



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

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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

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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**

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? 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

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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!**

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

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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**

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

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

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7 What will your grade level be when you begin the 2022-2023 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

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8 What is my parent scenario?

A I'm ABLE to provide parent information

If you are able to provide parent information, indicate so and fill out your FAFSA/WASFA with your parent(s) information

B I'm UNABLE to provide parent information

You are unable to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA, due to experiencing a special circumstance . Please indicate so on your FAFSA/WASFA. You will have to provide additional documentation to your financial aid office to verify your special circumstances

C My parent(s) is/are unwilling to provide their information

If your parent(s) is/are unwilling to provide parent information, but you do not have a special circumstances, indicate so on your FAFSA/WASFA application. Please note, there is very limited financial aid funding available. Try to explain to your parent(s) the importance of providing their info on your application. You may consider submitting an appeal to the financial aid office explaining your circumstances, but approval is not guaranteed.

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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** and are **not** living together, report information of parent with whom you live with more than half of the time. If equal time, then report information of parent that provides more than half of student's financial support

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C Both Parents

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

D Parent and Step Parent

If parents are divorced and **remarried**, report information about **parent and step parent** that student lives with more than half of the time. If equal time, then report parent and step parent info that provides more than half of financial support.

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

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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

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