# **EHS COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

Wolves Weekly Update -November 22, 2023

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

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For seniors planning to attend college or a career/trade school for the 2024-2025 school year, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is undergoing BIG updates. As a result, the updated FAFSA will be available in December 2023, no later than December 31st. To stay informed and receive up-to-date notifications, visit the U.S. government's <u>Student Aid website</u>.

#### To Do Before December:

- 1. <u>Create your application ID now!</u> It can take up to 3 days for your account to be approved; that wait time may increase the closer we get to opening day. FAFSA funds can often be first-come-first-serve so fill out the application ASAP! Those without an SSN will be able to create an FSA ID when the FAFSA goes live.
- 2. Attend a Financial Aid Community Workshop. Events and more information can be found on Eastlake's Financial Aid page.
- 3. Visit Eastlake's Financial Aid page to learn more about financial aid and the application process!

### Why You Should Fill Out the FAFSA/WASFA:

- 1. FAFSA/WASFA is a free application for financial aid through the federal/state governments.
  - a. Note: FAFSA is available for legal residents of the United States. WASFA is available for undocumented residents or for other personal reason who have lived in Washington for at least one year.
  - b. You do not fill out both applications unless a college requests it.
- 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.

#### More information from the sources:

- FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid
- WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) | WSAC

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- 2024-25 FAFSA Prototype
- <u>Eastlake's Financial Aid page</u> (overview, community events, videos, slides, and much more)





