COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

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Redmond High School's College & Career Center is dedicated to preparing and supporting students for their next steps- whether that be college, technical programs, or entering the workforce. Find useful college and career planning information and resources on the CCC Website: College & Career - Redmond High School

Need more help or guidance, email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org or schedule a meeting with her HERE!

Upcoming October Events in the CCC

Check the CCC website for more information and for up-to-date lists under the CCC Events Calendar. There are numerous rep visits throughout fall and changes occur frequently so be sure to check for updates!

October 28, 10:50 – 11:20 AM College Rep Visit

- **University of Oregon (Eugene, OR)**
- **University of the Pacific (CA)**

October 29, 1:00 – 1:45 PM College Rep Visit

- **The George Washington University (DC)**

October 31, 12:00 – 12:30 PM College Rep Visit

- **The University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)**

Check the CCC Events Calendar on the **CCC website** for details and future events.

Planning to attend UVA next fall?

Jefferson Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors who demonstrate excellence and exceptional potential in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and engaged citizenship. Recipients receive the entire cost of attendance at UVA and many supplemental enrichment experiences—a value of nearly $364,000.

To be eligible to compete, a nominee must:

1. Be an enrolled member of the current graduating class who has not yet received a diploma.
2. Be selected by their school as the nominee.
3. Not have been previously nominated for a Jefferson or Walentas Scholarship.
4. Planning to attend the University of Virginia (must not apply ED to other colleges)

If you meet the criteria and would like to be nominated for the Jefferson Scholarship, please email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org by Oct. 31 with the following:

1. Name, email, date of birth
2. 1 letter of recommendation and unofficial transcript
3. Address how you meet the stated criteria: Excellence in leadership, scholarship, and engaged citizenship.

The selected nominee will be notified by Ms. Wu around November 15th.

A Look at College Application Deadlines

College application deadlines vary depending on the type of application and the institution. Here's a general overview for U.S. colleges:

1. Early Decision (ED):
   - Usually November 1 or November 15
   - Binding — if accepted, you must attend
2. Early Action (EA):
   - Typically November 1 or November 15
   - Non-binding — you can apply to other schools
3. Regular Decision (RD):
   - Most deadlines fall between January 1 and January 15
   - Decisions are usually released in March or April
4. Rolling Admission:
   - Applications are reviewed as they're received
   - Deadlines can range from fall to spring, but applying early increases your chances
5. Transfer Applications:
   - Commonly due between March and May for fall admission

For the most accurate dates, check each college's admissions website or the Common App portal (commonapp.org).

A Walkthrough of the Common App

Here's a short video from Common App to help you begin your journey to applying for colleges: https://youtu.be/rM2x2j03haU

The FAFSA and CSS Profile are Now OPEN!

The CSS Profile and the FAFSA are now open for the 2026-2027 school year. Seniors should complete both of these financial aid applications as soon as possible so you can be considered for need-based financial aid. Learn more about the CSS Profile HERE.

START PLANNING YOUR COLLEGE OR CAREER PATHWAY TODAY

- *Explore potential career options and the educational pathways to get you there.*
- *Consider Washington's public and private four year colleges and community and technical colleges.*
- *Look into apprenticeships, where you can earn money while learning a trade.*
- *Learn how national service opportunities can advance your education, as well as your career.*

Financial aid and scholarships are available to help

- Apply now for 2025-26 or 2026-27. Estimate your award with the financial aid calculator.
- Understand your financial aid options, including state financial aid programs and private scholarships.
- Need more help? Attend a virtual filing event, or contact OtterBot!

REMEMBER! You can only apply to either the FAFSA or the WASFA, but not to both! These free financial aid applications are available in English and in Spanish.

SHOULD YOU COMPLETE A FAFSA OR A WASFA?

If you are unsure if you should complete a FAFSA or a WASFA, complete the WASFA Questionnaire for more information; however, anyone uncomfortable with submitting a federal FAFSA form can use the WASFA to apply only for state aid.

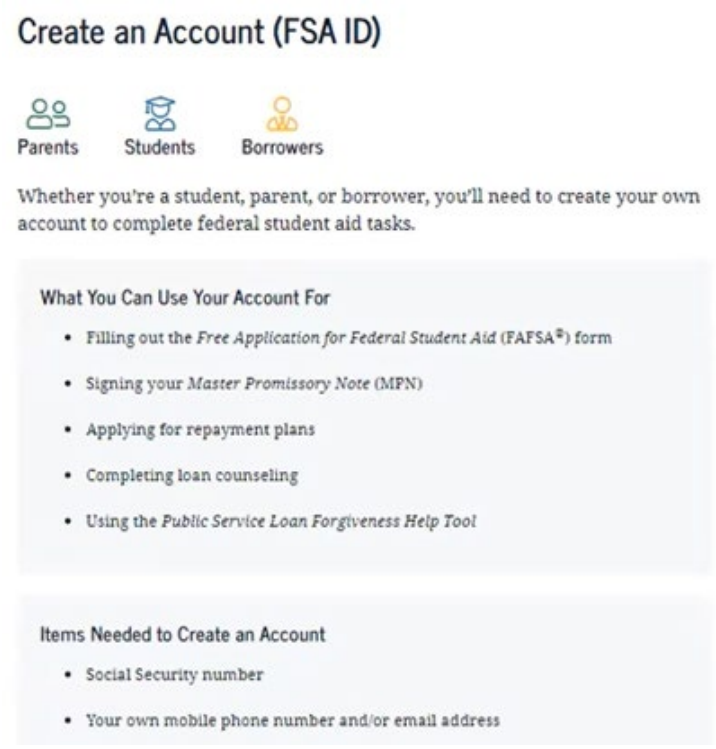
There are various reasons people may choose to complete a WASFA instead of a FAFSA. For example:

- *You or your parent(s) are undocumented or do not qualify for federal financial aid because of your immigration status.*
- *Your parent(s) or family member(s) do not wish to file a FAFSA.*
- *You have privacy concerns about filing a FAFSA.*
- *You or your parent(s) do not and will not file federal income taxes.*
- *You have federal loans that are in default.*
- *You owe a repayment on federal grants.*

A note on privacy: Students and families are asked to provide personal information when applying for financial aid. It's a necessary part of the process, but it's natural

to have concerns about privacy. Anyone uncomfortable with submitting a federal FAFSA form can use the WASFA to apply only for state aid; however, they will miss out on any federal aid they could be eligible for. Whether applying with FAFSA or WASFA, students and families should read any available privacy statements to understand where their data is going and how it is used.

FSA ID – The First Step to the FAFSA





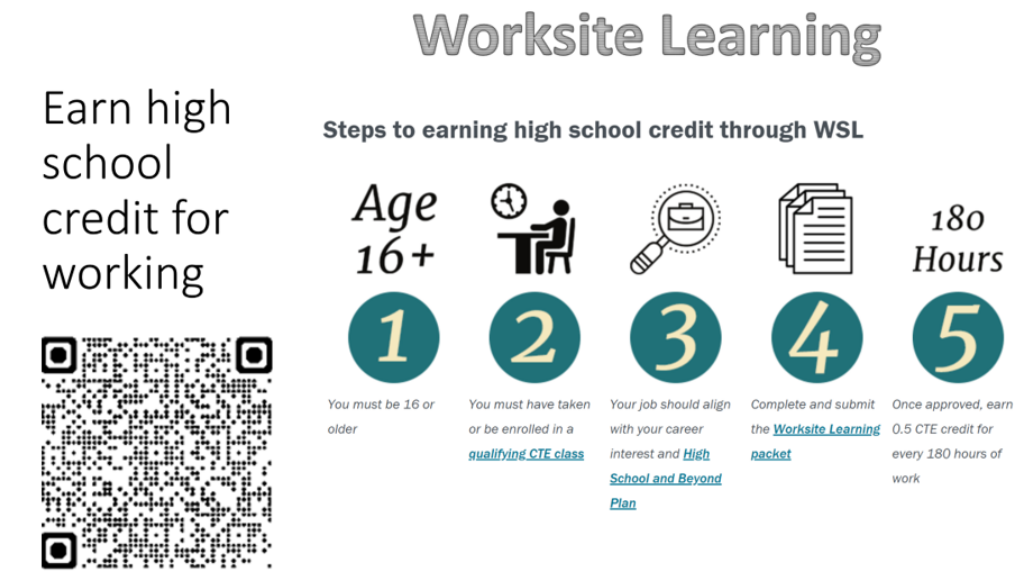


This session is intended only for North American students and families applying as non-EU/non-UK applicants to Irish

universities. **Wednesday November 5, 7-8 pm Eastern Time**
Registration: https://tinyurl.com/DegreesinIreland2025

If you are unable to attend live, feel free to register anywhere, as the webinar will be recorded and shared following the even

Email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org if you are interested!





Planning a trip next summer?

Join this exciting 11-Day adventure through the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador in Summer 2026. This student travel opportunity includes a hike in the Mindo Cloud Forest, a trip to the Equatorial Line, visits to animal reserves, snorkeling expeditions with wild iguanas and sea lines, and so much more.

Are you interested? Email Ms. Borgen at sborgen@lwsd.org!

There is also a $200 credit through 11/10!

Check the CCC website and the bulletin boards for announcements, *scholarships* and opportunities!