

Steps to complete the FAFSA

#1

Create a StudentAid.gov account and obtain a Federal Student Aid ID before starting the application.



Both students and their contributors will need an account. A contributor is any person whose financial information is required to complete the FAFSA. Learn more about contributors at bit.ly/4kngmjD



#2

Collect documents.

Students and their contributors will need their:

- 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 all required sections of the FAFSA application form.

You must login with the FSA ID you created in Step #1.



#5

Sign, Save & Submit.

- Acknowledge the terms and conditions
- Electronically sign your form
- Submit!

Note: The FAFSA form is not considered complete until all required contributors provide their information and sign.

What happens next?

Check your application status to make sure it was processed successfully, and no further action is needed.

Log in to your StudentAid.gov account and select your FAFSA submission from the "My Activity" section of your account dashboard to review the application status.

Not eligible for FAFSA?

You might be eligible for state financial aid through the WASFA

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for students who are not eligible for federal financial aid due to their immigration status.

The application is free. You must be a resident in Washington State for at least one year before applying.

Take the WASFA questionnaire to see if you are eligible.

wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig



Only complete one application, the FAFSA or the WASFA, do not complete both.