

Financing Your Education

H.M. Jackson High School, October 9, 2018

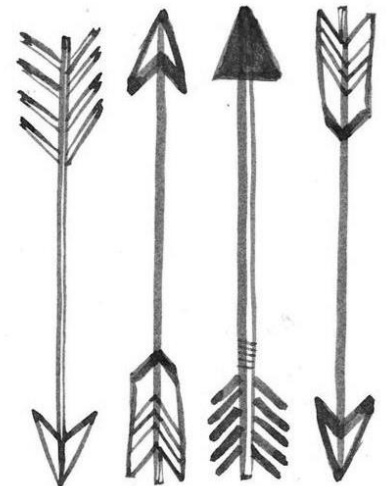


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High School Nights

- ★ What is financial aid?
- ★ Who is eligible?
- ★ How is eligibility for need-based aid determined?
- ★ How do I apply?
- ★ Where does it come from?
- ★ What aid is available?

Topics



Goal of Financial Aid



The primary goal is to assist students with paying for their educational investment by:

- Evaluating family's ability to pay
- Distributing limited resources in an equitable manner
- Balancing gift and self-help aid

Vocab Lesson

FAFSA:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

COST OF ATTENDANCE:

Total expense for the average undergraduate: tuition, room, books, incidentals, etc. Varies widely from college to college.

EFC:

Expected Family Contribution

NEED-BASED AID:

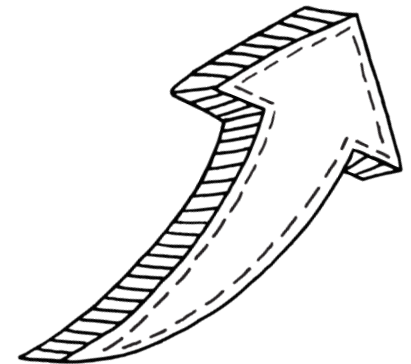
Awarded based on the amount of financial resources

MERIT-BASED AID:

Awarded for recognition (scholarships)

- 1) Enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program of study
- 2) Have a high school diploma or recognized equivalent
- 3) Pursuing a degree, certificate, or other recognized credential
- 4) U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- 5) Registered with Selective Service
(if male and required)
- 6) Valid Social Security Number (SSN)
- 7) Must be making satisfactory academic progress (as defined by school)



Student Eligibility Criteria



How to Apply

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) is available on October 1st each year.

SPU's priority filing deadline is January 15th.

- File FAFSA in one of two ways:
 -  online at <https://fafsa.gov> (fastest)
 -  Paper FAFSA
- Be mindful of important deadlines:
 - Admissions and FAFSA deadlines may vary from school to school.

FSA ID

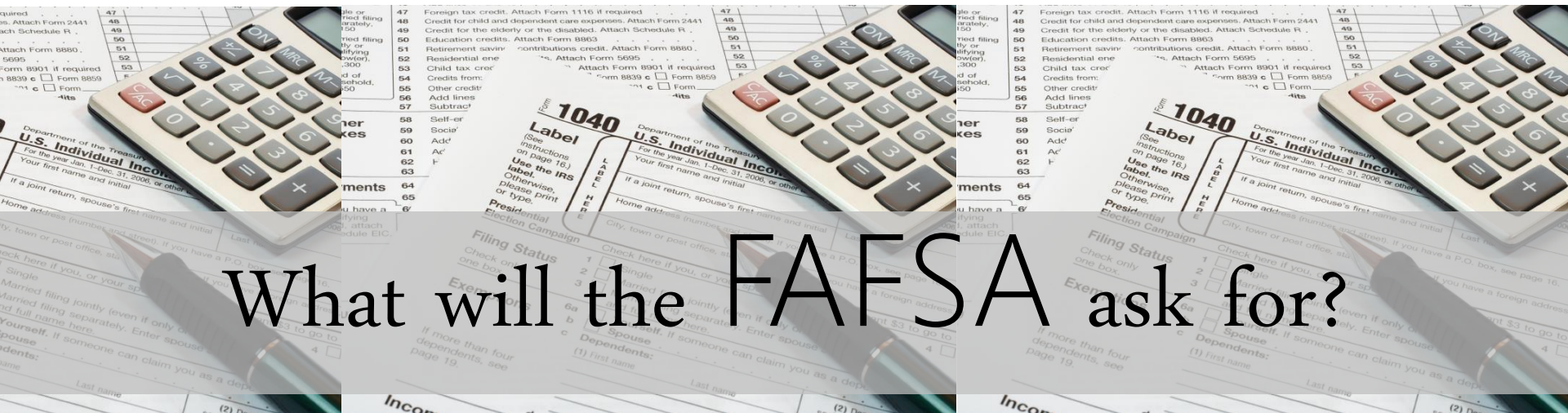
fsaid.ed.gov



The screenshot shows the 'Create an FSA ID' form on the fsaid.ed.gov website. The form is titled 'Please enter your:' and contains five input fields: 'E-mail', 'Confirm E-mail', 'Username', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. Each field has a small circular icon to its right. Below the 'Password' field, there are five checkboxes: 'Numbers', 'Uppercase Letters', 'Lowercase Letters', 'Special Characters', and '8-30 Characters', all of which are checked. A 'Show Text' checkbox is also present. A green 'CONTINUE' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

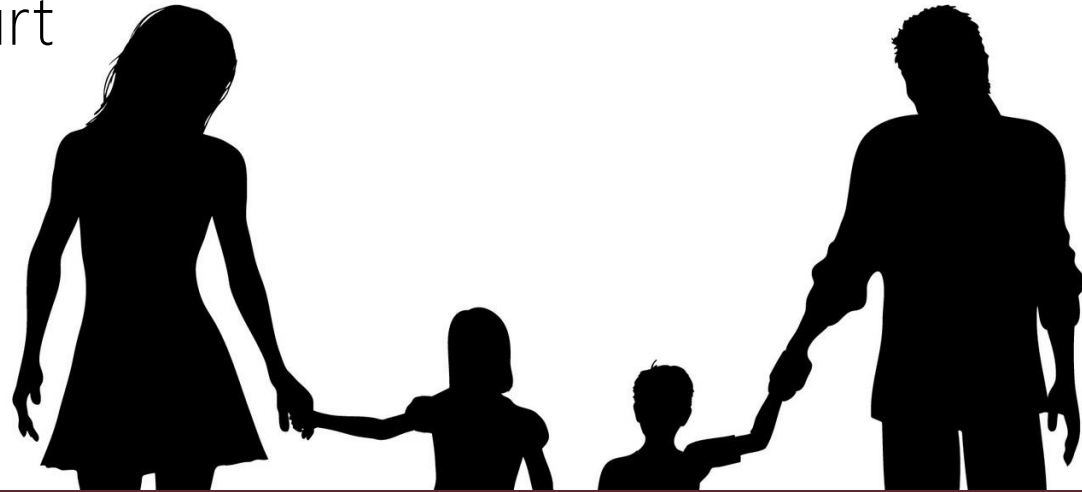
- Your *electronic signature*
- Required for both parent and student (if dependent)
- Used to sign-in to FAFSA, as well as Federal Student Loan and other Federal Aid websites

- ✓ **INCOME:** Parent and student from base year (2017)
- ✓ **ASSETS:** Parent and student as of filing date of FAFSA
- ✓ **HOUSEHOLD SIZE/NUMBER IN COLLEGE**
- ✓ **HOUSING PLANS:** on/off campus or with parent
- ✓ **AGE** of the oldest parent



YES, ALL STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE PARENTAL INFORMATION UNLESS:

- ✓ Unaccompanied Youth/Emancipated Minor
- ✓ Supporting a dependent child
- ✓ Active duty in the military
- ✓ Orphan/Ward of the court
- ✓ 24 years old
- ✓ Married
- ✓ Veteran
- ✓ Graduate Student



Do I need my parent's info?

If my parents are divorced or separated, whose information goes on the FAFSA?

DIVORCED:

If a student's parents are divorced, the student would report the parent ***and stepparent*** (if applicable) whom they lived with longer during the 12 months prior to the date you complete the FAFSA. If the student lived with each parent equally or didn't live with either one, the student should report who provided more financial support.

SEPARATION:

Same rules as divorced parent scenario, but the parents would need to be living in separate residences or be legally separated to mark this option on the FAFSA.



Form 1040	Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service (99)	2017	OMB No. 1545-0074	IRS Use Only—Do not write or staple in this space.
	U.S. Individual Income Tax Return			
For the year Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 2017, or other tax year beginning		. 2017, ending	. 20	See separate instructions.
Your first name and initial	Last name		Your social security number	

IRS Data Retrieval

Filing Status Check only one box.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Single	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Head of household (with qualifying person). (See instructions.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Married filing jointly (even if only one had income)	If the qualifying person is a child but not your dependent, enter this child's name here. ▶
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Married filing separately. Enter spouse's SSN above and full name here. ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Qualifying widow(er) (see instructions)	

- While completing the FAFSA, an applicant may submit real-time request to IRS for tax data.
 - IRS will authenticate taxpayer's identity
 - If match is found, IRS will send real-time results to applicant in a new window
 - Applicant chooses whether or not to transfer data to FAFSA on the web.

- Participation is voluntary

Gross Income	fee-basis government officials. Attach Form 2106 or 2106-EZ	24		
25	Health savings account deduction. Attach Form 8889	25		
26	Moving expenses. Attach Form 3903	26		
27	Deductible part of self-employment tax. Attach Schedule SE	27		
28	Self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and qualified plans	28		

Federal Department of Education may randomly select students for verification

Verification Items can include:

- Number of people in the household
- Number of students in college
- Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Certain types of untaxed income and benefits

Verification Process

Are you a **DREAM**er?

WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid)

State Financial Aid for DREAMers

Washington State offers financial aid programs to students who aren't 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.

Application

Which WASFA application year should I fill out?

Fill out the 2018-2019 WASFA application if you are planning on being enrolled in college (as a new student or continuing student) in fall term 2018 through spring term 2019.

Fill out the 2017-2018 WASFA application if you are enrolled, or plan to be enrolled, in college between now and spring term 2018.

If your first enrollment term will be Summer 2018, check with your college on what application to complete.

2018-19 WASFA Application Now Open!

New User

- Complete a WASFA for the first time
- Eligibility questionnaire

Start A New WASFA

Returning User

- Make a correction/Add a school
- Submit an application for a new year

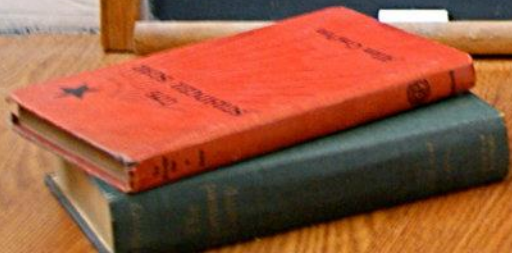
Returning User

If you are a non-citizen, you may be eligible for Washington State Financial Aid by completing the WASFA application at <https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa>

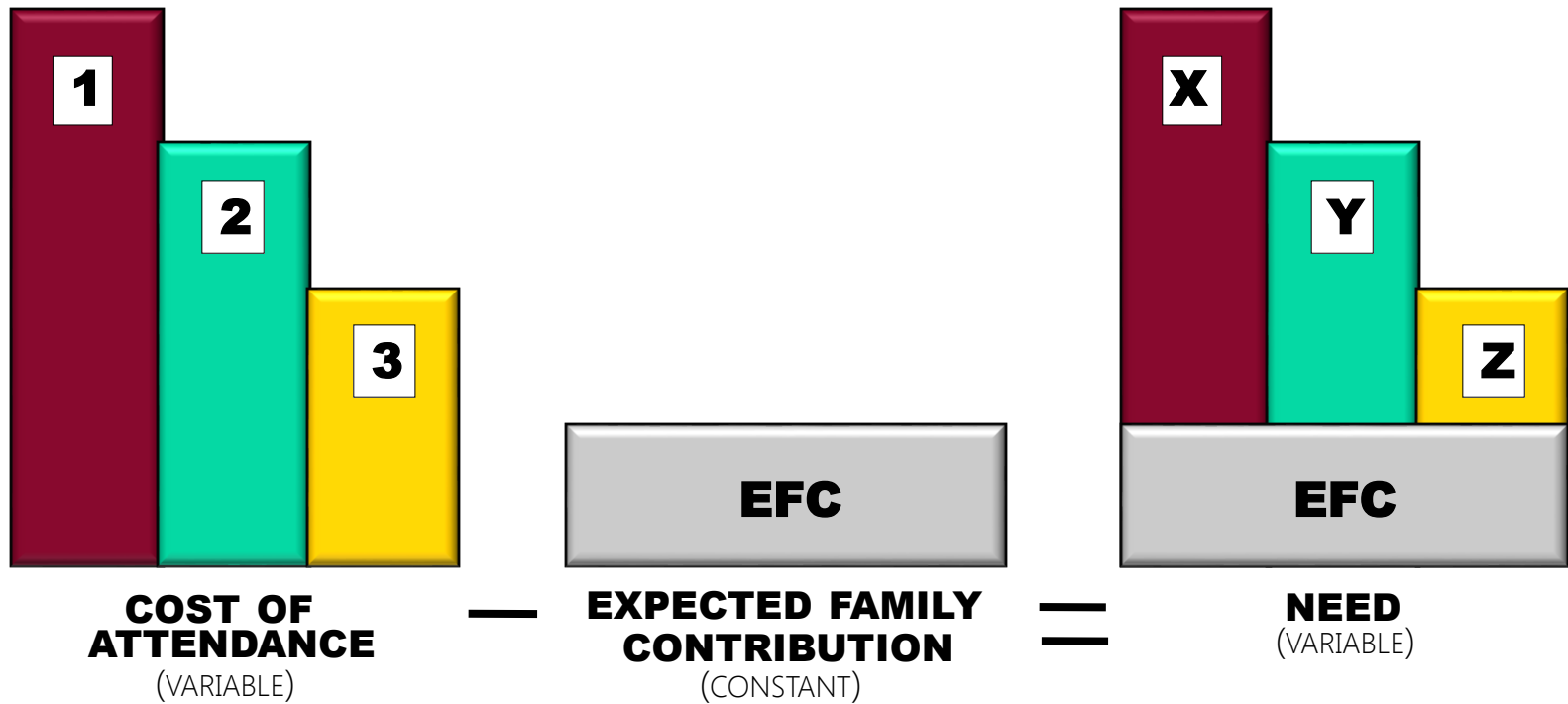
IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE THE WASFA APPLICATION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE EACH YEAR!

Federal Need Formula

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} \\ - \text{Expected Family Contribution} \\ \text{(EFC)} \\ \hline = \text{Student's Financial Need} \end{array}$$



Need Varies Based on Cost



- **DIRECT COSTS**

Tuition

Room & Board

Mandatory Fees

- **INDIRECT COSTS**

Books & Supplies

Incidentals

Transportation

- **VARIES FROM COLLEGE TO COLLEGE**

Cost of Attendance



Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Your EFC represents what a college will expect you to pay at a minimum for one year of your student's college education.

Two components:

- **PARENT CONTRIBUTION**
- **STUDENT CONTRIBUTION**

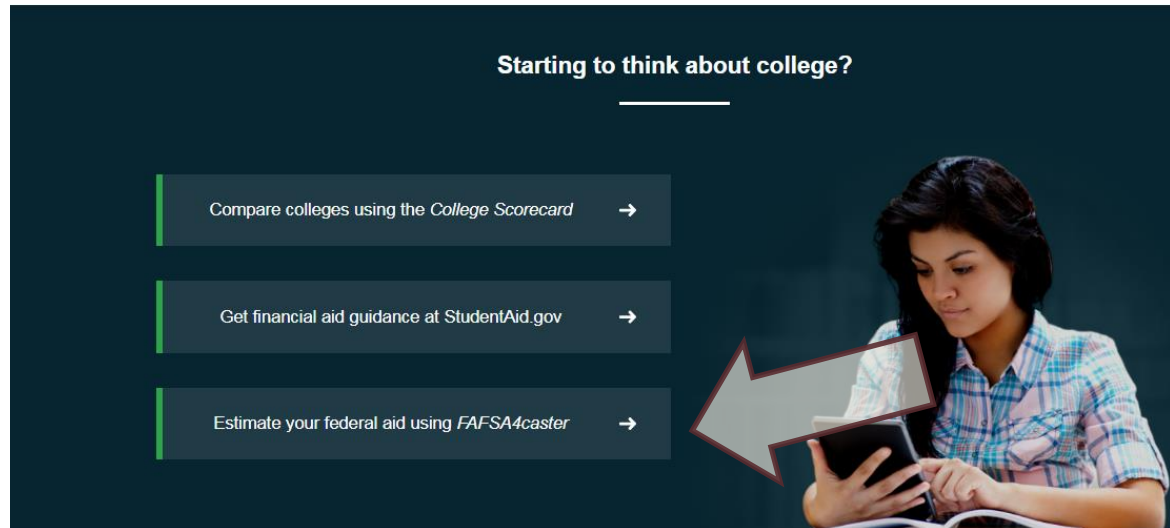
FEDERAL METHODOLOGY: the formula created by Congress to determine the EFC.

Want to find out your **EFC**?

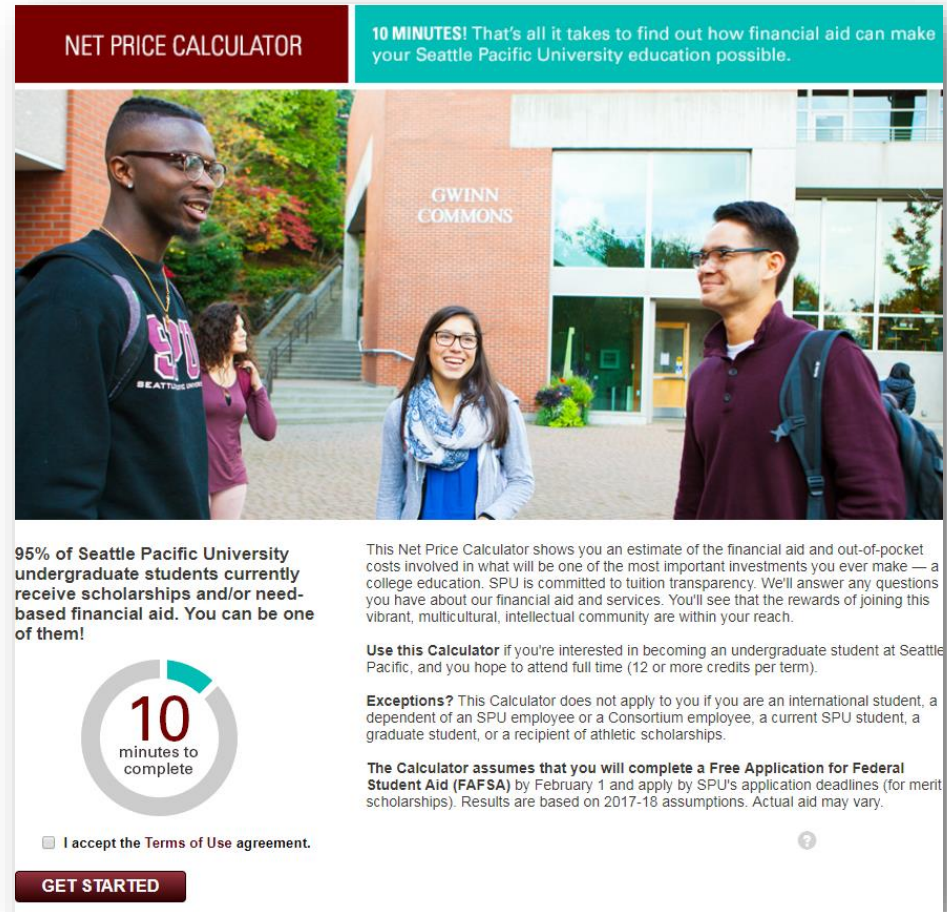
- ✓ Calculates an estimate of your family's EFC.
- ✓ Instantly calculates eligibility for Federal aid.
- ✓ Saves info: data submitted on the FAFSA4caster will automatically pre-populate on the official FAFSA for that school year.

<https://fafsa.gov>

FAFSA4caster




- Calculates your estimated aid at a given institution.
- Uses the Cost of Attendance of the school and subtracts estimated gift aid to arrive at the **NET COST** of that school.
- This is available, at a minimum, to calculate eligibility for first-time/full-time Freshmen.
- Check each college website to find more information.



NET PRICE CALCULATOR

10 MINUTES! That's all it takes to find out how financial aid can make your Seattle Pacific University education possible.



95% of Seattle Pacific University undergraduate students currently receive scholarships and/or need-based financial aid. You can be one of them!

10 minutes to complete

I accept the Terms of Use agreement.

GET STARTED

This Net Price Calculator shows you an estimate of the financial aid and out-of-pocket costs involved in what will be one of the most important investments you ever make — a college education. SPU is committed to tuition transparency. We'll answer any questions you have about our financial aid and services. You'll see that the rewards of joining this vibrant, multicultural, intellectual community are within your reach.

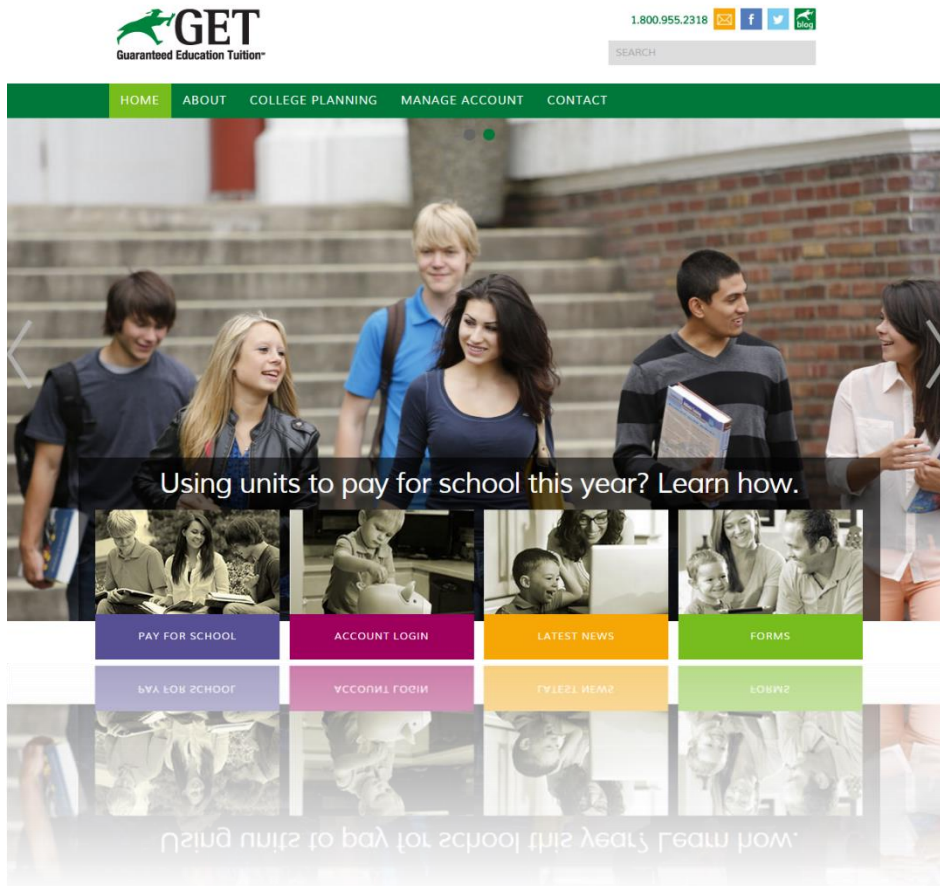
Use this Calculator if you're interested in becoming an undergraduate student at Seattle Pacific, and you hope to attend full time (12 or more credits per term).

Exceptions? This Calculator does not apply to you if you are an international student, a dependent of an SPU employee or a Consortium employee, a current SPU student, a graduate student, or a recipient of athletic scholarships.

The Calculator assumes that you will complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 1 and apply by SPU's application deadlines (for merit scholarships). Results are based on 2017-18 assumptions. Actual aid may vary.

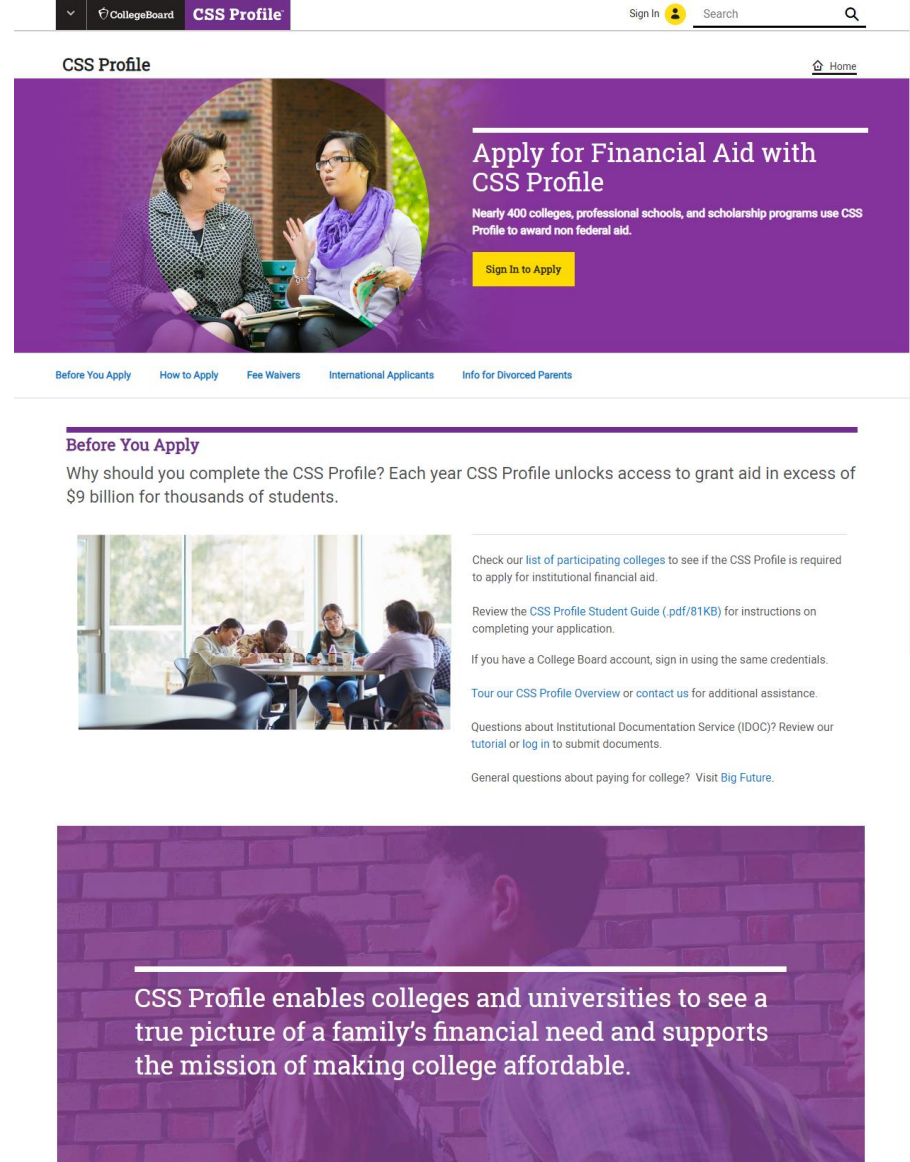
Net Price Calculator

What do I do with **529**/Qualified Tuition/GET Programs on the **FAFSA**?



- 529 plans, like GET, are reported under the **investments section** on the FAFSA.
- Dependent students who must report parent information on the FAFSA should list 529 plans (student or parent-owned) as a **parent asset**.
- Independent students who are not required to report parent information would only include 529 plans as a **student asset** if the student is the owner of the account.
- If someone other than the parent/s or student is the owner, then distributions from the plan are reported on the following year's FAFSA under "money received/paid on your behalf".

- Required by some private schools
→ UPS, Whitman and Heritage in WA State
- Determines eligibility for non-government financial aid: institution's own grants, loans and scholarships
- List of schools on the College Board website



CollegeBoard **CSS Profile** Sign In Search

CSS Profile Home

Apply for Financial Aid with CSS Profile

Nearly 400 colleges, professional schools, and scholarship programs use CSS Profile to award non federal aid.

[Sign In to Apply](#)

[Before You Apply](#) [How to Apply](#) [Fee Waivers](#) [International Applicants](#) [Info for Divorced Parents](#)

Before You Apply

Why should you complete the CSS Profile? Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to grant aid in excess of \$9 billion for thousands of students.

Check our [list of participating colleges](#) to see if the CSS Profile is required to apply for institutional financial aid.

Review the [CSS Profile Student Guide \(.pdf/81KB\)](#) for instructions on completing your application.

If you have a College Board account, sign in using the same credentials.

[Tour our CSS Profile Overview](#) or [contact us](#) for additional assistance.

Questions about Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC)? Review our [tutorial](#) or [log in](#) to submit documents.

General questions about paying for college? Visit [Big Future](#).

CSS Profile enables colleges and universities to see a true picture of a family's financial need and supports the mission of making college affordable.

CSS Profile

CSS Profile Differs from the **FAFSA**

- **SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:** PROFILE contains questions specific to the school or program you're applying to; FAFSA contains the same questions for everyone.
- **DIFFERENT METHODOLOGY:** PROFILE determines your financial need differently than the FAFSA, in general asking for more detailed information than FAFSA.
- **COST:** PROFILE costs \$25 plus \$16 for each school or scholarship program selected; the FAFSA, as the name implies, is free.

profileonline.collegeboard.com

The FAFSA represents a snapshot in time

- Loss of employment
- Reduction in wages or income
- Out of pocket medical expenses
- Private tuition expenses

Process is school specific!



Special Circumstances

Sources of Financial Aid



COLLEGES:

scholarships,
grants, part-time
jobs, loans



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Pell grants, work-
study, Direct loans



WASHINGTON STATE:

grants,
scholarships, work
study



PRIVATE:

scholarships and
loans



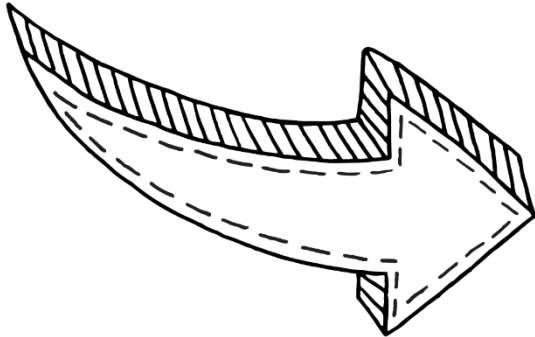
Washington State



- Washington Student Achievement Council
<http://www.readysetgrad.wa.gov>
- State of Washington offers various grants and scholarship program, as well as the WA State Work Study program
- More information on the website!

Grants

**AKA
FREE MONEY**



WHAT IS A GRANT?

MONEY awarded to students, based on need as determined by the FAFSA, that does NOT have to be repaid.



Awards divided evenly between quarters

Federal Pell Grant



- **AWARDED TO ELIGIBLE UNDERGRADUATES**
 - ✓ with exceptional need
 - ✓ who are pursuing their first college degree

- **ACTUAL AWARD AMOUNT BASED ON COST OF ATTENDANCE, EFC, AND ENROLLMENT STATUS**
 - ✓ Maximum award for 2018-19 = **\$6,095**

Other Grants

If Pell eligible:

FSEOG: School determined, \$100-\$4,000

If teaching is the goal:

TEACH: High need field in a high need area, up to \$4,000, *service obligation where grant can become a loan*

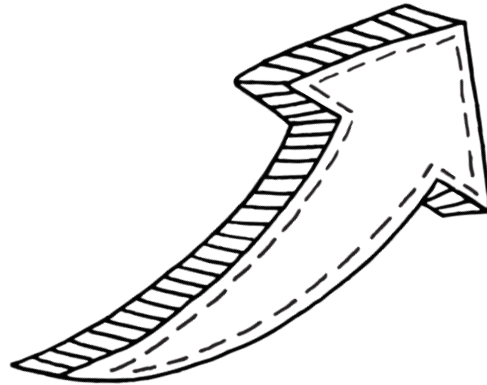
✔ Let schools know about outside scholarship awards

✔ Continue seeking outside scholarships

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?



MONEY awarded to students, based on achievements, that does NOT have to be paid back.

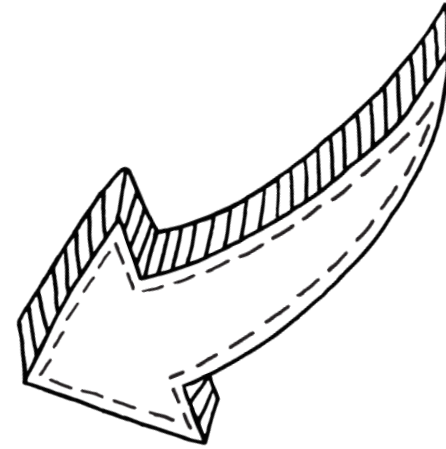


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ALSO FREE MONEY

Scholarships

Work Study

Earn that \$\$\$



WHAT IS WORK STUDY?

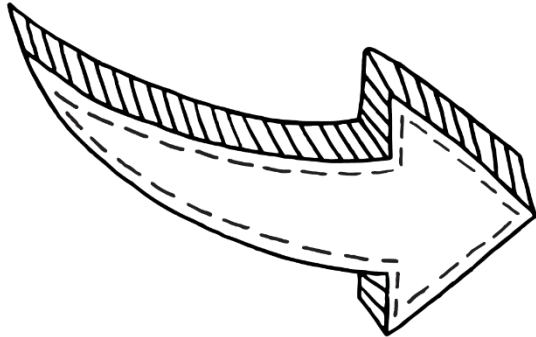
MONEY earned through employment

★ Benefits:

- ★ Gain work experience, improve your skills, and build your resume
- ★ Explore possible career opportunities
- ★ Help pay your way through school
- ★ Some earnings may not count against you on the following year's FAFSA

★ Employment may be on or off campus

Loans



WHAT IS A LOAN?

MONEY borrowed from the Federal government, schools, and/or outside lenders that must be repaid after graduation.

Interest rates are typically low.

CHECK OUT [HTTPS://STUDENTAID.ED.GOV](https://studentaid.ed.gov)

Federal Direct Loans

Two Types...

SUBSIDIZED: Must demonstrate “need”

UNSUBSIDIZED: Not based on “need”

Base annual loan limits (**combined subsidized and unsubsidized**):

☑ \$5,500 for 1st year undergraduates

☑ \$6,500 for 2nd year undergraduates

☑ \$7,500 for each remaining undergraduate year

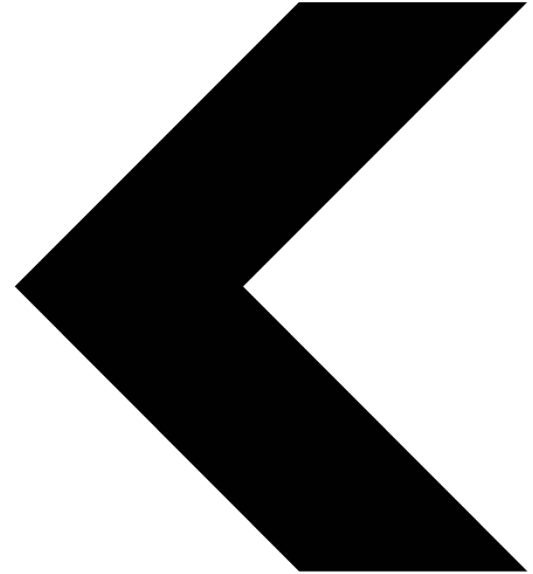
- Repayment begins after 6-month grace period
- 2018-19 fixed interest rate of 5.05% for subsidized and unsubsidized

- Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
- Fixed interest rate for 2018-19: 7.60%
- Approval based on credit
- If denied due to credit reasons, student is eligible for additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan (amt. based on class level)
- Repayment begins 60 days after loan is fully disbursed for the school year (or, by request, six months following graduation)
- Forbearance benefits may be available



Federal Direct
PLUS Loans

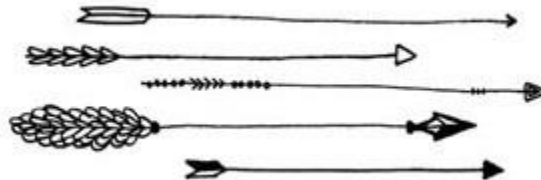
- Available through banks and lenders
- Funding is based upon credit approval
- Interest Rates may be variable
- Likelihood of approval and interest rate are greatly improved with co-signer



Private Education Loans

FREE Internet scholarship search engines:

- FinAid on the Web: **WWW.FINAID.ORG**
- FastWeb: **WWW.FASTWEB.COM**
- Peterson's: **WWW.PETERSONS.COM**
- **THEWASHBOARD.ORG**
- Scholly App: **WWW.MYSCHOLLY.COM**



Not Eligible for Need-Based Aid?

A black and white photograph of three US twenty-dollar bills hanging from a thick, twisted rope. Each bill is held by a white clothespin. The bills are slightly tilted and overlap each other. The background is dark.

ALWAYS FILE YOUR FAFSA!

- All students regardless of need remain eligible for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan program

THERE ARE ALSO OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Merit or outside scholarship opportunities
- Part-time employment
- Private student loan options

At Seattle Pacific University...

- SPU administers **\$110 million** in grant, scholarship, loan and employment aid
- About **95%** of all undergraduates received student aid in 2017-18
- **\$35,839** was the average award for undergraduates with financial need in 2017-18



Remember...

YOUR TO-DO LIST

- ✓ To be aware of any financial aid and admissions due dates at the schools you are looking at applying to.
- ✓ Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible on or after October 1st.
- ✓ Submit all requested follow-up documentation to all schools.
- ✓ Most importantly – ask questions – don't be shy, we're here to help.