Financing Your Education: FAFSA, WASFA, Scholarships & More!

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WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY COLLEGE?

- We mean any type of education or training after high school.
- There are many options for students after high school including apprenticeships, military, on-the-job training programs, community college certificates, 2-year degrees, & 4-year degrees.
- The term college includes all of these things.

What is financial aid?

Financial aid is money to help pay for college or career school. Grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships to help make college affordable.

What is included?

Grants

- Income-based, federal, state and institutional.

Scholarships

- Merit and income-based, from public, private, and nonprofit sources.

Loans

- Income-based, federal and private.

Work Study

- Income-based, federal, state and institutional.

Sources of Financial Aid

Federal	• Typically, can be used at most schools in most states.
State	• Typically for residents to attend most colleges in the state.
College	• Offered by a specific school to attend that school.
Organizations	• Offered by non-profits, business, churches etc.

Rule of One

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

OR

WASFA

Washington Application for State Financial Aid

FAFSA

Federal Student Aid

Grants	• Pell Grant
Work	• Federal Work-Study
Loans	• Unsubsidized/Subsidized Student Loans
Parent Loans	• Parent PLUS Loan



WASFA

State Financial Aid

Grants
- Washington College Grant, Opportunity Grant

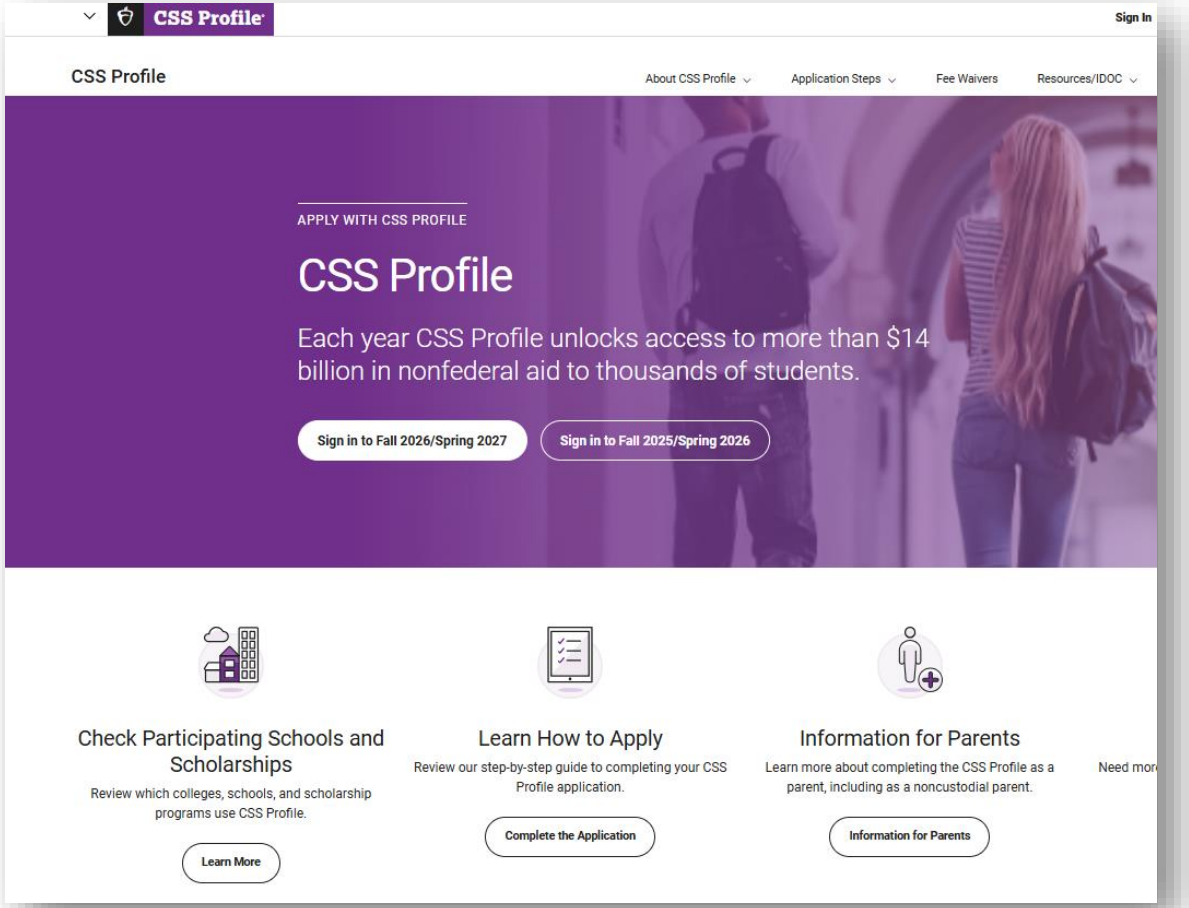
Work
- State Work-Study

Scholarships
- College Bound

Other
- Passport to Careers (college, app

WASFA
Washington Application for State Financial Aid

Double Dip?


CSS Profile
Sign In
CSS Profile
About CSS Profile
Application Steps
Fee Waivers
Resources/IDOC
APPLY WITH CSS PROFILE
CSS Profile
Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than $14 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.
Sign in to Fall 2026/Spring 2027
Sign in to Fall 2025/Spring 2026
Check Participating Schools and Scholarships
Review which colleges, schools, and scholarship programs use CSS Profile.
Learn More
Learn How to Apply
Review our step-by-step guide to completing your CSS Profile application.
Complete the Application
Information for Parents
Learn more about completing the CSS Profile as a parent, including as a noncustodial parent.
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Scholarships

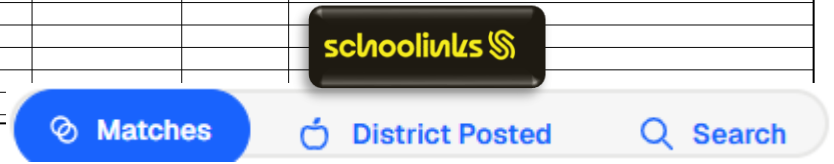
National
- SchooLinks Scholarship Matching (Now)

Local
- SchooLinks District Tab (Dec./Jan. – May)

Institutional
- Check College Websites (Now)

Process
- **1.)** Search/Make a list **2.)** Organize **3.)** Request documents **4.)** Complete apps **5.)** Thank you & follow up

Scholarship Name	Due	Transcript Needed?	Recommendations Needed?	Essay Needed?	Amount of award	Completed?	Website/Notes:



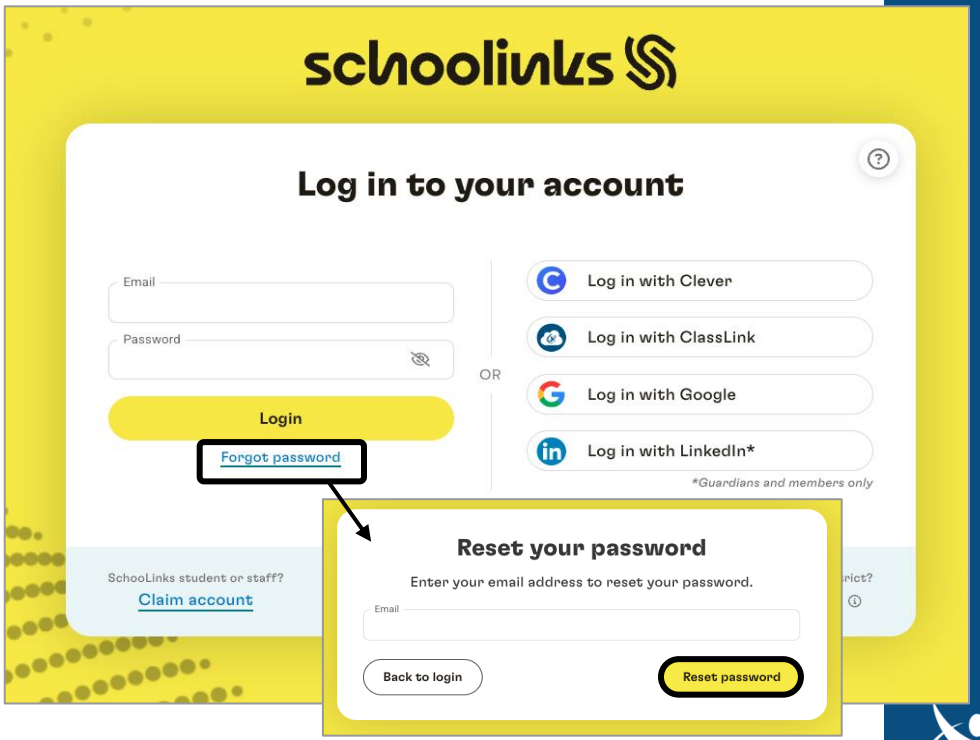
Access Your Guardian Account (Synced Emails)

Logging in for the first time?

Go to app.schoolinks.com

- If the email on file with the district is a Google email, then click **Log in with Google** to sign in.

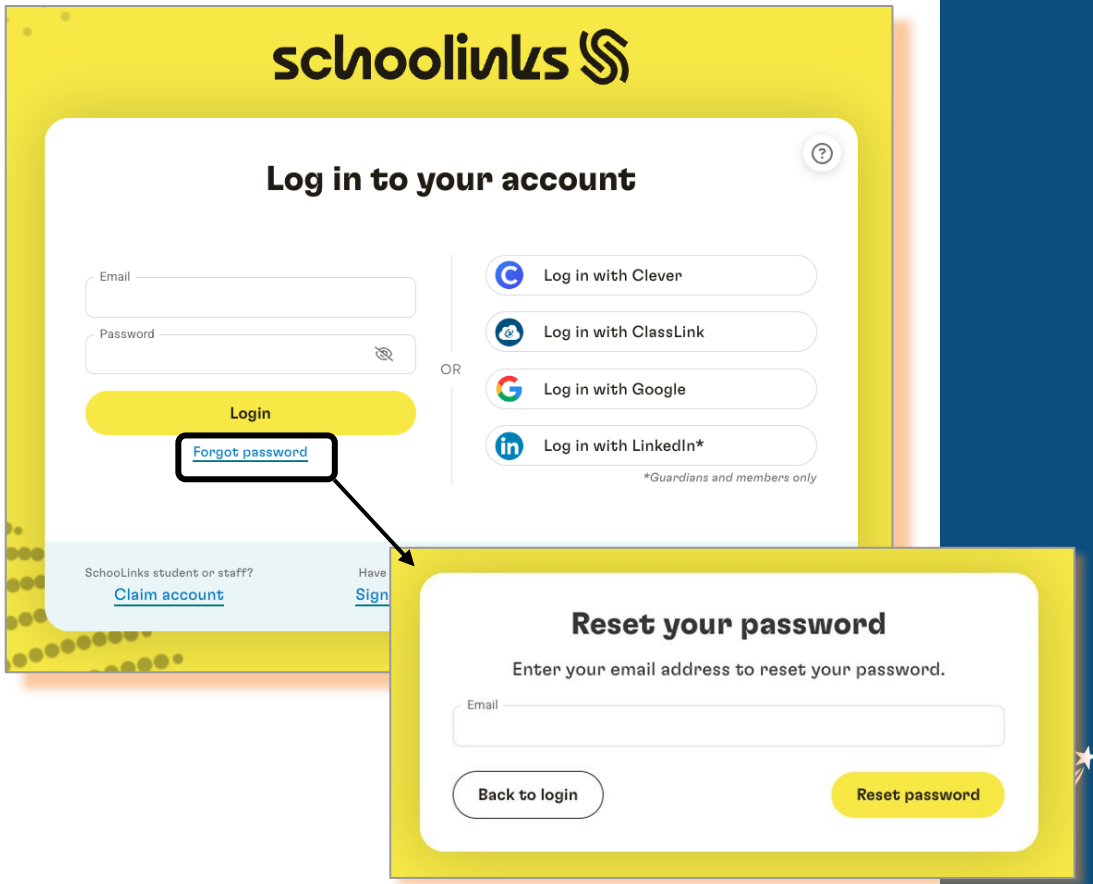
- Otherwise, click Forgot password, enter your email, then click Reset password. You will receive an email with instructions to create a SchooLinks password.



Login to Your Guardian Account

Choose the login method you used to claim your account

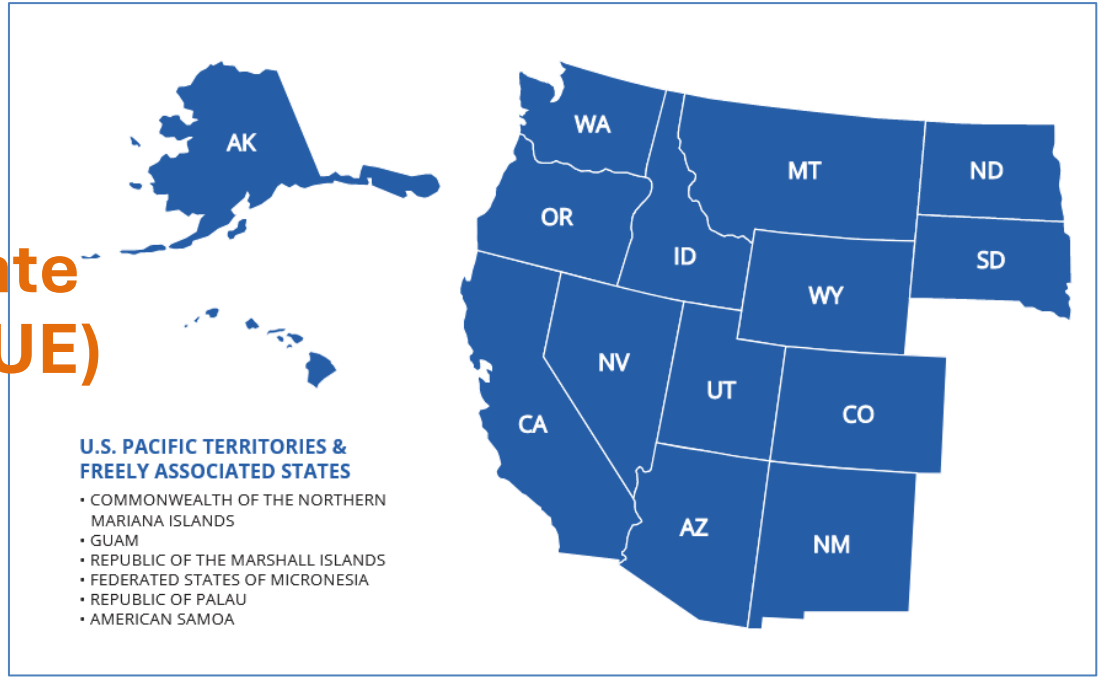
- Email & Password
- Login with LinkedIn
- Login with Google





https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/wue-savings-finder/

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)



What is Cost of Attendance?

Cost of Attendance	Bellevue College	University of Washington Seattle	Eastern Washington University	Seattle Pacific University
Tuition and fees	$4,623	$12,242	$7,776	$57,825
Books & Supplies	$762	$900	$798	$660
Transportation	$1,800	$519	$1,710	$1,710
Personal Expenses	$1,950	$2,508	$1,908	$1908
Room & Board	$17,868	$18,405	$16,116	$16,620
Total Cost of Attendance	**$27,141**	**$35,738**	**$29,550**	**$79,928**

(*All COA do not show all fees included in total cost. All include living on campus)

Financial Aid Timeline



How is my “need” determined?

Cost of Attendance

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Free Money

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Unmet Need

- Family
- Work Study
- Loans
- Scholarships
- Savings

Plan A, Plan B, Plan C?

Do I need to adjust my plan?

- Consider a less expensive school/training option that still allows me to reach my career goal
- If my/my family financial situation has significantly changed, should I submit an appeal
- Checking on status of scholarships I have applied for
- Determine if there are other areas I can cut costs *(working part-time, living at home, online classes, less expensive housing options etc.)*

Where can I find help?







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