



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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11th Grade

How to Apply for Financial Aid in OCTOBER!

You and your child should apply for financial aid in October of his or her senior year of high school. For financial aid that comes from the federal or state government, the first stop is the FAFSA. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (https://fafsa.ed.gov/). Students must have a Social Security Number (SSN) or permanent resident card to file the FAFSA. Parents do not have to have either of these to sign on behalf of their child. So if you yourself do not have an SSN, but your child does, your child may still file the FAFSA.

If your child has been granted a DACA SSN, please do not use that to file the FAFSA. That number is for work purposes only. In order to qualify for Federal Student Aid, your child must be a United States citizen or permanent resident.

If your child does not have a Social Security Number, your child can file the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) in order to be eligible for the Washington State Need Grant. Students are eligible to file the WASFA if they have graduated from a Washington high school or obtained a GED (or will do so before beginning college), and have lived in WA for three years. Please go to www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa for more details.

*Check out additional financial aid resources in Naviance Family Connection.

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Did You Know?

The best way to research a college's Cost of Attendance is to use the US Department of Education's Net Price Calculator (http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx).

Use it to estimate how much a college could cost. **Net price** is a term for the **Cost** of Attendance minus any grants and scholarships for which students may be eligible.



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