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Wolves Weekly Update -November 9, 2023

Seniors! The new FAFSA/WASFA opens for the 2024-25 School Year in December (exact date has not been announced)

What To Do Before December:

1. Create your application ID now! It can take up to 3 days for your account to be approved and that wait time may increase the closer to the opening day we get. Financial aid can often be first come, first serve so you'll want to fill out one of these applications ASAP!
2. Attend a Financial Aid Community Workshop. Events and more information can be found at <https://ehs.lwsd.org/counseling/college-and-career-center/financial-aid-for-college-career>

Why You Should Fill Out the FAFSA/WASFA:

1. FAFSA/WASFA is a free application for financial aid through the federal/state governments. Note: FAFSA is available for legal residents of the United States and WASFA is available for any undocumented resident who has lived in Washington for at least one year. You do not fill out both applications unless a college requests it of you.
2. Even if you do not qualify for income-based assistance, completion of the FAFSA/WASFA may be required for college-based financial aid and is a safety net in case of future financial difficulties.

What's New This Year:

1. Shorter: questions for FAFSA will be reduced to just 36 questions from 108
2. Easier: importing income data from tax records will be more simple
3. Better: The FAFSA Simplification Act (FSA) represents a significant overhaul of the underlying processes and methodologies for determining federal student aid eligibility and more families will qualify based on new formulae

More information from the sources: [FAFSA® Application](#) | [Federal Student Aid](#) & [WASFA \(Washington Application for State Financial Aid\)](#) | [WSAC](#) General information about financial aid and scholarships: <https://ehs.lwsd.org/counseling/college-and-career-center/financial-aid-for-college-career>



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