

Black Hills Counseling Center

Financial Aid: What is it?

Financial assistance to help families pay
for the cost of attending college



FAFSA

(Free Application for
Federal Student Aid)



- Grants
 - Pell
 - TEACH Grants
- Scholarships
- Direct Student Loans
 - Subsidized
 - Unsubsidized
- Parent PLUS Loans
- Work Study



FAFSA cont.



- Application opens October 1st
- Free - Always free. If you're asked to pay, you are in the wrong spot!
- Create your [FSA ID](#) first.
- Apply at studentaid.gov



You WILL need the help of your parent or guardian to complete the FAFSA. It requires their tax information, that you will likely not have.



Washington State Aid Opportunities



- WASFA for those not eligible for the FAFSA due to immigration status. You don't need to do both FAFSA and WASFA. Just one!
 - Click [here](#) to take a short survey to see if you are eligible.
- [Washington College Grant](#) (awarded by the school)
- [State Work Study Program](#) (awarded by the school)
- [Washington State Opportunity Scholarship](#) (must apply)
- [Washington College Bound Scholarship](#) (enrollment in 7th or 8th grade)
- [Western Undergraduate Exchange](#) - WUE



What do you need for FAFSA application?

- Prior Prior Year Tax Return (2019), W-2s and other records of money earned
- Emails Parent and Student
 - DO NOT USE SCHOOL EMAIL
- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
 - Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- A FSA ID to sign electronically.
 - DO NOT LOSE - stays with you forever!



(Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)



Where to get help?

- Talk to your Counselor/Career Center
- SPSCC Financial Aid Office
 - 360-596-5241
 - financialaid@spscc.edu
- Financial Aid Nights





After FAFSA

- After completion of FAFSA or WAFSA the schools you've applied to provide a Financial Aid Award Letter. This letter provides eligibility and award amounts for U.S. Dept of Education programs and school awards.
- Use this [Financial Aid Calculator](#) to get an estimate of potential financial aid.
- What do I do if my income has changed?

