

# 2023-24 FAFSA & WASFA



# Today's Presenters





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## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL WEBINAR

1. You are not required to be on camera; but please be active on the chatbox and Q&A

2. Don't be afraid to ask questic check your ancial aid is confusing!

3. Pay attention to the orange bubble



# Objectives



- 1. Identify which financial aid form to complete
- 2. Know what documents you will need
- 3. Review FAFSA and WASFA
- 4. Learn how to address special circumstances
- 5. Prepare for next steps



# 1. Identify which financial aid form to complete FOUNDATION

### **FAFSA**

- U.S. Citizens
- U.S. Nationals (American Samoa or Swains Islands)
- U.S. Permanent Residents
- I-94 Holders: Refugee, Asylum granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Conditional entrant, Parolee
- Visa Holders under VAWA
- T or T-1 Visa Holders

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Applies for federal and state aid

### **WASFA**

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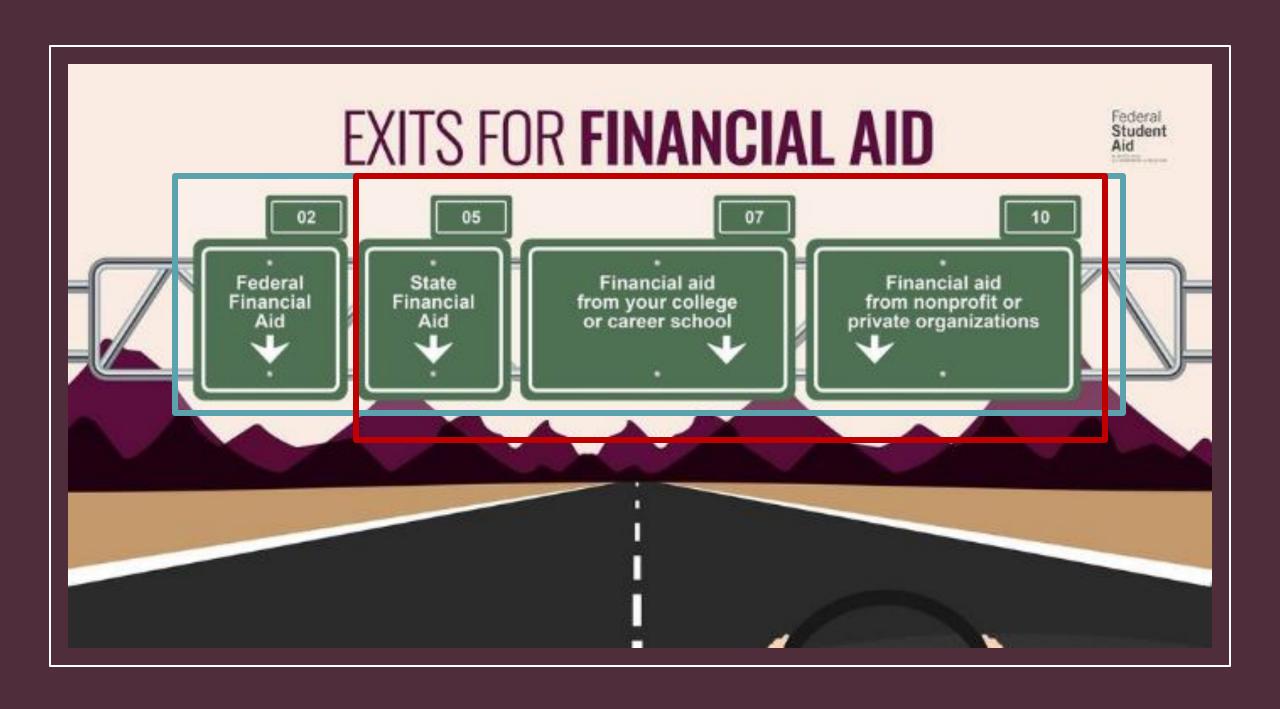
Undocumented students
Students with DACA (expired or not)

- Other non-citizens\*\* (check w/ individual college/university)
- Defaulted/balance on federal loans/grants
- Students who don't feel comfortable completing the FAFSA
- Other reasons

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Applies for state aid

Must meet SB 5194\* requirements for in-state tuition & in-state financial aid





# Types of financial aid



Grants and scholarships are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.



Loans are an investment in your future...if you borrow only what you need. Remember, they must be paid back with interest.



A work-study job allows you to earn money while you are in school

# 2. Know what documents you will need: **Dependency Status**



If answered "No" to <u>all</u> questions:

## **DEPENDENT STUDENT**

### PARENT(S) INFO REQUIRED

- Born before 1/1/2000?
- Enrolled in graduate program?
- Married?
- With dependents?
- Actively serving in the U.S. armed forces (other than training)?

If answered "Yes" to **any** questions:

## **INDEPENDENT STUDENT**

**NO PARENT(S) INFO REQUIRED** 

- Deceased, incarcerated parents or in foster care since age 13?
- Emancipated or in legal guardianship (court intervention)?
- Unaccompanied youth?
- At risk or effectively experiencing homelessness?

# 2. Know what documents you will need





You will need to compile these documents for the student AND parent(s), if student is dependent.

### Tip:

- Report tax and benefits information from 2021
- Report account balances <u>as of the day</u> you complete application

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: FSA ID/ WASFA Account



## FAFSA - <a href="https://fsaid.ed.gov">https://fsaid.ed.gov</a>



#### Who needs an FSA ID?

- Student
- One parent if :
  - The student is a dependent student; and if,
  - The parent has a social security number

### What number should the student/parent(s) use?

- Use your SSN
- If parent doesn't have SSN, do not get an FSA ID

## WASFA - https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa



#### Who needs an Account?

- Student
- One parent if :
  - The student is a dependent student

### What number should the student/parent(s) use?

 Use SSN, DACA, or ITIN, if you have one. If you don't, leave blank.

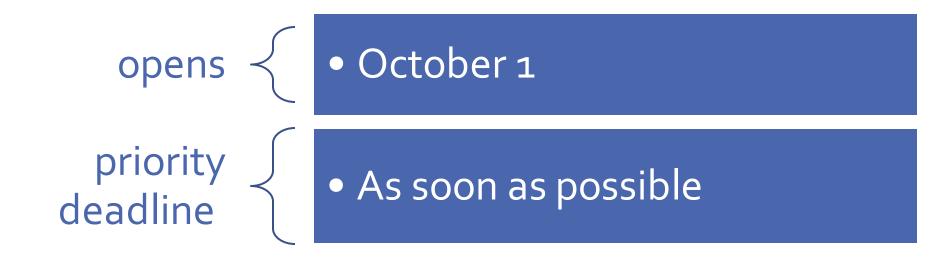
### Tips:

- Parent and student need different email addresses and phone numbers
- •If multiple children or parent is a student, parents can use same FSA ID/WASFA Account
- •Make sure ALL information matches and it is correct!





## 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: VIP Dates



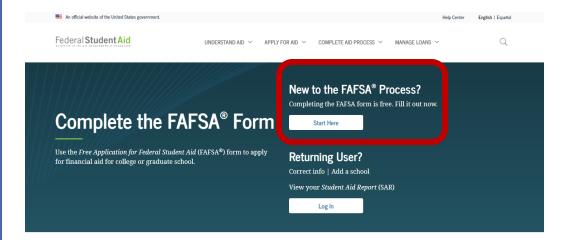
### Tips:

- **Do not sacrifice** accuracy to meet a deadline!
- Make sure to check **each school's** financial aid office individual deadline.
- If going out of state, check that state's FAFSA deadline





# FAFSA <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov">https://fafsa.ed.gov</a>



#### FAFSA® Announcements

#### Changes to Your Family's Financial Situation

If your or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the application (including the transfer of tax return and income information), submit your FAFSA form, then contact the school you plan to attend to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Note that the school's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. Visit <a href="StudentAid.gov/coronavirus">StudentAid.gov/coronavirus</a> for more information.

### **WASFA**

https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

#### New User

- Complete a WASFA for the first time
- Eligibility questionnaire

### **NEW USER**

Learn More & Start a New WASFA

#### Returning User

- Make a correction/Add a school
- Submit an application for a new year

### **RETURNING USER**

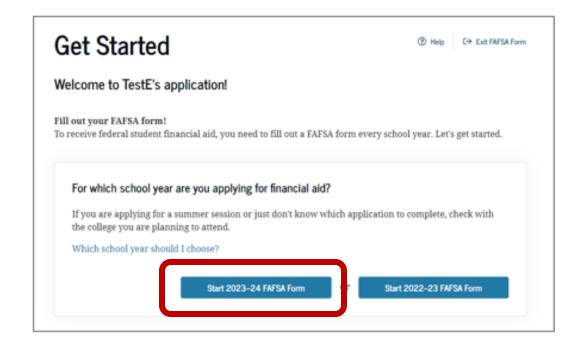
Info & Log-In

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Select the correct year





### **FAFSA**



### WASFA

#### Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) STEP 1: STFP 2: STEP 3: **Select Schools** Start WASFA Sign WASFA Start the WASFA application process. Select the schools that you want to Sign your WASFA. receive a copy of your WASFA. Select the action to the right of the WASFA application, in the table below, to process your WASFA for each available academic year. You will be provided a list of schools that will receive your WASFA and must electronically sign the document to complete the process. Dependent students will be instructed to invite a parent to sign their WASFA before the application will be submitted. You may make changes at any time by selecting the action for starting and completing an application. Start, edit or complete an application. Invite a parent to sign an application. Sign an application. View an application. Download an application. 2019-2020 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) Not Started 2020-2021 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) Not Started

Why is this important? Because if you apply for the wrong year, you won't receive financial aid!

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Sections



## **FAFSA**

**WASFA** 

Student Demographics	2 School Selection	3 Dependency Status	Parent Demographics	5 Parent Financials	6 Student Financials	7 Sign & Submit
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Your Date of Birth

#### Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

2022-2023 Washington Application for State Financial Aid

		STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS	1 2 3 4
0	Student Demographics	Save and Exit Save and Continue	Complete
	Washington State Information	Personal Information	
	Educational Plans	Required Field	or ITIN Card.
	Dependency Determination	If you don't have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN Card, your first/last name should match the name you your college(s).	provided to
	Student Income & Tax Data	First Name • ELVIRA	
	School List	Middle Initial	
	Not Started	Last Name *	
Ø.	In Progress Completed	Gender (Male, Female, or X)  Female   Indicate whether you are male, female, or X.	

# 3. Review WASFA: State Residency

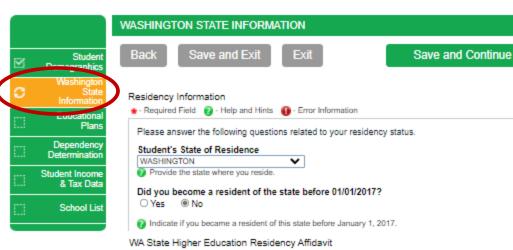


Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

2022-2023 Washington Application for State Financial Aid

## Residency information:

- 1. High school diploma or equivalent doesn't need to be earned in WA state
- 2. The law now requires that a person must live in Washington for one year, or 12 consecutive months, prior to starting college.



Choosing "I will not meet eligibility" will open questions about DACA

### Why is this important?

Complete

 It will determine your eligibility for instate tuition and state financial aid

Students must be residents to qualify for Washington in-state tuition rates at public institutions and meet residency requirements for state financial aid programs at participating schools. The Residency Affidavit is one way to show you are a resident. The affidavit is a promise between you and the institution determining residency. To be able to certify this affidavit, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Earn a high school diploma, GED, or diploma equivalent before your first term at the college determining residency.
- Maintain a primary residence in Washington for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before your first term at the college determining residency, and
- Promise that one of the following is true:
  - You will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States as soon as you are eligible to apply. And, that you are also willing to engage in activities designed to prepare you for citizenship, including citizenship or civics review courses, or
  - You are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident.

#### Please choose one of the following \*

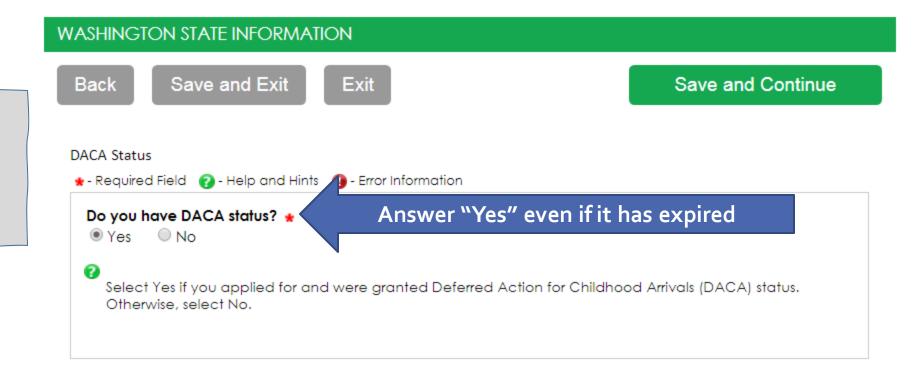
- I certify that, by the official start date of my first term at the college determining residency, I will have met the eligibility requirements above.
- I will not meet the eligibility requirements above by the official start date of my first term at the college
  determining residency. I want to learn other ways to meet residency requirements for in-state tuition and
  state financial aid.

## 3. Review WASFA: DACA



# Why is this important?

 It will determine your eligibility for state work-study



# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Academic Plans COLLEGE

# **FOUNDATION**

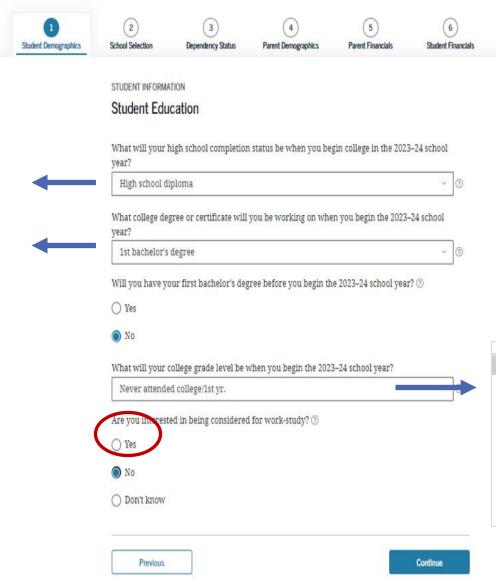
#### Select

High school diploma GED certificate or state authorized high sch Home schooled None of the above

#### Select

1st bachelor's degree 2nd bachelor's degree Associate degree (occupational or technical program) Associate degree (general education/transfer program) Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of Teaching credential program (nondegree program) College graduate/professional degree (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.) Other/undecided

HS Seniors: Even if you have dual enrollment or taken college credits (i.e.; Running Start), you will choose this option.



Why is this important? Because program and year in college affect type and amount of aid you can receive.

#### Select

Sign & Submit

Never attended college/1st yr.

Attended college before/1st yr.

2nd yr./sophomore

3rd yr./junior

4th yr./senior

5th yr./other undergraduate

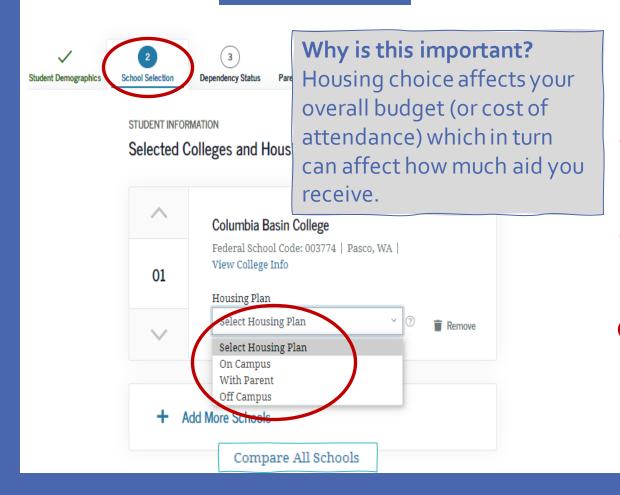
1st yr. college graduate/professional (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.)

Continuing graduate/professional or beyond (MBA, M.D., Ph.D., etc.)

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: School Selection

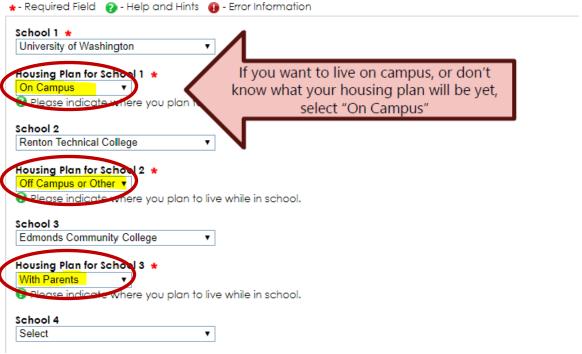


### **FAFSA**



### **WASFA**

Select the schools to receive a copy of your WASFA, along with your housing plans for that school. Select at least one school and up to ten schools to receive your information.



Tip: Select up to 10 schools. Give yourself options and backup plans!

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Whose information should you report?





## BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS ONLY

(& stepparent IF married to biological parent)



Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, and aunts and uncles <u>are not considered parents</u> unless they have legally adopted the student.

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Parent Scenarios SUCCESS FOUNDATION

Scenario	You will select the following answer:	Heads up
Able to provide parent(s) information	☐ "I will provide parent information"	No follow up required

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Parent Scenarios SUCCESS FOUNDATION



Scenario	You will select the following answer:	Heads up
Unable to provide parent(s) information	<ul> <li>"I am unable to provide parent(s) information"</li> <li>"I have a special circumstances and I am unable to provide parent(s) information"</li> <li>"I understand I must follow up with the financial aid administrator after I submit the FAFSA."</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No EFC calculated</li> <li>Follow up with the financial aid office;</li> <li>supporting documentation required</li> </ul>

- The following are examples of some special circumstances where you may submit your application without providing parental information:
  - · Your parents are incarcerated; or
  - · You have left home due to an abusive family environment; or
  - . You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted).

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Parent Scenarios SUCCESS FOUNDATION



Scenario	You will select the following answer:	Heads up
Unwilling to provide parent(s) information	<ul> <li>"I am unable to provide parent(s) information"</li> <li>"I do not have a special circumstance, but I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Very limited funding available</li> <li>Some financial aid offices may consider an appeal if stepparent refuses to provide information.</li> </ul>

- Not all situations are considered a special circumstance. The following are situations that would not be considered a special circumstance:
  - You do not live with your parents;
  - Your parents don't provide you with financial support;
  - · Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses;
  - Your parents don't claim you as a dependent on their income tax return;
  - Your parents do not want to provide their information on your application.

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Parent Section



### **FAFSA**

Since you have been identified as a dependent student, you will need to provide information about your parent(s). You must identify and report information about your parent(s) even if you don't live with him or her. Use the following criteria to determine whose information you should report in the "Parent Demographics" and "Parent Financials" sections of the FAFSA® form:

My parents live together (married or unmarried).

My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with one parent more than the other.

My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with both parents equally.

Tip1: Marital status AS OF THE DATE FAFSA/WASFA is completed

**WASFA** 



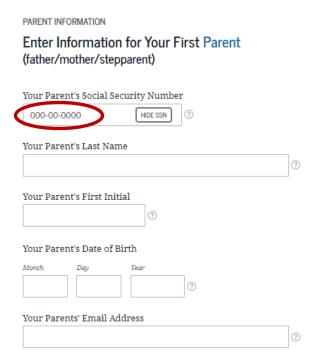
"Parent" refers to a biological or adoptive parent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted you. In case of divorce or separation, give information about the parent you lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, give information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support. If your divorced or widowed parent has remarried, also provide information about your stepparent.



# 3. Review FAFSA/ WASFA: Parent(s) w/ no SSN



### **FAFSA**



### WASFA

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Please provide the following inform	ation about your father/mother/stepparent.
Parent 1 SSN *	
	epparent's Social Security Number. If your parent does not have a Social zeros (000000000). No dashes are necessary.
Parent 1 Last Name \star	
Jane	
Indicate your father's/mother's/st	epparent's last name.
Parent 1 First Name 🗶	
Parent 1 First Name * Smith	



Parent 1 Information



# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Whose taxes to use?



- If parents are living together, report both parents' information
- If parents are not living together, report information about parent identified below
- If parents are divorced and remarried, report information about parent identified below and stepparent.
  - Parent(s) with whom student LIVES with more than HALF of the time; If equal time, then...
  - Parent who provides more than HALF of student's financial support.

## Tip

It doesn't matter who claims student on taxes.

Number of parents and marital status have to match.

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Who lives at home?



### **FAFSA**

## **Enter Information for Your Parents' Dependents** Do not include yourself (the student). How many other dependent children do your parents have? Include the other dependent children of your parents if they . will rely on your parents for more than half of their financial support between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022; • can answer "no" to every dependency status question on the FAFSA® form. How many other dependents do your parents Include your parents' other dependents if they · now live with your parents, · currently receive more than half of their support from your parents, · will continue to receive more than half of their financial support from your parents between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

### **WASFA**

#### Parents' Household Number of Family Members \*

4 **▼** 

10 Indicate the number of people in your parents' household. You should include:

- · Yourself, even if you don't live with your parents,
- Your parents,
- Your parents' other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if (a) your parents will provide
  more than half of their support between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, or (b) the children were
  considered dependent students by the Department of Education standards (they must be able to
  answer "No" to every question in Dependency Determination section of this process), and
- Other people if they now live with your parents and your parents provide more than half of their support and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

Note: Do not include siblings who are in U.S. military service academies.

#### Parents' Household Number in College \*

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② Indicate the number of people in your legal parents' household who will be college students between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. You may include others only if they will attend a college, university, institution, or technical school, at least half-time in 2019-2020, for a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.



May include unborn child

Live-in



significant otherunless receiving 50% of financial support



Cannot include parents in number attending college

Check your answers!

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Household information



## **Federal benefits**

- Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)
- ☐ Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA How to enter financial information





Family files taxes and it is eligible to use IRS
Data Retrieval tool





Family files taxes but it is NOT eligible to use IRS Data Retrieval tool



Family doesn't file taxes

Manually enter information on FAFSA or WASFA





### WHO CAN USE IT?

- Must have valid Social Security Number
- Must have filed 2020 federal tax returns; no amendments.
- No change to marital status since 12/31/2020
- Must have filed as single or married filing jointly





### WHO CAN'T USE IT?

- Those married filing separately
- Those married filing as head of household
- Those unmarried and living together
- Filed using ITIN
- Foreign tax returns
- Victims of identity theft





Based on your responses, your parents are not eligible to transfer his or her information from the IRS into this FAFSA® form.

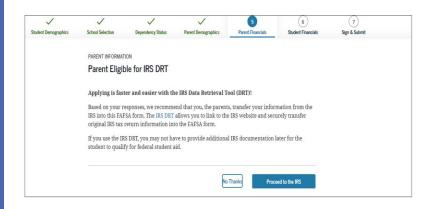
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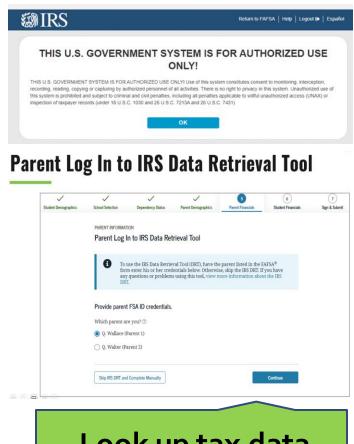


Applying is faster and easier if you transfer your tax return information into this FAFSA® form with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)!

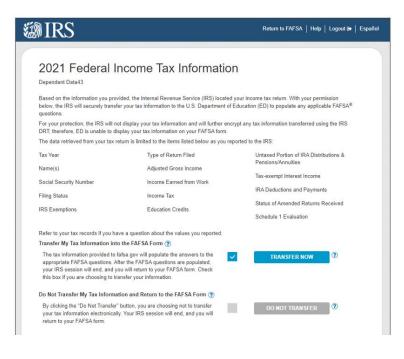


## Parent Eligible for IRS DRT





Look up tax data



**Link to IRS** 

Transfer to FAFSA

## 3. Review FAFSA: Data Transfer





You have successfully transferred your 2021 IRS tax information.

Your IRS tax information has been successfully transferred into this FAFSA® form. Questions that were populated with tax information will be marked with "Transferred from the IRS." For your protection, IRS tax return information is not displayed on the FAFSA form.

Transferred tax information will not be viewable on FAFSA or SAR.

What was your adjusted gross income for 2021?

Transferred from the IRS

# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: **Manually Entering Data**



**WASFA** 

Parents' AGI from Income Tax Return \* 😰 Indicate the adjusted gross income shown on your parents' income tax return. Adjusted gross income is shown on IRS Form 1040-line 7. Parents' Taxes Paid from Income Tax Return \* 😰 Indicate the total amount of income taxes paid by your parents. The paid income tax amount is shown on IRS Form 1040-line 13 minus Schedule 2-line 46. If negative, enter a zero here.

> What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2021? This amount is found on IRS Form 1040-line 11.



Enter the amount of your parents' income tax for 2021.

This is the total amount of IRS Form 1040—line 22 minus Schedule 2—line 2. If negative, enter a zero here.



# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Additional \$\$ Information



- Cash, checking, saving, stocks, bonds, UGMA and UTMA (if you are the owner) balances as of the day you fill out the form. Amounts.
- Benefits such as Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Free or Reduced-Price School Lunch (FRL); Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); 5) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits. YES/NO answer
- Untaxed income such as child support received, non-educational veteran benefits, refugee assistance, etc.
   Do not include foster care or adoption assistance payments, EIC, student aid, child tax credit, welfare, untaxed SS/SSI. Amounts.
- Investments (net worth amount):
  - Farm If you don't live in it, report net worth of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc.
  - Business: Include net worth if family owns/controls less than 50% and has 100 or more full-time staff.
  - Properties If you don't live in it, report net worth.

<u>Exclusion of CARES Act emergency aid</u>: Any CARES Act emergency aid you received this year does NOT need to be included. This guidance also applies to institutional emergency aid awarded as a result of COVID-19 expenses.



# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: College Saving Plans



Owner	Report as	Treatment of Qualified Distribution
Dependent Student	Parent asset (balance)	Not reportable
Parent of Dep Student	Parent asset** (balance)	Not reportable
Independent student	Student asset (balance)	Not reportable
Another family member or third party	Ignored	Report as untaxed income to the beneficiary*

<sup>\*</sup>Report the year after it was distributed; if used for non-qualified expenses, report under adjusted gross income

<sup>\*\*</sup>Parents with multiple college savings plans must report ALL balances (i.e.; multiple children) every year, for every child.

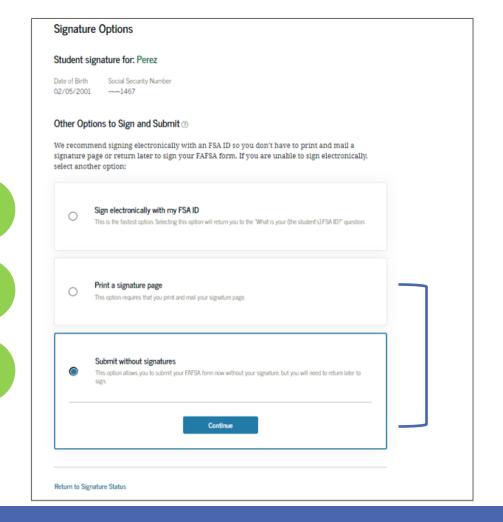
# 3. Review FAFSA NEW Demographic survey



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0	These questions don't affect aid eligibility.
	Your answers to questions in this survey will not affect your eligibility for federal student aid and will not be used in any aid calculations.
What is ;	your gender?
○ Male	
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O Noni	pinary
O Decli	ne to answer
Are you	transgender?
○ Yes	
No No	
O Decli	ne to answer
What is :	your ethnicity? Choose all that apply.
Not I	lispanic nor Latino origin
Cuba	n descent
Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano descent	
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Othe	r Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin
Decli	ne to answer

What is your race? Choose all that apply:	
☐ White	
Black or African American	
✓ Asian	
Chinese	
Filipino	
Asian Indian	
☐ Vietnamese	
☐ Korean	
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# 3. Review FAFSA Signatures





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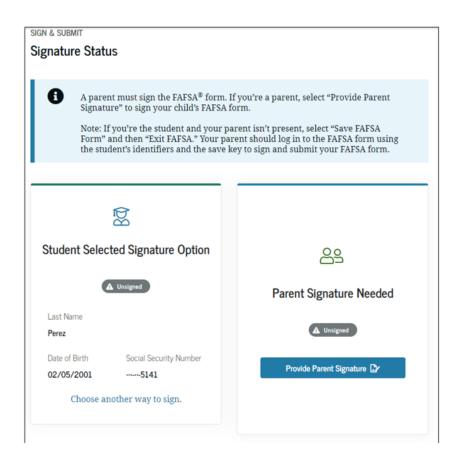
- Parent does not have a SSN
- Unable to resolve name, SSN, date of birth mismatch (so FSA ID doesn't work)
- Forgot login credentials and unable to recover account

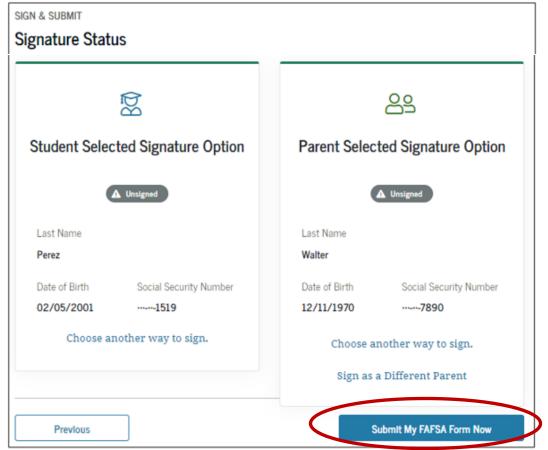
### Tips:

- Don't forget to mail it to the address provided in form itself.
- Keep a copy for your records.

# 3. Review FAFSA Signatures







# 3. Review FAFSA Application status





? Help

C→ Exit FAFSA Form

STUDENT INFORMATION

Welcome to INDEPENDENT TESTER's application!

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**Current Application Status:** 



Congratulations, your FAFSA form was successfully processed.

#### What Happens Next

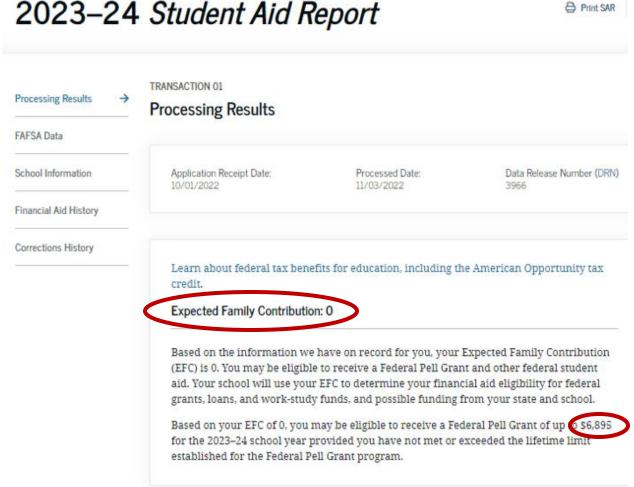
- Your FAFSA information was made available to the school(s) you listed on your FAFSA form.
- Your school(s) will use your FAFSA information to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package contact your school(s).

Original Application: Submitted on 10/01/2022; Processed on 10/18/2022

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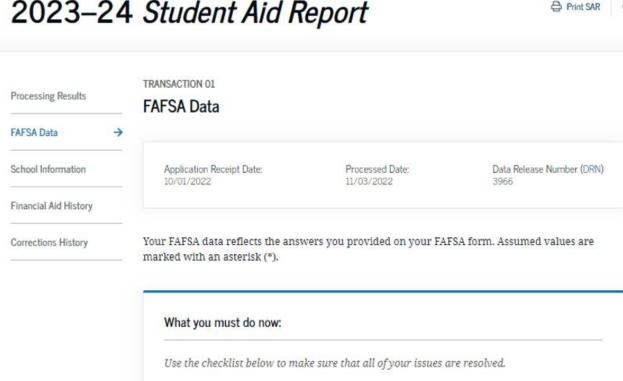
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## 3. Review FAFSA **Student Aid Report**

## 2023–24 Student Aid Report



. If you need to make corrections to your information, select "Make Correction" on the "My FAFSA" page using your account username and password (FSA ID). If you need additional help with your Student Aid Report (SAR), contact your school's financial aid office or select the "Get FAFSA help" link from the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or email address changes, you can make the correction online.



#### Heads up:

Here's where you'd find information in case the student needs to make corrections or was selected for verification.

## 3. Review FAFSA **Student Aid Report**



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OMB No. 1845-0001

DATA RELEASE NUMBER (DRN): 2245 EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC): 000000 C

Dear JOHN SMITH.

Your Student Aid Report (SAR) Acknowledgement summarizes the information you submitted on your 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Status (review the checked boxes)



Your FAFSA appears to be complete. **Review the data on pages 2 and 3.** We may have assumed certain information to calculate your eligibility for federal student aid. We printed any assumptions we made and the word "assumed" for the items on the back of this page. If you need to make corrections, you can go to https://fafsa.gov and use your FSA ID to access your information or you can contact the financial aid office at one of the schools you listed on your application for assistance. The school(s) listed on your FAFSA will receive your information.

#### Federal Student Aid Eligibility (review the checked boxes)

The data submitted on your FAFSA is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which is 000000.

The EFC is **not** the amount of money that your family must provide. Rather, you should think of the EFC as an index that colleges use to determine how much financial aid you would receive if you were to attend their school. Financial aid may include grants (free funds that do not have to be repaid), work-study (paid part-time employment), and/or low-interest loans (borrowed funds that must be repaid). This award information will vary from college to college because the cost of attending each is different. Please note that your EFC is subject to change if you update or correct your FAFSA. For more information about the EFC and other sources of aid, go to StudentAid.gov.

#### Heads up:

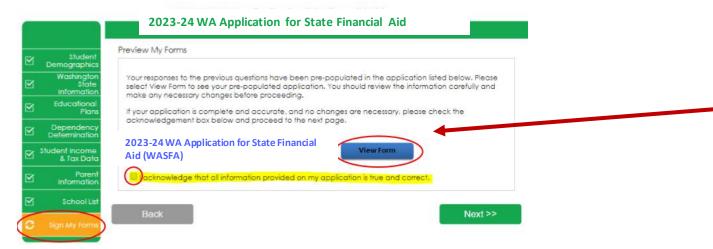
Read cover letter closely and follow any instructions.

If you see an asterisk next to your EFC, the student was selected for verification.

Encourage student to gather financial documents to submit to the financial aid office.

# 3. Review WASFA: Student Aid Report





- Not Started

Calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC): 87 Certifications and Signatures WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and have to repay any financial aid received as a result. Print Student's Name Student's ID Number Electronically signed By 10/1/2019 9:28 PM Student's Signature (Required) Electronically signed By 10/1/2019 9:39 PM Parent's Signature (Required) Date

- You MUST open and review this form before you can acknowledge that the information is true and correct. The form will open in a separate tab.
- Make sure to review all answers carefully before signing and submitting.
- Once you have viewed it you can close the window, check the box acknowledging your information is true and correct, then click on the Next button.

# 3. Review WASFA: Student Signature



#### Electronic Signature Process

Student Certification and Electronic Signature: The Washington Student Achievement Council requires that you certify your application by submitting an electronic signature. To certify your application, read the text below and provide an electronic signature by typing your name in the answer field. I certify or declare under penalty of periury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing information is true and correct. By typing my full legal name I provide my electronic signature.

Name on File:	MARIA REBECCHI
First Name:	Provide the first name used when you created your account.
Last Name:	Provide the last name used when you created your account.
Password:	Provide the password used to access this website.
Current City:	Place (City and State) Where Electronic Signature Was Completed: The Washington Student Achievement Council requires that you certify your application by submitting an electronic signature.
Current State:	Place (City and State) Where Electronic Signature Was Completed: The Washington Student Achievement Council requires that you certify your application by submitting an electronic signature.

mportant Notice: In order to complete this process a parent must electronically sign your WASFA application. After you electronically sign the application, select the parent signature invitation action and low the instructions.

#### Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

#### STEP 1:

#### Start WASFA

Start the WASFA application process.

#### STEP 2:

#### Select Schools

Select the schools that you want to receive a copy of your WASFA.

#### STEP 3:

#### Sign WASFA

Sign your WASFA.

Select the action to the right of the WASFA application, in the table below, to process your WASFA for each available academic year. You will be provided a list of schools that will receive your WASFA and must electronically sign the document to complete the process. Dependent students will be instructed to invite a parent to sign their WASFA before the application will be submitted. You may make changes at any time by selecting the action for starting and completing an application.

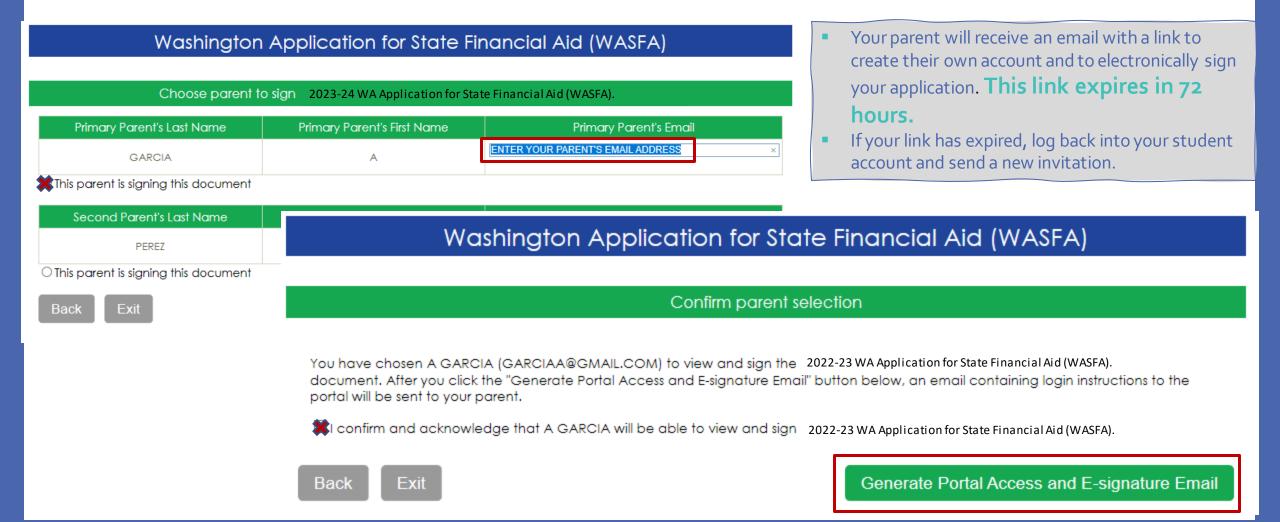
- Start, edit or complete an application.
- View an application.
- Invite a parent to sign an application
- Sian an application.

- - Download an application.

Document Name	Status	Actions
2022-23 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Not Started	<b></b>
2023-24 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Incomplete – Parent Signature Pending	9
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# 3. Review WASFA: Invite Parent to Sign





## 3. Review WASFA: Parent Receives Invite



Action Required - WASFA Parent Signature Inbox x

wasfa@wsac.wa.gov

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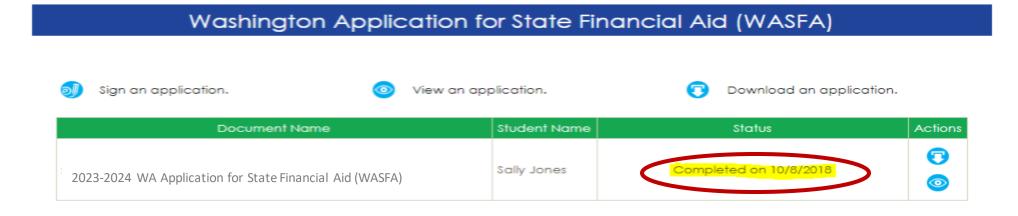
Sally Jones has selected you to sign the 2022-23 Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). Your username is

Parent Portal and login with your current user name and password to sign this application.

3:42 PM (13 minutes ago)

@gmail.com. Please log in by going to the

If you have any questions about your account or the signature process please contact the Washington Student Achievement Council at wasfa@wsac.wa.gov or 888-535-0747.



# 3. Review FAFSA/WASFA: Common Mistakes



## We already covered:

- ✓ Not filing your FAFSA or WASFA...early!
- ✓ Submitting an incomplete or inaccurate application
- ✓ Errors in name, SSN, DOB
- ✓ Incorrect answers to Dependency questions
- ✓ Wrong marital status
- ✓ Errors in number of family members in household & in college
- ✓ Entering the wrong income information
- ✓ Forgetting to sign and submit the form!



## 4. Address Special Circumstances



### Within the application:

- No social security number
- Parents' marital status and taxes

## Within application AND gather

### <u>documentation</u>:

- Homelessness
- Self-supporting
- Unaccompanied minor
- Foster Youth
- Deceased parents
- Incarcerated parents
- Emancipated, legal guardianship, ward of the court

## Prepare dependency override

- Unable to locate parents
- Staying with family members/friends

### <u>Prepare special circumstance appeal:</u>

Changes in family income

**SUBMIT** 

Unexpected/additional expenses



Prepare your petition using this tool: https://formswift.com/swift-student

## 5. Prepare for Next Steps



### 1. Get your <u>Student Aid Report</u>

- Within 3-7 days, the student's FASFA application will be processed
- Within 24 hours, the student's WASFA application will be available to the financial aid office(s)
- Review your answers for accuracy
- Make corrections if necessary
- Provide missing signatures if necessary

### 2. Contact your financial aid office

- There may be additional paperwork you need to complete
- Check your email and student portal <u>regularly</u>. Respond <u>promptly</u> to any requests.
- Prepare petitions or appeals and gather documentation if you have any special circumstances we discussed earlier.

### 3. Reapply every year in October

## 5. Prepare for Next Steps: Timeline





















Accept or

decline your

financial aid

offer

Complete your **FAFSA** or **WASFA** 

> Repeat every year on October 1

Results sent to colleges & universities



Prepare your appeal or petition, gather documents, send to schools

Receive instructions on next steps



Respond promptly

If offer is

insufficient,

consider

appealing

award letter -Review



Ask questions, adults, out-of-pocket costs

Receive an carefully!



discuss with calculate your

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We have tons of resources in our

- 2. Powerpoints
- 3. Handouts:
  - ✓ Required documents
  - ✓ Special circumstance appeals



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