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Class of 2024

# FINANCIAL AID

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FAFSA/ WASFA, Scholarships, and Paying for College



**Glacier Peak High School**  
Preparing students to lead extraordinary lives

# FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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Federal  
Student  
Aid

# FAFSA vs WASFA

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Free Application for Federal  
Student Aid

<https://studentaid.gov>

Most students complete the FAFSA, the FAFSA will determine your eligibility for both Federal and State aid.



Washington Application for State  
Financial Aid

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid>

Undocumented students, or students  
ineligible to complete the FAFSA.

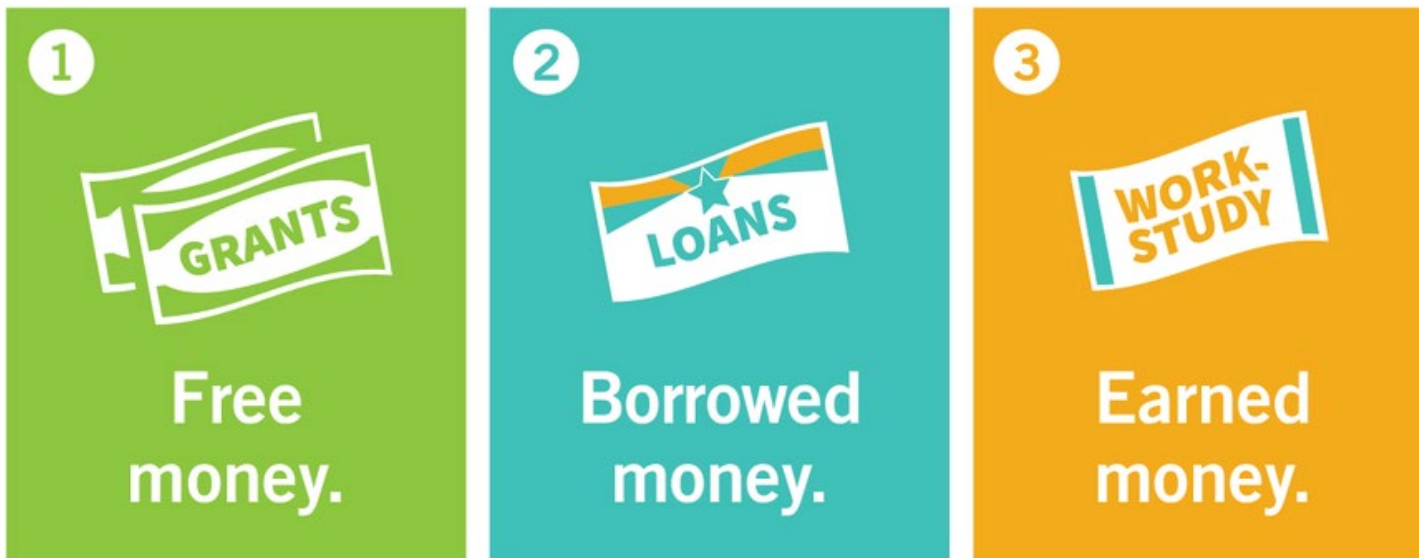
Unsure? Use the [WASFA Eligibility  
Questionnaire](#).

Rule of One!

Only complete one application

# Why complete the FAFSA?

## 3 Types of Federal Student Aid



**Grants** are usually based on financial need and don't have to be repaid.

**Loans** are an investment in your future. But remember, they must be repaid with interest.

A **work-study** job lets you earn money while you're in school.

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# Scholarships that Require the FAFSA

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Some scholarships require FAFSA completion for eligibility

- Need Based
- Private
- Institutional Scholarships

# How to Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA

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## Create a username and password - FSA ID

Your FSA ID will be used all four years of college, and will be your digital signature for submitting the FAFSA. [Create your FSA ID here.](#)

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## Student FSA ID

Students and parents need to use unique email addresses

## Parent FSA ID

If you are unsure which parent needs an FSA ID as your contributor, [use this infographic.](#)

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## Required Information

- Student and parent SSN
- 2022 tax forms
- Child support received
- Current Balance of cash/ savings/ checking accounts
- Net worth investments, businesses, and farm

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## 2024-25 FAFSA form

Make sure to complete the correct form, the 24-25 FAFSA is in a soft launch opening phase through January 2024. [For more information on the opening please see this page.](#)

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## List Colleges and Career Schools

Students may enter up to 20 schools. (You can [add or delete schools on your FAFSA form](#) later.)

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## Provide student and parent financial information

- 2022 tax information
- The Financial Aid Direct Data Exchange transfers IRS data directly into FAFSA
- All contributors must provide consent and approval

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## Sign and submit

Students and contributors sign and submit their FAFSA. You will see a confirmation page with date, data release number, and next steps

# When to Complete

October 1 each year in college

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Check college priority deadlines

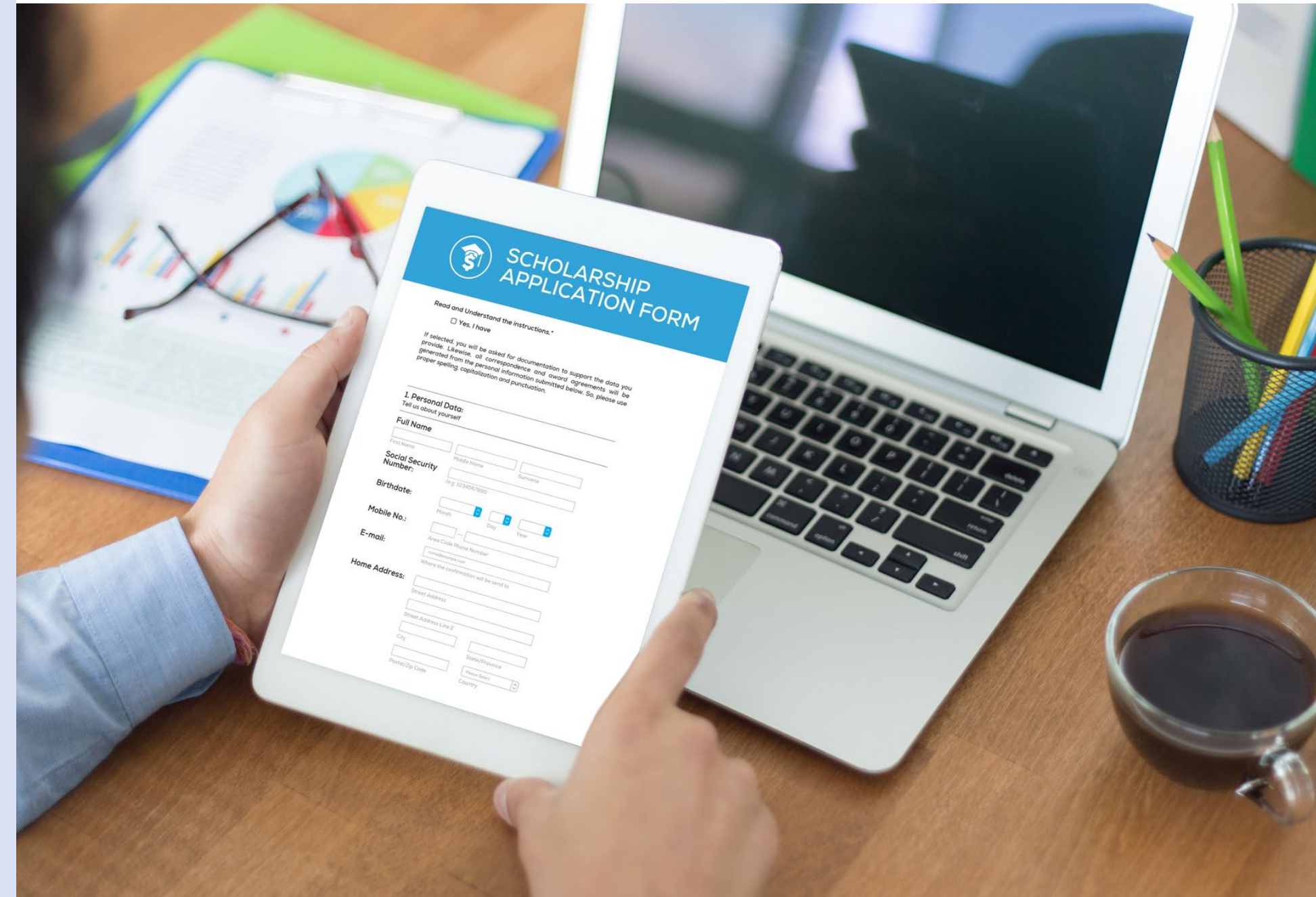
- Soft launch in January
- FAFSA information sent to colleges late January
- Colleges and career schools have priority deadlines
- State of Washington encourages students to complete ASAP



# Scholarships

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## National Search Engines

[Going Merry](#)

[Scholarship Owl](#)

[Big Future](#)

## Colleges and Universities

Many colleges award scholarships based on your application. Once you are accepted, there are additional scholarships available on the school's scholarship website or by major. See the college website or financial aid office for more information.

# Where to Look for Scholarships

## [Washboard.org](#)

Washboard.org is available to all Washington residents. Many scholarships may be used out of state.

SEF Local Scholarship Program is on the washboard.

## Local Scholarships

SEF Local Scholarship Program

Community Foundations

Local businesses & companies

Churches

Volunteer groups & clubs

Charitable foundations

Law firms

Credit unions

Utility providers

Thrift Stores

# The SEF Local Scholarship Program

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**The Snohomish Education Foundation thanks the Community for over \$203,000 in Scholarships!**

Student Access to Washboard.org.

## What is the SEF LSP?

The Snohomish Education Foundation oversees a group of scholarships for Snohomish School District Students. More than 60 are available to GPHS students. [Previously offered scholarships may be found on the GP C&CC website](#)

## How To Apply

Students apply on the [Washboard.org](#)

- Create a seeker account
- Complete [these sections of your profile](#)
- Select scholarships to which you would like to apply, apply to each one
- [Powerpoint instructions available here](#)

## Important Dates:

- February 1, 2024 - The application opens
- March 11, 2024 - Deadline to apply
- April 26, 2024 - Decisions released to students

# Common Scholarship Myths

- 01 All scholarships are need based
- 02 It takes too long to apply
- 03 The \$500 scholarships are a waste of time
- 04 Only high achieving students win scholarships
- 05 Too many essays
- 06 I don't have enough extracurriculars

# Final Tips



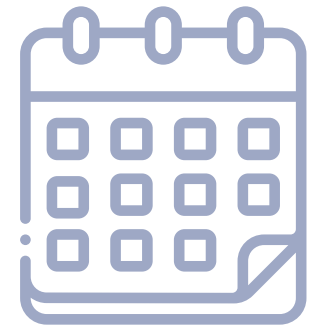
Keep applying!



Stay organized with  
deadlines and required  
elements



Consider who you and  
your parents know for  
lesser known  
scholarships



Scholarships are  
available year round,  
and continue to be  
available while you are  
in college

## High School and Beyond Completion

Use the QR code to complete the survey for HSBP completion

<https://forms.office.com/r/Zbw4qBJVWN>

FAFSA Completion Workshop  
February 8, 2024 GPHS Library

### Additional Resources:

[Financial Aid 101 Presentation from WSAC](#) or [video](#)

[12<sup>th</sup> grade College and Career Packet including FAFSA information](#)

[Paying for College](#) handout

Federal Student Aid: [Filling out the FAFSA Form](#)

[FSA How To Guide](#)

[FAFSA Process Next Steps](#)

Senior 101 Survey Class of 2024

