

FINANCIAL AID-HOW TO GET STARTED

Items/Information Needed to Complete the FAFSA

- Student & Parent social security number
- Student & Parent birthday
- FSA ID (electronic signature) for Student and Parent
- Parent's **2020 tax return** OR parent's social security number, birth date, and address used to file their taxes

How to Apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- **Go to: fafsa.ed.gov or <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>**
- If you are a new user click on "Start Here"
- Returning users go to "Log In"
- Click on student or parent circle and follow the directions
- If you have not created a FSA ID you will need to do so. Follow the prompts to create one. Both student and parent will need an FSA ID.
- It is recommended to write the usernames, passwords, and security questions down and keep them safe for future reference
- Go back to Log In page and enter your FSA ID
- Choose the 2022-2023 FAFSA application and click "continue"
- Follow the directions to answer the necessary questions
- **When beginning the "financial information" tab be sure to click the blue button that says "Link to IRS" – this will pull all tax information directly from the IRS and put it into the correct boxes – the FAFSA will not be complete until this is done**
- At the end of the FAFSA, the student and parent will need to "sign" the FAFSA using the FSA ID's they created and then click "submit" – this completes the FAFSA
- Please contact a counselor or the career center staff with any issues or questions

How to Apply for the WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid)

State Financial Aid for Undocumented Individuals and Select Non-Citizens

Washington State offers financial aid programs to students who aren't eligible for federal financial aid because of immigration status. These students still need to meet other program requirements.

Items/Information Needed to Complete the WASFA

- DACA ID Number or Alien Registration Number or Residency status
- Financial information (income, number of people in household)
- Student's birth date & Parent's birth date

Washington State offers financial aid programs to students who aren't eligible for federal financial aid because of immigration status. These students still need to meet other program requirements.

Go to <https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>

- Read the directions to determine if you are eligible to complete WASFA
- Click on the NEW USER button to get started
- Remember to write down the log in information and keep it in a safe place for future reference
- Follow the directions to complete the remainder of the WASFA and click "submit" at the end

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STEPS TO CREATE AN FSA ID

Students looking for College Scholarships and Financial Aid will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). At the end of your application, you and your parent must agree to the FAFSA certification statement and sign your application. The easiest way to sign your application is electronically using an FSA ID. You and your parent will need your own individual FSA ID's for your signatures to be applied. Verify your e-mail address. **(This is optional, but helpful.** By verifying your e-mail address, you can use your e-mail address as your username when logging into certain websites. This verification also allows you to retrieve your username or reset your password without answering challenge questions.)

FAFSA & FSA ID Websites: fafsa.ed.gov and/or fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm

Be sure to enter your information accurately.

Your information will be verified by the Social Security Administration and making a mistake, especially with your social security number, birthdate or name, will cause delays. It takes two to three days for your FSA ID to be processed.

Student Information

Email Address (**Do NOT use your school email**): _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Answer to Challenge Questions (answers are case sensitive):

Challenge Question Answer 1: _____

Challenge Question Answer 2: _____

Challenge Question Answer 3: _____

Challenge Question Answer 4: _____

Save Key: _____

Parent Information (if appropriate)

Email Address: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Answer to Challenge Questions (answers are case sensitive):

Challenge Question Answer 1: _____

Challenge Question Answer 2: _____

Challenge Question Answer 3: _____

Challenge Question Answer 4: _____

Save Key: _____