plan to pay your bill for the fall semester is June 1. 	■ Fall semester bill is available in the middle of the month. Financial aid that is approved appears as credit on the bill. Payment will be due in mid-August. Be sure to respond to the bill, as this is the only way Millersville knows that you will attend classes. If you have a "0" balance or a credit to your account (the financial aid awarded exceeds your bill), you can clear your bill online. Please see the Office of Student Accounts (OSA) web site for additional information on paying your semester bill.
AUGUST			

- Classes start at the end of month.
- Financial Aid is after the Add/Drop period for classes and refunds are mailed for students who have an overpayment of financial aid.