Steps to complete the FAFSA

1 Create a StudentAid.gov account before starting the application. Both students and their contributors will need an account.

2 Collect documents:
- Social security numbers
- Tax returns
- Records of child support received
- Current balances in cash, savings, and investments

3 Determine whether you are a dependent or independent student.

Your dependency status determines whose information you must report when you fill out the FAFSA.

4 Complete the FAFSA application form at studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. You must login with the FSA ID you created in Step 1.

Sections in the application form

- Personal identifiers - your personal information & Consent.
- Personal circumstances - dependent or independent student.
- Demographics- Questions about you and your parents.
- Financials - Tax return information, questions about any federal or state entitlement benefits, investments, real estate or assets.
- Colleges- search & select schools you are considering.
- Signature- Before submitting, you can review and edit information.

5 Sign, Save & Submit Follow the instructions

Check your application status by logging in to your FAFSA account and view "My Activity" in the Status Center.

Not eligible for FAFSA? You might be eligible for state aid through the WASFA

- The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for students who are not eligible for federal funding due to their immigration status.
- The application is free.
- You must reside in Washington State for at least a year before applying.
- Take the WASFA questionnaire to see if you are eligible.

wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig

You should only complete one application, the FAFSA or the WASFA, ⊘ do not complete both.