What is the FAFSA?

FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID
Why should I complete the FAFSA?

Students may qualify for federal or state grants which may pay for college in full. The student may get extra money for living expenses!

You must fill out the FAFSA before you apply for Scholarships, even if you don’t qualify for federal grants.
What do I need to fill out the FAFSA?

- Social Security numbers/alien ID numbers for parents and student. If no social security number for parents, don’t worry! You can still complete the FAFSA if the student has a social security number.

- Driver’s license number (no driver’s license, don’t worry)

- 2021 income tax information may use IRS retrieval tool to do this.

- Other income information such as savings accounts or stocks/bonds.

- List of Schools you are interested in attending (up to 10)
Immigration status and the FAFSA

- If the student has a social security number and your parents do not, you will get the most out of completing the FAFSA. Enter all 0's for parent social security number, print signature page, and have parent sign and mail. The information is not shared with immigration officials, it is only shared with the department of education and with schools with the intention of helping the student with school costs.

- If the student does not have a social security number or alien ID you may still qualify for state aid through the WAFSA. Parents still need to provide their income information.
If immigration status is an obstacle to completing the FAFSA, the WAFSA is an alternative.

Grants come from the state of Washington. Website: https://wsac.wa.gov/WAFSAelig

Does not jeopardize individuals without citizenship or residency.

Only supplies information to the school of choice of the student.

Income information such as pay stubs still required.
The Early bird gets the grants!!

- Apply early to get the most out of your FAFSA.
- Some grants have limited funding, and funds may be depleted later. The FAFSA opened October 1st!
Are you an Independent Student?

If the following applies to you, parent information is NOT required.

- If you are age 24 or over.
- If you have a child or are married.
- Foster care age 13 or later.
- Living with a legal guardian who is not a parent.
- Emancipated.
- Unaccompanied Youth.
- If you are in the armed forces.
FAQ

- What if my parents are divorced?
  - You only need to enter information for the parent who you live with most of the time. This may not be the person who claimed you on taxes and that is ok.

Do I need to fill out the FAFSA every year that I am in school?

  Yes, You will fill out the FAFSA each year that you plan to attend school, but it will be much simpler next year.
FAQ

- Does the FAFSA cover trade school?
  - Yes! The FAFSA covers trade school, online school, vocational schools, and technical schools. The school you are interested in must participate in federal student aid. Check with the school’s financial aid department.

Can I make changes to the FAFSA after it is completed?

You can add schools and update your information by logging in with your FSA ID. For some changes, you will need to talk to the financial aid office at the college you attend.
Scholarships and Grants

- Washington Apple Scholarship- Tree fruit workers (warehouse or field)
- Golden Door Scholarship- For individuals who cannot get federal aid. FULL TUITION!
- Washington Opportunity Scholarship- For careers in trades, healthcare, or STEM.
- Washington College Grant- Workforce and training programs or apprenticeship programs as well as colleges.
Scholarships Community Foundation

- Fill out FAFSA first!!
- 130 different scholarships
- Over 1 million in scholarships awarded locally last year!
- www.cfcnw.org/scholarships
- Scholarships specific to high school graduated from (Brewster, Pateros, Entiat, Dryden, East Wenatchee, etc.)
- ELL scholarship of $2000 (Cascade or Chelan)
- Many scholarships for graduates interested in the field of agriculture.
- Scholarship for FFA participant.