Financial Aid Advising Day

Take the First Step to Paying for College or Career Training
Create Your Account Today for the FAFSA or WASFA

Completing the FAFSA? Your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) is the first step!

Creating an FSA ID is the first step to completing your FAFSA. The FSA ID is required for students to electronically sign the FAFSA. Parent(s) of a dependent student will also need to create an FSA ID to complete the application.

To create an FSA ID, go to https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch or scan the QR code to the left. Complete this form to keep track of important information related to your FSA ID. Please bring this document to your financial aid completion event.

This information should be kept confidential and stored in a secure location.

1. **Enter An Email Address**: _____
The email address must be unique to you. Students and parents will not be able to use the same email address. DO NOT use your high school email account.

2. **Create a Username**: _____
Your username is created by you and must be 6 — 30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthdate. Your username will be unique to you.

3. **Create a Password**: _____
Must be 8 — 30 characters and contain upper- and lowercase letters and numbers. Avoid personal identifiers like your name, phone number, and birthdate.

4. **Complete Your Profile**:
1. Enter your social security number (if applicable)
2. Enter your birthdate
3. Enter your name exactly as it is listed on your social security card (if applicable) Errors can cause delays.

5. **Challenge Questions and Answers**
There are several challenge questions for you to choose from, but you will need to select four. Write your selected questions and answers below. Your answers are case sensitive.

Challenge Question 1: _____
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Challenge Question 2: _____
Challenge Question Answer 2: _____
Challenge Question 3: _____
Challenge Question Answer 3: _____
Challenge Question 4: _____
Challenge Question Answer 4: _____

6. **Verify Your Email Address, Phone Number, and Save Your Back Up Code**
Federal Student Aid will send an email with a code to verify your email address. They will also text you a code to verify your mobile phone number. Your backup code lets you access your account if you cannot use any other two-step verification method. **Your Backup Code is:** _____

The FSA ID is your first step. Once your FSA ID is verified in 1-3 days, you need to continue to the FAFSA.gov to apply for financial aid!

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for people who don't file a FAFSA application.

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)
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A person should complete the WASFA if they are undocumented or do not qualify for federal financial aid because of their immigration status. The WASFA can also be used in limited circumstances by other select applicants who cannot or choose not to file a FAFSA.

Completing the WASFA? Creating your WASFA account is the first step!

To create an WASFA Account go to https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig or scan the QR code to the left. Complete this form to keep track of important information related to your WASFA. Please bring this document to your financial aid completion event. When you file the WASFA you will invite your parent to sign your application.

This information should be kept confidential and stored in a secure location.

1. **Enter An Email Address**: _____
The email address must be unique to you. Students and parents will not be able to use the same email address. DO NOT use your high school email account.

2. **Create a Password**: _____
Passwords should contain 8-16 characters, include at least one upper case and one lower case letter, and one number or any of the following symbols ! @ $ % * ( ) ?. Do not include common words or names, and combine uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.

3. **Select a Secret Question and Create an Answer**: _____
If you forget your password you can use your secret answer to verify your identity.

4. **Complete Your Profile**:
1. Enter your first and last name
2. Enter your birthdate
3. Enter your Social Security, DACA, or ITIN (optional, if you do not have a SSN, DACA, or ITIN leave this blank).

5. **Save Your WASFA ID:**_____
When you complete the WASFA application for the first time you will receive a WASFA ID. Your WASFA ID is a unique, nine-digit WASFA ID, starting with 980.

Creating your WASFA account is your first step, you need to continue to the https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa to apply for state financial aid!