

# Financial Aid Application Process

(<https://wsac.wa.gov/apply>)

FAFSA Student	FAFSA Parent/Guardian
File the FAFSA if you are a U. S. Citizen or an eligible non-citizen ( <a href="#">Eligibility for Non-U.S. Citizens</a>   <a href="#">Federal Student Aid</a> )	
WARNING: Students and parents may not use the same phone number or email for their FSA ID.	
<b>Create FSA ID</b> (this will be used to sign the FAFSA)	<b>Create FSA ID</b> (this will be used to sign the FAFSA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch">https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Click on <b>Get Started</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow the directions to create an FSA ID</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch">https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Click on <b>Get Started</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow the directions to create an FSA ID</li> </ul>
<b>Gather the Documents Needed:</b>	<b>Gather the Documents Needed:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alien Registration number if you are not a U. S. citizen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tax information from 2021 including W-2 information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alien Registration number if you are not a U. S. citizen</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tax information from 2021 including W-2 information</li> </ul>
<b>Student FAFSA application</b>	<b>Parent FAFSA application</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> After you create your FSA ID go back to <a href="http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov">www.FAFSA.ed.gov</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Click on <b>Start Here</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose <b>I am the student</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Log in with your new FSA ID and password</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the <b>2023-2024 FAFSA</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Answer the questions and choose to use the Data Retrieval tool when asked</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When you get to the <b>Parent Demographic</b> tab, have your parent/guardian take over</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian answer the questions and choose to use the Data Retrieval tool when asked</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Once you have entered your information the application will ask you for your signature – use your FSA ID password as the signature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian will also need to sign the application using their FSA ID</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Submit</b> your FAFSA application</li> </ul>	<p><b>Note:</b> You may need to wait 24-48 hours after you secure your FSA ID before completing the application. (The system may need that time to process your FSA ID so you can use the Data Retrieval tool.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When students get to the <b>Parent Demographic</b> tab, the parent/guardian takes over to complete the application</li> </ul> <p><b>Hint:</b> Have your 2021 taxes available to complete the application. If you use the <b>Data Retrieval</b> tool you do not need your taxes and significantly lower your student's chances of being asked to complete additional paperwork to verify financial information and the application being processed for final determination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian answer the questions and choose to use the Data Retrieval tool when asked</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Once you have entered your information the application will ask you for your signature – use your FSA ID password as the signature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian will also need to sign the application using their FSA ID</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Submit</b> your FAFSA application</li> </ul>

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WASFA Student	WASFA Parent/Guardian
File the WASFA ( <i>Washington Application for Student Financial Aid</i> ) if you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA	
<p><b>Check your eligibility:</b> <a href="https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig">https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig</a></p> <p><b>Create a New User Account</b> (<i>this will be used to sign the WASFA</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Click on <b>New User</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete eligibility questions to determine if the WASFA is the correct application to use</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Click a <b>Create Your Account</b> on the login page using your <b>Email</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Answer the FAFSA eligibility question to continue</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow the directions to create an WASFA account</li></ul> <p><b>Gather the Documents Needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number, DACA, I-797 Form, or ITIN (<i>optional</i>)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Tax information from 2021 including W-2 information</li></ul> <p><b>Student WASFA application:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> After you create your account click <b>Start, edit or complete an application</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Answer the questions on each page then click the <b>Save and Continue</b> button</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the <b>2023-2024 WASFA</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> If you are a dependent student, you will invite your parents to sign the application</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Choose one parent to sign and click <b>Save and Continue</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Confirm parent selection and click <b>Generate Access and E-Signature Email</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Parent will receive email and be able to create an account to electronically sign the application.</li></ul>	