

WPHS College and Career Center

How Do I Apply for Financial Aid?

You will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please note that it is **FREE!** You should **NEVER** pay to complete this form.

The FAFSA is located at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

What Documents Do I Need to Complete the FAFSA?

Financial aid now uses records of income earned in the year prior to when you will start school. **You will need records of your parents' income information from 2016.**

For the 2018-2019 school year, you will need financial information from 2016. You may need to refer to:

- Your Social Security card (It is important that you enter your Social Security Number correctly and enter your name exactly as it appears on your card!)
- Your driver's license (if any)
- Your 2016 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- Your (and if married, your spouse's) 2016 Federal Income Tax Return.
 - IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ
 - Foreign Tax Return, or
 - Tax Return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federal States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Your Parents' 2016 Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student)
- Your 2016 untaxed income records (child support received, interest income, veteran's benefits, etc.)
- Your current bank statements (savings, checking, CDs, etc.)
- Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Date parents were married, widowed, divorced or separated
- Parents date of birth, including day, month and year

Keep these records! You will need them again. Do not mail these records to Federal Student Aid.

How Do I Sign the FAFSA?

To sign your FAFSA online, you and a parent must apply for a FSA ID. A FSA ID serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your FSA ID information to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your FSA ID information in a safe place.

To apply for your FSA ID: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> . You (and your parent's) Social Security Number and birthdate are required to complete this process.