



FAFSA/WASFA CHEAT SHEET

1 What form are you going to fill out?



A FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid
I will file a FAFSA

B WASFA Washington Application for State Financial Aid
I will file a WASFA

2 Are you considered a **DEPENDENT** student or an **INDEPENDENT** student?



A DEPENDENT
I **WILL** have to provide parent information on my FAFSA/WASFA

B INDEPENDENT
I **DO NOT** have to provide parent information on my FAFSA/WASFA

3 Whose documents do you need to collect to file your FAFSA/WASFA?



A DEPENDENT
I need to collect documents for **myself and my parent(s)**

B INDEPENDENT
I just have to collect documents for **myself**



[What documents do I need to file my FAFSA/WASFA? Click Here!](#)

4 If you determined you will fill out a FAFSA, **who** will need to get a **FSA ID** in your family?



A I need an FSA ID
If you are an **INDEPENDENT** student, only you will need an FSA ID

B I need an FSA ID, my parent does not
If you are a **DEPENDENT** student **AND** your parent **DOES NOT** have a **social security number**, only the student needs a FSA ID

C My parent and I BOTH need an FSA ID
If you are a **DEPENDENT** student, **AND** your parent **has a social security number**, BOTH student and parent need a FSA ID

? How will my parent sign my FAFSA?
Your parent will need to print a signature page, sign it, and send in the mail to submit their signature. **Click on the question mark above for more information!**



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5 If you determined you will fill out a WASFA, **who** will need to get a **WASFA account** in your family?



A **I need a WASFA Account**

If you are an **INDEPENDENT** student, only you will need a WASFA account

B **My parent and I BOTH need a WASFA Account**

If you are a **DEPENDENT** student, both you and your parent need a WASFA account

6 What program will I enroll in next year?



A **Bachelors Degree**

If you are heading to a **4-year institution**, you will likely be pursuing a **bachelors' degree**

C **Certificate or Diploma**

If you are not pursuing a degree, but you will be pursuing a certificate or a diploma, select this option when filing your FAFSA/WASFA

B **Associates Degree**
(Occupational or Technical Program)

If you are heading to a **2-year institution**, you will likely be pursuing an **associates degree**

If you are attending a **2-year** with intent on **transferring to a 4-year**, you will still select that you will be pursuing an **associates degree** next year

7 What will your grade level be when you begin the 2021-2022 school year?



A **Never Attended College/1st Year**

If you are a **high school senior (12th grade)**, you will select this option **EVEN** if you've taken dual credits (Running start, AP, IB)

B **1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th year undergraduate**

If you have attended college before, and are pursuing an undergraduate degree (AA, BA) select the answer that reflects what year you will be in college next year

8 What is my parent scenario?



A **I'm ABLE to provide parent information**

You are able to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA

B **I'm UNABLE to provide parent information**

You are unable to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA, either due to experiencing a special circumstance or your parent is unwilling to provide their information



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9 Whose parent tax information do I need to provide in my FAFSA/WASFA?



A No Parent Info

If you are a **INDEPENDENT** student, you do not need to provide parent information on the FAFSA/WASFA

B One Parent

If parents are **separated/divorced** and **not remarried**, report information about **custodial parent**

B Both Parents

If parents are married, unmarried, AND **living together**, report **BOTH custodial parents' information**

C Parent and Step Parent

If parents are divorced and **remarried**, report information about **custodial parent and step parent**

10 What is your total household size? Check all that apply:



Self
 Parent(s)
 _____ **Sibling(s)** *(Even if they are away at school)*
 _____ **Other family members** who receive most of their financial support from **you** or **your parent(s)**

= Total household size

11 How will your parent sign the FAFSA?



A Using their FSA ID

If your parent has a social security number, they can create a FSA ID and sign using their FSA ID

B Using the signature page

If your parent does not have a social security number, they will need to sign your FAFSA using a printed signature page

? Click here to learn more!