# FINANCIAL AID TIPS & RESOURCES

# **FORMS & FUNDING SOURCES**

#### THE FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature. Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member. **Create your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov** 

#### THE FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form you need to fill out to get any financial aid from the federal government to help pay for college. This could include grants, work-study, and low-interest loans. **File your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov** 

#### **THE WASFA**

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is a free application for state financial aid for students who are not eligible for federal aid because of immigration status, including undocumented students. **File your WASFA at readysetgrad.wa.gov** 

#### THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The College Bound Scholarship program is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students who sign up in middle school and fulfill the scholarship pledge. If eligible, you only need to apply for FAFSA or WASFA to receive the CBS. **Learn more at readysetgrad.wa.gov** 

## **RESOURCES**

#### **HOW TO CREATE AN FSA ID**

This video will walk you through the process of creating your own FSA ID. An FSA ID is simply a username and password combination, which can be used to securely log in to U.S. Department of Education websites. **Watch it at youtu.be/yj1Pn-shze8** 

#### **FAFSA Overview**

Check out this video to learn how the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) gives you access to grants, loans and work-study jobs that can help fund your education.

Watch it at youtu.be/gUis5lityCQ

#### **FULL FAFSA WALKTHROUGH VIDEO**

Need help with the FAFSA? This is a step-by-step video walkthrough of the 2021-2022 FAFSA. **Watch it at youtu.be/Uop9NGRkkfc** 

# **RESOURCES (CONT.)**

#### TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Check out this video to learn about grants, loans, and work-study jobs and how they can help fund your education. **Watch it at youtu.be/Pn4OECMTh5w** 

#### AFTER THE FAFSA: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Check out this video to learn what to expect after completing the FAFSA.

Watch it at youtu.be/1c1gNefSw78

#### WASFA ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

This short questionnaire will ensure the WASFA is the correct application for you.

Visit readysetgrad.wa.gov/WASFA to learn more.

#### **HOW TO COMPLETE THE WASFA**

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) has put together a step-by-step guide as well as many other useful resources to help students file the WASFA.

Visit readysetgrad.wa.gov/WASFA to learn more.

### FINANCIAL AID AT EVCC

The 2021-2022 FAFSA and WAFSA Applications opened for the 2021-2022 Award Year on October 1, 2020. EvCC encourages you to complete the application requirements as early as possible to be considered for all available maximum funding.

Financial aid is first come, first served - so apply early!

We will begin processing 2021-2022 FAFSA and WASFA applications in February of 2021. At that time, you will be notified about your next steps. We will send communications to the email address reported on your FAFSA or WASFA. Check your spam folder if you didn't receive an email, and add EvCC to your contact list.

When we receive your FAFSA or WASFA, you will be able to view your 2021-2022 application status through the online **Financial Aid Portal**. Be sure to check your portal frequently for important information, required documents, or updates. If you cannot view your file through the portal, contact us for assistance. We're here to help! **fin\_aid@everettcc.edu** or **425-388-9280**.

For more information visit EverettCC.edu/FA

