

## **WASFA – Washington Application for Student Financial Aid**

WASFA Application - <https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/WASFA>

### **State Financial Aid for Undocumented Individuals and Select Non-Citizens.**

The WASFA is a financial aid application **for student's ineligible to file a FAFSA**. Washington State offers financial aid programs to students who are not eligible for federal financial aid because of immigration status. These students still need to meet other program requirements. To find out if you qualify, complete the free WASFA to apply for state financial aid.

The [WASFA](#) provides Washington State Need Grants to low-income, non-citizen students who meet the program's [eligibility requirements](#) and satisfy the residency criteria below:

- 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.

**Students with the [College Bound Scholarship](#) must file their FAFSA or WASFA as close to October 1st of your senior year to receive maximum financial assistance.**

The WASFA is the most important document that a student needs to be eligible for financial aid from state and school levels. It is recommended that you complete your WASFA in October (or as close to October as you can) to ensure you do not miss any college deadlines and receive the best financial package (financial aid is given out on a first-come, first-served basis). However, each college has their own priority filing deadline. For students planning to attend a Washington State school it is recommended that you file your WASFA before January 15<sup>th</sup> – you may still apply after January 15<sup>th</sup>, however the amount of money schools have to distribute begins to be given out by their priority filing deadline. Community colleges require WASFA applications to be submitted by March of senior year.

### **Resources**

College Goal Washington FAFSA/WAFSA - <https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/educators/grad/cgw-students-families>

Washington In-State Tuition Policy 2020 - <https://uleadnet.org/map/washington-policy>

My Undocumented Life - <https://mydocumentedlife.org/>

### **Important WASFA Facts/Reminders**

✓ Make sure you visit the official WASFA webpage at [www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa) to review instructions. It is FREE to file the WASFA!

✓ You will need to fill out the WASFA to qualify for the State Need Grant.

✓ To qualify for financial aid each year, you must file the WASFA for every year you attend school. For example, if you are currently a high school senior, you would be completing the WASFA during senior year to qualify for aid in the following year (freshman year in college). In Fall of your freshman year, you would then complete the WASFA to qualify for aid in your sophomore year. This would continue through each year you attend college.

✓ You may file the 2019-20 WASFA online at [www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa) after October 1, 2020.