



Financial Aid

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Apply for Financial Aid on the Web

Apply for FAFSA

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, a single application for financial aid can be used for federal aid at any approved college in the U.S. as well as for Washington state and institutional financial aid programs. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed annually.

If you and your contributor(s) (your spouse, a biological or adoptive parent, or your parent's spouse) do not have an FSA ID, we recommend that you apply for your Federal FSA ID about a week before you plan to complete your FAFSA. Click [here](#) to create your FSA ID. You will receive your FSA ID within 3-4 days.

Complete your FAFSA by going online to studentaid.gov/sa/fafsa

Apply for WASFA

If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and are not eligible for federal aid, but are a resident of the State of Washington, you may qualify for state financial aid.

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is available for you to apply for state aid for any approved college or post-secondary vocational training institution in the State of Washington.

Complete your WASFA by going online to wsac.wa.gov/wasfa

FAFSA Document Checklist

- ✓ Your social security and driver's license numbers if you have them;
- ✓ Amounts of assets, including cash, checking and savings; as well as any investments or businesses.
- ✓ Taxable and untaxable income information for the calendar year two years prior to the beginning of your school year.

Your contributor(s) will need the above information as well.

WASFA Document Checklist

- ✓ Your social security and driver's license numbers if you have them;
- ✓ If you do not have a social security number, use your Employment Authorization Number, or your Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN);
- ✓ Amounts of assets, including cash, checking and savings; as well as any investments or businesses.
- ✓ Taxable and untaxable income information for the calendar year two years prior to the beginning of your school year.

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Both the FAFSA and WASFA

- ❖ Allow students to apply to several schools at the same time. Each has its own method of displaying the names of schools you may wish to send your information to. On the FAFSA, the YVC school code is 003805. On the WASFA, Yakima Valley College will be very near the bottom of the drop-down list of schools.
- ❖ Each application is provided and processed without cost. Both applications are free! If someone asks you to pay a fee for completing or helping you with the process, be wary – you may have reached the wrong website!

How to Receive Financial Aid at YVC

1. Complete your Financial Aid Application (FAFSA or WASFA)
 - a. Applications are made available on October 1st before the next school year.
2. Apply for admissions at YVC
 - a. Start at yvcc.edu and go to the [Admissions webpage](#).
3. Attend New Student Orientation (NSO) if applicable and register for classes.
4. Check your ctcLink dashboard for any outstanding Tasks, To Do's, and Messages.
5. Tuition is paid 10 days before the start of the quarter and aid refunds are sent to students the Friday prior to the quarter start **only if** the student has no holds and is registered at the same enrollment level as the financial aid award. If you are waitlisted for a class or enrolled in less than 12 units when tuition is due, contact the Financial Aid Office. Please see Conditions of Award on the [Financial Aid Forms webpage](#) for more information.

What if I miss a deadline?

Even if you cannot complete your application by March 1, 2024, we recommend you submit documents at least three to four months before the start of the fall quarter. For other quarters, please submit your documents at least two months before the start of the quarter. Required documents **must** be submitted with at least a month remaining in the student's enrollment within the award year; inadequate processing time may prevent us from any processing funds for you. Most students need their financial aid in place prior to the first day of attendance. If aid is not ready, delaying enrollment for a quarter may be the best option to improve the student's opportunities for a good beginning and successful program.

Errors that Could Delay your Financial Aid

- Inaccurate, inconsistent or incomplete information on financial aid or admissions applications.
- Failure to view, understand, and respond to information provided in your student financial aid portal.
- Failure to review and understand the policies and procedures as explained on our website and forms.

The best way to get answers to your questions is to visit us Monday to Thursday from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM for our in-person services, call us at 509.574.6855, or send us an email at finaid@yvcc.edu. Please allow several days for an email response.

Need assistance with your FAFSA/WASFA application?

CWU's TRIO-EOC Staff is here to help!

For assistance in English or Spanish, contact TRIO-EOC services from Monday – Friday, 8AM-5PM through the services below.

Phone Services: 509.574.6895

Email Services: Eoc_program@cwu.edu