2020-21 FAFSA/WASFA

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AGENDA

1. Get ready
2. Apply
3. Avoid common mistakes
4. Address special circumstances
5. Follow next steps

1. GET READY: IMPORTANT TERMS TO KNOW

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- **FAFSA**
  - FSA ID

- **WASFA**
  - Account

- **Priority deadline**

- **SAR**
  - EFC
  - Verification

- **COA**

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1. GET READY: GATHER YOUR DOCS

GATHER THIS INFORMATION

Social Security number | Alien registration number | Federal tax information or tax returns | Records of untaxed income | Cash, savings, and checking account balances | Investments other than the home in which you live

Tip:
- Report tax and benefits information from **2018**
- Report account balances **as of the day** you complete application

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1. GET READY: GET YOUR FSA ID

https://fsaid.ed.gov

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FSA ID = USERNAME & PASSWORD

WHO NEEDS AN FSA ID?

- A student applying for aid
- One parent, if the student is considered dependent

- Parent and student should use different email addresses

- If parent doesn't have SSN, do not get an FSA ID (do not use ITIN)

- If multiple children, parents can use same FSA ID.

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1. GET READY: SET UP YOUR WASFA ACCOUNT

http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa

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WASHINGTON APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (WASFA)

State Financial Aid for DREAMers

Eligibility for several Washington State financial aid programs has expanded to include students who are ineligible for federal financial aid due to immigration status. Students who meet individual program, income, or residency requirements for the State Need Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, State Work Study, or Passport Scholarship should complete the **free WASFA** (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) to apply for state financial aid.

Before getting started, review the **WASFA instructions** and gather any documents or other information you may need.

New User	**Returning User**
• Create a new profile	• Make a correction/Add a school
• Eligibility questionnaire	• Submit an application for a new year

Start A New WASFA   **Login**

Application Resources:

LOGIN

Email Address:

Password:

Forgot your password?

Sign In

NEED AN ACCOUNT?

To access the WASFA, please create an account.

Create Your Account

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CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT

Please complete the following registration form

★ - Required Field   ❓ - Help and Hints   ❗ - Error Information

Email Address ★

❓ Please ensure that this is a valid, permanent email address that you check regularly.

Confirm Email Address ★

Create 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.

Confirm Password ★

Secret Question ★

Select One ▼

❓ If you forget your password you can use your secret answer to verify your identity.

Secret Answer ★

Register your account

Tip: Please use an email you will be able to check regularly.

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First Name *

❓ If you have a Social Security or DACA Card, your first/last name should match that document. If you don't have a Social Security or DACA Card, your first/last name should match the name you provided to your college(s).

Last Name *

❓ If you have a Social Security or DACA Card, your first/last name should match that document. If you don't have a Social Security or DACA Card, your first/last name should match the name you provided to your college(s).

Date of Birth *

Select ⌄   Select ⌄   Select ⌄

❓ Please enter a valid date of birth.

Social Security, DACA, or ITIN (optional)

❓ Provide the exact number listed on your Social Security, DACA, or ITIN card excluding the dashes. Please use the format 123456789. If you do not have a Social Security, DACA, or ITIN number, leave blank.

What number should you use?

- If you have a SSN, DACA, or ITIN, enter it here. If you don't, leave blank.

2. APPLY: RULE OF ONE

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Students submit <u>one application</u>, not both!

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

fafsa.ed.gov

WASFA

Washington Application for State Financial Aid

readysetgrad.org/wasfa

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2. APPLY: WHEN DO YOU APPLY?

opens
- October 1

priority deadline
- As soon as possible

Tip:
Make sure to check **each school's** financial aid office individual deadline.
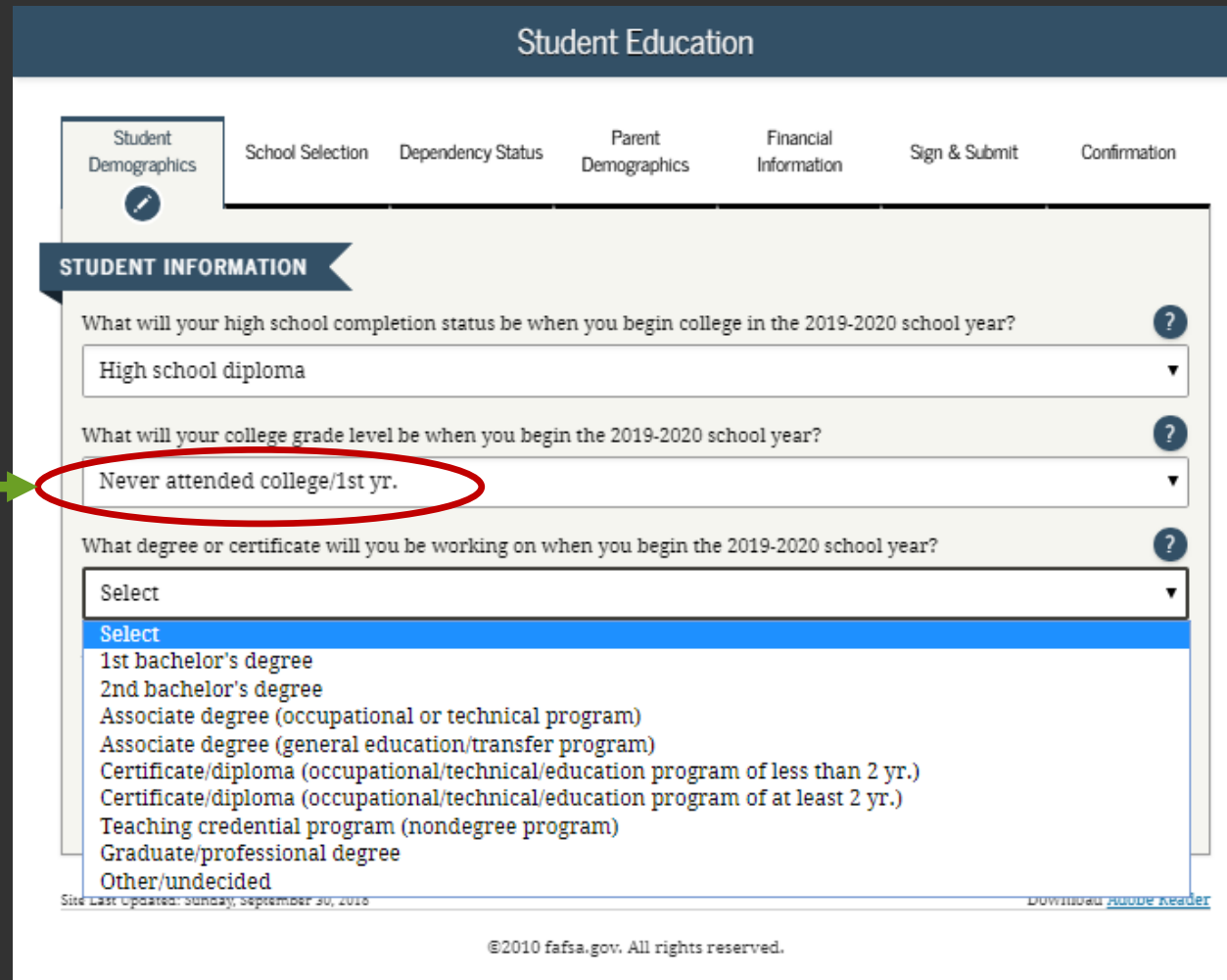
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2. APPLY: FAFSA
https://fafsa.gov

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2. APPLY: LOG IN

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If you log in as student: Enter your FSA ID username and password, and click "Next."

Login

Log in to the FAFSA

Only students may use their FSA ID to log in. Parents and others can start a FAFSA for a student by entering the student's identifiers. Parents and others can also work on a FAFSA form or correction the student started using the **Save Key** that the student made. Help for parents.

Form Approved
OMB No. 1845-0001.
App. Exp. 12/31/2019.

○ I am the student

OR

○ I am a parent, preparer, or student from a Freely Associated State

NEXT ➔

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If you log in as parent: Provide the student's name, Social Security number, and date of birth, and click "Next."

2. APPLY: CHOOSE THE RIGHT YEAR

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2020-2021:
Make sure you choose the right year

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2. APPLY: SAVE KEY

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Create a save key. This is a temporary password that **allows you and your child to "pass" the FAFSA form back and forth.** You will both need it to work in it.

2. APPLY: STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

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2. APPLY: ACADEMIC PLANS

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Even if you have **dual enrollment** or taken college credits (i.e. **Running Start**), you will choose this option.

Student Education

| Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | Financial Information | Sign & Submit | Confirmation |

STUDENT INFORMATION

What will your high school completion status be when you begin college in the 2019-2020 school year?

High school diploma

What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2019-2020 school year?

Never attended college/1st yr.

What degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2019-2020 school year?

Select

- Select
- 1st bachelor's degree
- 2nd bachelor's degree
- Associate degree (occupational or technical program)
- Associate degree (general education/transfer program)
- Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)
- Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of at least 2 yr.)
- Teaching credential program (nondegree program)
- Graduate/professional degree
- Other/undecided

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2. APPLY: SCHOOL SELECTION

1. Get ready
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Search for Colleges

| Student Demographics | School Selection | Dependency Status | Parent Demographics | Financial Information | Sign & Submit | Confirmation |

STUDENT INFORMATION

ℹ Here's where you'll search for the colleges to which you'd like to send your FAFSA information. You can add up to 10 colleges at a time to your FAFSA. If you're applying to more than 10 colleges, follow these instructions.

Make sure you add ALL colleges you're interested in, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet.

State ?
Select ▼

City (optional) ?

School Name (optional) ?

SEARCH TIPS ℹ   ◀ PREVIOUS   SEARCH 🔍

SCHOOL SELECTION:
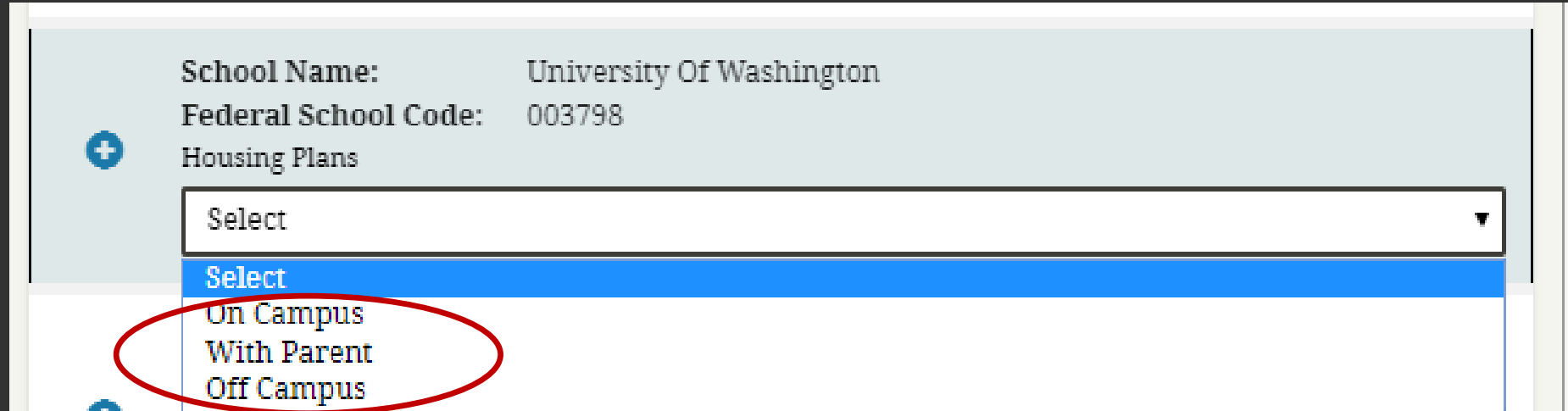
- Select up to 10 schools to receive FAFSA/WASFA information .
- Use Search function to find schools.

Tip:
Use as many of the 10 spaces as possible. This is a way to give yourself options and backup plans.

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2. APPLY: HOUSING PLANS

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Tip:
Housing choice affects your overall budget (or cost of attendance). Financial aid offices use this information to determine how much aid you will need.

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2. APPLY: SCHOOL COMPARISON

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KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

School Name:	KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
School Type:	4-year, Public

Federal School Code:	001968
Address:	MAIN STREET C/O FIN AID OFC
City:	FRANKFORT
Web site:	www.kysu.edu
In-State	$7,754
Out-of-State	$18,056
Net Price Average:	$8,770
Graduation Rate:	21%
Retention Rate:	50%
Transfer Rate:	43%
Additional Information from *College Scorecard*:	NA

Net price: amount left to pay after financial aid is applied.

Tip:
Look closely at these pieces of data which give you insight at how students fare out at this institution; how much are families left to pay on their own. This information should help you make smart decisions! Great questions to ask during campus visits.

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2. APPLY: DEPENDENCY STATUS

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Dependent vs. Independent

Parent(s)

Household

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2. APPLY: DEPENDENCY QUESTIONS

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- Were you born before Jan. 1, 1997?

- Will you be working toward a graduate degree during 2020-21 year?

- As of today, are you married?

- Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?

- Do you have other dependents who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?

- Are you currently a veteran or serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?

- At any time since you turned age 13, were your parents deceased, were you in *foster care*, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?

- Are you an *emancipated minor* or are you in a *legal guardianship* as <u>determined by a court</u>?

- Are you an unaccompanied youth who is experiencing *homelessness* or self-supporting and at risk of experiencing homelessness?

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2. APPLY: DEPENDENCY QUESTIONS

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Unaccompanied

Not in the physical custody of a parent

Homeless

Lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing

Youth

23 years of age or younger

Determined by either:

- McKinney-Vento School district liaison
- Director of HUD/RHYA shelter
- Financial Aid Administrator

Determination required EVERY YEAR

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2. APPLY: DEPENDENCY QUESTIONS

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If student answers "No" to **all** questions, parent information expected – DEPENDENT

If student answers "Yes" to **any** questions, parent information is not expected – INDEPENDENT

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2. APPLY: PARENT(S) SCENARIOS

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	Answer	Heads up
Able to provide parent(s) information	1. "I will provide parent information"	n/a
Unable to provide parent(s) information	1. "I am unable to provide parent(s) information" 2. "I **have a special circumstances** and I am unable to provide parent(s) information" 3. "I understand I must follow up with the financial aid administrator after I submit the FAFSA."	- No EFC calculated - Follow up with the financial aid office; supporting documentation required
Unwilling to provide parent(s) information	1. "I am unable to provide parent(s) information" 2. "I **do not have a special circumstance**, but I am unable to provide information about my parent(s)"	- Very limited funding available - Some financial aid offices may consider an appeal if stepparent refuses to provide information.

2. APPLY: PARENT INFORMATION

1. Get ready
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Tip:
- Parent/s do not have to have a SSN for student to apply. If this is the case, enter 000-00-0000 (do not use ITIN)

- Make sure to select parent(s) marital status accurately.

2. APPLY: WHO IS A PARENT?

1. Get ready
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✔ BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS ONLY

✖ Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older brothers or sisters, and aunts and uncles are not considered parents unless they have legally adopted the student.

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2. APPLY: WHOSE TAXES TO USE?

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If you have been living with an individual who IS NOT a biological or adoptive parent, at least one of your answers to the dependency questions should have been "Yes".

➡ This means you **should NOT** be prompted to answer any questions about an adult in your life.

Tip:
It doesn't matter who claims student on taxes.

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2. APPLY: WHOSE TAXES TO USE?

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Report information about **CUSTODIAL** parent(s) – meaning the parent(s) with whom the student **LIVES with more than HALF of the** <u>time</u> and parent who provides **more than half of** <u>financial</u> **support.**

- IF PARENTS ARE **UN/MARRIED AND LIVING TOGETHER**, REPORT BOTH PARENTS INFORMATION.

- IF PARENTS ARE **DIVORCED AND NOT REMARRIED**, REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT CUSTODIAL PARENT WHO PROVIDES MORE THAN 50% OF SUPPORT.

- IF PARENTS ARE **DIVORCED AND REMARRIED**, REPORT INFORMATION ABOUT PARENT AND STEPPARENT WHO PROVIDE MORE THAN 50% OF SUPPORT.

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2. APPLY: DEFINE HOUSEHOLD

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Parent Household Info

Student Demographics ✓ | School Selection ✓ | Dependency Status ✓ | Parent Demographics ✎ | Financial Information 🕐 | Sign & Submit | Confirmation

PARENT INFORMATION

Household Size

Your parents
2

Yourself, even if you do not live with your parents
1

Your parent's other children (even if they do not live with your parents) if:
a. Your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 or
b. These children can answer "No" to every Dependency Status question on the FAFSA
❓
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Other people if:
a. they now live with your parents,
b. your parents provide more than half of their support, and
c. your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
❓
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Your parents' number of family members in 2018-2019 (household size)
3

Number In College

How many people in your parents' household (as reported above) will be college students between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019? Do not include your parents.
❓
1

Include:
- **Student**, even if not living with parent(s) (i.e. on-campus housing)
- Student's **parent(s)**, or parent and **stepparent**
- The parents' **other children** if:
  ◦ Parents will provide **more than half** of their support from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
- **Other people** if:
  ◦ Parents provide **more than half** of their support, from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Heads up:
- You may need to provide proof of support of other people.
- You may need to clarify if your number of exemptions on taxes does not match the number of family members in the household.
- If any member of household is pregnant, add "1" to the number of family members.

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2. APPLY: FAFSA – IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL

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WHO CAN USE IT?
- Must have valid Social Security Number
- Must have filed 2018 federal tax returns; no amendments.
- No change to marital status since 12/31/2017
- Must have filed as single or married filing jointly

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2. APPLY: FAFSA – LEAVING FAFSA

FAST & ACCURATE

2. APPLY: ARRIVING AT IRS SITE

1. Get ready
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- **Retrieve your tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval tool – if possible!**
  - **SSN, name, date of birth and address must match those used on the tax return**
  - **Street address is tricky**
    - **Example St. does not match ST or Street**

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2. APPLY: TRANSFERRING DATA

If tax information is available, select first statement and then click "Transfer Now"

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2. APPLY: BACK TO FAFSA –DATA TRANSFER CONFIRMATION

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Transferred tax information **will not be viewable** on FAFSA or SAR.

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2. APPLY: ADDITIONAL $$ INFO

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Additional Financial Information

❑ American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit
❑ Child support **paid**
❑ Taxable earnings from work-study, assistantships or fellowships
❑ Taxable college grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS as income
❑ Combat pay or special combat pay
❑ Cooperative education program earnings

Untaxed Income

❑ Payments to tax-deferred pension and retirement savings plans
❑ Child support **received**
❑ IRA deductions to certain Self-employed plans
❑ Tax exempt interest income
❑ Untaxed portions of IRA distributions
❑ Untaxed portions of pension distributions

❑ Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, refugees and others
❑ Veterans non-education benefits
❑ Other untaxed income not reported, such as workers' compensation or disability benefits
❑ 529 distributions owned by someone other than student/parent

• Do not include foster care or adoption payments, EIC, student aid, child tax credit, welfare, untaxed SS/SSI.

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2. APPLY: ADDITIONAL $$ INFO

- Cash, checking, saving **balances** <u>as of the day</u> you fill out the form.

- **Net worth** of investment farm: market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc.

- **Net worth** of business: if family owns and controls more than 50% of the business and the business has 100 or fewer full-time.

Tip:
Net worth: market value minus debt

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2. APPLY: ASSETS

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Assets include:
- Money in cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Businesses
- Investment farms
- Other investments, such as real estate (other than the home in which you live), UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you **are the owner**, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Assets do not include:
- The home in which you live
- Small business
- UGMA and UTMA accounts for which you **are the custodian**, but not the owner
- The value of life insurance
- Retirement plans (401[k] 403(b) plans, pension funds, annuities, non-education IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.)
- Life insurance

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2. APPLY: COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS

1. Get ready
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Savings Plan Owner	Treatment of Assets	Treatment of Qualified Distributions
Dependent Student	Parent Asset	Ignored
Parent of Dependent Student	Parent Asset	Ignored
Independent Student	Student Asset	Ignored
Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Noncustodial Parent, or Other Third Party	Ignored	Untaxed Income to the Beneficiary

Include parent-owned savings for siblings

- **Distributions from 529 plans owned by other members are reported as untaxed income of the student on the subsequent year's FAFSA if used for qualified expenses.**
Non-qualified expenses should be included in the student's adjusted gross income after use.

2. APPLY: SIGNATURES

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Read disclaimer and sign.

Process of signature looks the same for student and parent.

1/3

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2. APPLY: SIGNATURES

- Student: Sign with FSA ID
- Parent: Sign with FSA ID if parent has one; otherwise, will sign a signature page (more in next slides)

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2. APPLY: SIGNATURES

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In this case both student and parent used FSA IDs

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Don't forget to submit!

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2. APPLY: CONFIRMATION

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2018-2019 Confirmation Page

Congratulations, Student!
Your FAFSA was successfully submitted to Federal Student Aid.

Confirmation Number: F 12300003004 03/22/2018 14:07:01 ← **Confirmation number**

Data Release Number (DRN): 3815

What Happens Next
- You will receive an e-mail version of this page.
- In 3-5 business days, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your FAFSA was processed.
- Your FAFSA information will be made available to your school(s), and they will use it to determine the aid you may be eligible to receive.
- Your school(s) will contact you if they need more information or when they are ready to discuss your financial aid award.
- If you have questions about your financial aid package, contact your school(s).

An abbreviated version of your confirmation page has been sent to you at the e-mail address:
stu@stu.com

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2. APPLY: IF NO FSA ID AVAILABLE

My FAFSA - 2018-2019

Welcome, MISSY BLAKE!

| 2018-2019 | 2017-2018 |

Current Application Status: On Hold - Missing Signatures

Your application was submitted without the required signatures and will be incomplete until signatures are received. Therefore, your application is incomplete.

What You Need To Do Next:

- Provide signatures now to complete your application.

PROVIDE SIGNATURES

Print a signature page, sign and mail it to the address provided in form, if:

- parent(s) do/es not have a SSN
- Unable to resolve SSN, date of birth mismatch (so FSA ID doesn't work)

2. APPLY: SIGNATURE PAGE

1. Get ready
2. Apply
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- Here's where you can find and **print the signature page**
- Don't forget to mail it to the address provided in form itself.
- **Keep a copy** for your records.

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2. APPLY: SUBMIT FAFSA

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2. APPLY: STATUS CONFIRMATION

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2. APPLY: STUDENT AID REPORT

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Heads up:
There is not an equivalent report for students completing WASFA. They should log back in and review their answers for accuracy.

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2. APPLY: WASFA ELIGIBILITY

1. Get ready
2. Apply
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5. Follow next steps

1
The Washington Application for State Financial Aid or WASFA is a free application for state financial aid for students who are not eligible for federal aid because of immigration status, including undocumented students. After you complete the WASFA, the college(s) you choose will use your information to determine your state financial aid eligibility. State financial aid could include State Need Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, or State Work Study.

The following questions will ensure the WASFA is the correct application for you.

Start

2
Are you a U.S. Citizen (U.S. National) or one of the following?

- U.S. permanent resident with a Permanent Resident Card (also known as "Green Card").
- Conditional permanent resident (Form I-551C).
- Other eligible non-citizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Parolee," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."
- A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM).
- U.S. national (including natives of American Samoa or Swains Island).
- A T-Visa holder.

○ Yes
○ No

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3
Do you currently have a Social Security Number (SSN), Tax ID, Work Authorization, or have current or expired Deferred Action for Child Arrival (DACA) status from the US Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS)?

○ Yes
○ No

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4
Will you have met all residency requirements below before enrolling in college?

- Graduated from a Washington high school with a diploma, earned a GED, or earned a diploma equivalent. High school graduates must have finished their full senior year at a Washington high school.
- Lived in Washington for at least three consecutive years (36 consecutive months) immediately before the date you earned a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- Continuously lived in Washington after the date you earned a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.

○ Yes
○ No

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5
WASFA Eligible
Based on your responses, you are eligible to file the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). Please click the button below to begin your application.

Click here to apply

Note: You will be redirected from ReadySetGrad to our partnered website, Regent to complete your application. For more information, and to make future updates to your application, please visit: www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa.

2. APPLY: WASFA LANDING PAGE

1. Get ready
2. Apply
3. Avoid common mistakes
4. Address special circumstances
5. Follow next steps

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

STEP 1:
Start WASFA
Start the WASFA application process.

STEP 2:
Select Schools
Select the schools that you want to receive a copy of your WASFA.

STEP 3:
Sign WASFA
Sign your WASFA.

Select the action to the right of the WASFA application, in the table below, to process your WASFA for each available academic year. You will be provided a list of schools that will receive your WASFA and must electronically sign the document to complete the process. Dependent students will be instructed to invite a parent to sign their WASFA before the application will be submitted. You may make changes at any time by selecting the action for starting and completing an application.

- Start, edit or complete an application.
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Document Name	Status	Actions
2019-2020 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Started	
2018-2019 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Not Started	

- Here's where you can keep track of all of your applications.
- Choose what action to take (i.e. apply)

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2. APPLY: WASFA SECTIONS

1. Get ready
2. Apply
3. Avoid common mistakes
4. Address special circumstances
5. Follow next steps

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2. APPLY: IMPORTANT TO KNOW

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WASHINGTON STATE INFORMATION

Back | Save and Exit | Exit | Save and Continue

DACA Status

⭐ - Required Field   ❓ - Help and Hints   ❗ - Error Information

Do you have DACA status? ⭐

Answer "Yes" even if it has expired

⦿ Yes   ○ No

❓ Select Yes if you applied for and were granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. Otherwise, select No.

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2. APPLY: STUDENT SECTION

The application **will ask you twice** about household number of family members and those who are in college.

Example: If a student is unmarried with no children of their own, and is not financially responsible for anyone else, the student's household number is 1, and the student's number in college is 1. Other family members, such as parents and siblings, will be captured in the Parent's section.

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2. APPLY: PARENT SECTION

IMPORTANT:

Parent/s do not have to have a Social Security Number for their child to apply for financial aid.

Parent 1 Information

★ - Required Field   ❷ - Help and Hints   ❗ - Error Information

Please provide the following information about your father/mother/stepparent.

Parent 1 SSN ★

❷ Indicate your father's/mother's/stepparent's Social Security Number. If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, please enter all zeros (000000000). No dashes are necessary.

Parent 1 Last Name ★

❷ Indicate your father's/mother's/stepparent's last name.

Parent 1 First Name ★

❷ Indicate your father's/mother's/stepparent's first name.

- If parent/s do not have a Social Security Number, enter all zeroes.
- Do not use ITIN number

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2. APPLY: RESIDENCY

1. Get ready
2. Apply
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5. Follow next steps

- Make sure to read questions carefully

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1. Get ready
2. Apply
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5. Follow next steps

2. APPLY: RESIDENCY

- Make sure to read questions carefully

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1. Get ready
2. Apply
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2. APPLY: REVIEW

- Make sure to review all of your answers carefully before signing and submitting.
- You MUST open and preview this form before you can acknowledge that the information is true and correct. The form will open in a separate tab. Once you have viewed it you can close the window, check the box acknowledging your information is true and correct, then click on the Next button.

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2. APPLY: STUDENT SIGNATURE

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ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE CONSENT & DISCLOSURES

Electronic Signature Consent & Required Disclosures

You have chosen to electronically sign your application. To continue with the electronic signature process, please review the information below and provide your response to the consent and use of an electronic signature.

Required Disclosures:

- You should verify and review all data provided prior to electronically signing your application. All applications are viewable using Adobe® Acrobat® version 8.0 or higher. An option to download the latest version of Adobe® Acrobat® for free is available by clicking here.

- You can print all documents submitted electronically for your records. All recent applications electronically signed in this website are available for printing any time after the electronic signature process is completed. If your copies are lost or misplaced, you can obtain additional copies by logging back into this website to reprint your most current applications.

- All electronic signatures processed within this website are legally binding and can be used to legally prove that you signed the application.

- There are no additional monetary costs for processing your applications electronically or the use of electronic signatures.

- Please provide your consent. To opt out of the electronic signature process contact us at 888-535-0747 or at wasfa@wsac.wa.gov.

⦿ I consent to the use of an electronic signature option to complete and submit my application.

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ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE PROCESS

Electronic Signature Process

Student Certification and Electronic Signature: The Washington Student Achievement Council requires that you certify your application by submitting an electronic signature. To certify your application, read the text below and provide an electronic signature by typing your name in the answer field. I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing information is true and correct. By typing my full legal name I provide my electronic signature.

Name on File:

First Name: [_____] *
- ❓ Provide the first name used when you created your account.

Last Name: [_____] *
- ❓ Provide the last name used when you created your account.

Password: [_____] *
- ❓ Provide the password used to access this website.

Current City: [_____] *
- ❓ Place (City and State) Where Electronic Signature Was Completed: The Washington Student Achievement Council requires that you certify your application by submitting an electronic signature.

Current State: [▼] *
- ❓ Place (City and State) Where Electronic Signature Was Completed: The Washington Student Achievement Council requires that you certify your application by submitting an electronic signature.

Important Notice: In order to complete this process a parent must electronically sign your WASFA application. After you electronically sign the application, select the parent signature invitation action and follow the instructions.

2. APPLY: INVITE PARENT TO SIGN

1. Get ready
2. Apply
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Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

STEP 1:
Start WASFA
Start the WASFA application process.

STEP 2:
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Document Name	Status	Actions
2018-2019 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Not Started	
2019-2020 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)	Incomplete – Parent Signature Pending	

- Don't forget to invite your parent to sign your application.
- It's an online process even if your parent has a SSN.

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2. APPLY: INVITE PARENT TO SIGN

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Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

Choose parent to sign "2017-2018 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)"

Primary Parent's Last Name	Primary Parent's First Name	Primary Parent's Email
KELLY	MAMA	**Enter parent email**

○ This parent is signing this document

Second Parent's Last Name	Second Parent's First Name	Second Parent's Email
KELLY	PAPA	

○ This parent is signing this document

Back   Exit   **Save and Continue**

- Enter your parent's email address.
- Request portal access
- Your parent will receive an email with a link to create their own account and to electronically sign your application. **This link expires in 72 hours.**
- If your link has expired, log back in to your student account and send a new invitation.
- Once your parent has electronically signed your application, your application will say completed.

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IMPORTANT:

The parent email address **cannot** be the same email address the student used to create the account, and the parent **must** use this email address to create their parent account to be able to sign and submit the student's application.

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

Confirm parent selection

You have chosen MAMA KELLY (███████@gmail.com) to view and sign the "2017-2018 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)" document. After you click the "Generate Portal Access and E-signature Email" button below, an email containing login instructions to the portal will be sent to your parent.

☑ I confirm and acknowledge that MAMA KELLY will be able to view and sign '2017-2018 WA Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)'.

Back   Exit   **Generate Portal Access and E-signature Email**

2. APPLY: INVITE PARENT TO SIGN

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- Parent will have to create an account.
- Parent will have to review all information entered by student prior to signing and submitting the application.

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2. APPLY: PARENT SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION

1. Get ready
2. Apply
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3. AVOID COMMON MISTAKES

- **Name, SSN, DOB mismatch**
- **Dependency questions**
- **Parent(s) Marital status**
- **Number of family members in household v. exemptions**
- **Number of family members in household in college**
- **Untaxed income**
- **Signatures**
- **Selective Service (FAFSA only)**

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4. ADDRESS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Social security numbers
- Parents' marital status and taxes

SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION

- Homelessness
- Self-supporting
- Unaccompanied minor
- Foster Youth
- Ward of the court
- Deceased parents
- Emancipated, legal guardianship

SUBMIT APPEAL + PROOF

- Unable to locate parents
- Incarcerated/deceased parents
- Staying with family members
- Changes in family income
- Unexpected expenses

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5.TAKE NEXT STEPS

1. Get ready
2. Apply
3. Avoid common mistakes
4. Address special circumstances
5. Follow next steps

1. **Get your <u>S</u>tudent <u>A</u>id <u>R</u>eport**
   - Within 3-7 days, you will receive an email confirmation
   - Read first page with comments for next steps
   - Review your answers for accuracy
   - Make corrections if necessary
   - Provide missing signatures if necessary
   - Request tax transcript from IRS

2. **Contact your financial aid office**
   - There may be additional paperwork you need to complete
   - Check your email and student portal regularly. Respond promptly to any requests.

3. **Get accepted and receive financial aid**

offers from each college you applied.
   - Review financial aid offers and compare:
     - Front-loading grants
     - Aid displacement
   - Consider appealing if you have special circumstances
     - Always tell the truth
   - Formally accept/decline the school's financial aid offer (keep an eye on student loan debt!)

4. **Reapply every year in October**

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, HELP?

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