



# FAFSA/WASFA CHEAT SHEET

**1** What form are you going to fill out?



**A FAFSA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
I will file a FAFSA

**B WASFA** Washington Application for State Financial Aid  
I will file a WASFA

**2** Are you considered a **DEPENDENT** student or an **INDEPENDENT** student?



**A DEPENDENT**  
I **WILL** have to provide parent information on my FAFSA/WASFA

**B INDEPENDENT**  
I **DO NOT** have to provide parent information on my FAFSA/WASFA

**3** Whose documents do you need to collect to file your FAFSA/WASFA?



**A DEPENDENT**  
I need to collect documents for **myself and my parent(s)**

**B INDEPENDENT**  
I just have to collect documents for **myself**



[What documents do I need to file my FAFSA/WASFA? Click Here!](#)

**4** If you determined you will fill out a FAFSA, **who** will need to get a **FSA ID** in your family?



**A I need an FSA ID**  
If you are an **INDEPENDENT** student, only you will need an FSA ID

**B I need an FSA ID, my parent does not**  
If you are a **DEPENDENT** student **AND** your parent **DOES NOT** have a **social security number**, only the student needs a FSA ID

**C My parent and I BOTH need an FSA ID**  
If you are a **DEPENDENT** student, **AND** your parent **has a social security number**, BOTH student and parent need a FSA ID

**? How will my parent sign my FAFSA?**  
Your parent will need to print a signature page, sign it, and send in the mail to submit their signature. **Click on the question mark above for more information!**



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**5** If you determined you will fill out a WASFA, **who** will need to get a **WASFA account** in your family?



**A** **I need a WASFA Account**

If you are an **INDEPENDENT** student, only you will need a WASFA account

**B** **My parent and I BOTH need a WASFA Account**

If you are a **DEPENDENT** student, both you and your parent need a WASFA account

**6** What program will I enroll in next year?



**A** **Bachelors Degree**

If you are heading to a **4-year institution**, you will likely be pursuing a **bachelors' degree**

**C** **Certificate or Diploma**

If you are not pursuing a degree, but you will be pursuing a certificate or a diploma, select this option when filing your FAFSA/WASFA

**B** **Associates Degree**  
(Occupational or Technical Program)

If you are heading to a **2-year institution**, you will likely be pursuing an **associates degree**

If you are attending a **2-year** with intent on **transferring to a 4-year**, you will still select that you will be pursuing an **associates degree** next year

**7** What will your grade level be when you begin the 2021-2022 school year?



**A** **Never Attended College/1st Year**

If you are a **high school senior (12th grade)**, you will select this option **EVEN** if you've taken dual credits (Running start, AP,IB)

**B** **1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th year undergraduate**

If you have attended college before, and are pursuing an undergraduate degree (AA, BA) select the answer that reflects what year you will be in college next year

**8** What is my parent scenario?



**A** **I'm ABLE to provide parent information**

You are able to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA

**B** **I'm UNABLE to provide parent information**

You are unable to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA, either due to experiencing a special circumstance or your parent is unwilling to provide their information



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**9** Whose parent tax information do I need to provide in my FAFSA/WASFA?



**A No Parent Info**

If you are a **INDEPENDENT** student, you do not need to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA

**B One Parent**

If parents are **separated/divorced** and **not remarried**, report information about **custodial parent**

**B Both Parents**

If parents are married, unmarried, AND **living together**, report **BOTH custodial parents' information**

**C Parent and Step Parent**

If parents are divorced and **remarried**, report information about **custodial parent and step parent**

**10** What is your total household size? Check all that apply:



**Self**  
 **Parent(s)**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Sibling(s)** *(Even if they are away at school)*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Other family members** who receive most of their financial support from **you** or **your parent(s)**

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**Total household size**

**11** How will your parent sign the FAFSA?



**A Using their FSA ID**

If your parent has a social security number, they can create a FSA ID and sign using their FSA ID

**B Using the signature page**

If your parent does not have a social security number, they will need to sign your FAFSA using a printed signature page

**? Click here to learn more!**