



Seattle Promise FAFSA Overview

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This presentation from Seattle Promise provides step by step instructions in completing the FAFSA.



SEATTLE PROMISE
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Financial Aid Overview

The Seattle Promise scholarship provides up to two years or 90 credits of tuition at the Seattle Colleges. All SPS Class of 2024 graduates are eligible, regardless of GPA, income or country of birth.

Required Program Milestones

When?	What?	How?
Fall 2023/Winter 2024	APPLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promise Application – February 16, 2024• College Application – February 16, 2024• FAFSA/WASFA – April 30, 2024• Complete Financial Aid File – August 1, 2024
Spring/Summer 2024	PREPARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Readiness Academy – May/June 2024• Summer Bridge – September 2024
Fall 2024	START	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin Classes as a full-time college student (12 credits) – September 2024





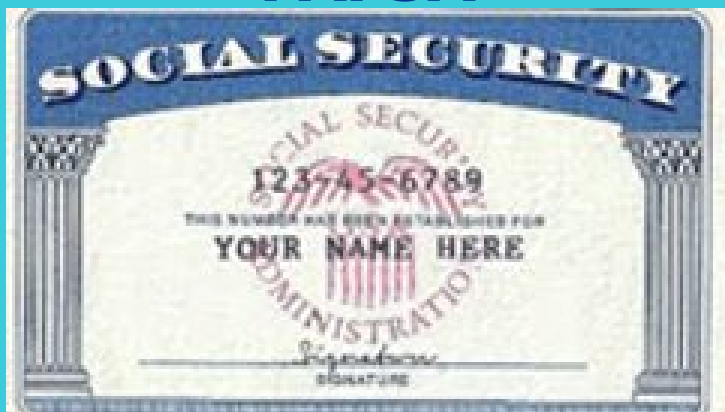
Documents you'll need to complete your FAFSA or WASFA





ID/ Citizenship/ Documents forms for students & parents

FAFSA



Social Security Card or number
for student and parent/guardian (if
you have one)

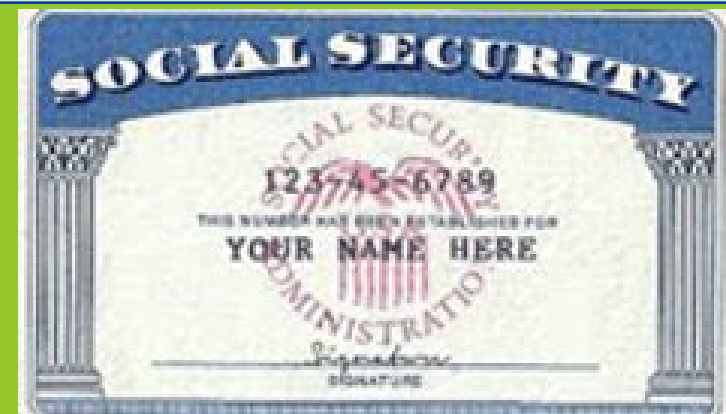


Permanent Resident card (Green Card) or
number for student and parent/guardian (if
you have one)

WASFA



I-797 form for student
and parent/guardian (if you have one)



Social Security Card or number
for student and parent/guardian (if you
previously had one from DACA)

*NOTE: documentation
forms/SSNs are
not required to
complete the WASFA



FAFSA AND WASFA

Tax Forms from the Year 2022

Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return 2022

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

Filing Status: Single Married filing jointly Married filing separately (MFS) Head of household (HOH) Qualifying surviving spouse (QSS)

Your first name and middle initial: _____ Last name: _____ Your social security number: _____

If joint return, spouse's first name and middle initial: _____ Last name: _____ Spouse's social security number: _____

Home address (number and street), if you have a P.O. box, see instructions. Apt. no. _____ Presidential Election Campaign Check here if you, or your spouse if filing jointly, want \$3 to go to this fund. Checking a box below will not change your tax or refund. You Spouse

City, town, or post office. If you have a foreign address, also complete spaces below. State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Foreign country name: _____ Foreign province/state/country: _____ Foreign postal code: _____

Digital Assets: At any time during 2022, did you: (a) receive (as a reward, award, or payment for property or services); or (b) sell, exchange, gift, or otherwise dispose of a digital asset (or a financial interest in a digital asset)? (See instructions.) Yes No

Standard Deduction: Spouse itemizes on a separate return or you were a dual-status alien

Age/Blindness: You: Were born before January 2, 1958 Are blind Spouse: Was born before January 2, 1958 Is blind

Dependents (see instructions): (1) First name: _____ Last name: _____ (2) Social security number: _____ (3) Relationship to you: _____ (4) Check the box if qualifies for (see instructions): Child tax credit Credit for other dependents

Income:

1a	Total amount from Form(s) W-2, box 1 (see instructions)	1a
1b	Household employee wages not reported on Form(s) W-2	1b
1c	Tip income not reported on line 1a (see instructions)	1c
1d	Medicaid waiver payments not reported on Form(s) W-2 (see instructions)	1d
1e	Taxable dependent care benefits from Form 2441, line 26	1e
1f	Employer-provided adoption benefits from Form 8939, line 29	1f
1g	Wages from Form 9919, line 6	1g
1h	Other earned income (see instructions)	1h
1i	Nontaxable combat pay election (see instructions)	1i
1j	Other income (see instructions)	1j
1k	Other income (see instructions)	1k
1l	Other income (see instructions)	1l
1m	Other income (see instructions)	1m
1n	Other income (see instructions)	1n
1o	Other income (see instructions)	1o
1p	Other income (see instructions)	1p
1q	Other income (see instructions)	1q
1r	Other income (see instructions)	1r
1s	Other income (see instructions)	1s
1t	Other income (see instructions)	1t
1u	Other income (see instructions)	1u
1v	Other income (see instructions)	1v
1w	Other income (see instructions)	1w
1x	Other income (see instructions)	1x
1y	Other income (see instructions)	1y
1z	Other income (see instructions)	1z

Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Also attach Form(s) W-3 and 1099-R if tax was withheld. If you did not get a Form W-2, see instructions.

Attach Sch. B if required.

Standard Deduction for: Single or Married filing separately, \$12,950 Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse, \$25,900 Head of household, \$18,450 If you checked any box under Standard Deduction, see instructions.

2a Tax-exempt interest 2a
3a Qualified dividends 3a
4a IRA distributions 4a
5a Pensions and annuities 5a
6a Social security benefits 6a
7 Capital gain or (loss). Attach Schedule D if required. If not required, check here 7
8 Other income from Schedule 1, line 10 8
9 Add lines 1c, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7, and 8. This is your total income 9
10 Adjustments to income from Schedule 1, line 25 10
11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. This is your adjusted gross income 11
12 Standard deduction or itemized deductions (from Schedule A) 12
13 Qualified business income deduction from Form 8995 or Form 8995-A 13
14 Add lines 12 and 13 14
15 Subtract line 14 from line 11. If zero or less, enter -0-. This is your taxable income 15

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Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement 2022

Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service

22222 a Employee's social security number OMB No. 1545-0008

b Employer identification number (EIN) 1 Wages, tips, other compensation 2 Federal income tax withheld

c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code 3 Social security wages 4 Social security tax withheld

5 Medicare wages and tips 6 Medicare tax withheld

7 Social security tips 8 Allocated tips

d Control number 9 10 Dependent care benefits

e Employee's first name and initial Last name Suff. 11 Nonqualified plans 12a
13 Statutory employee Retirement plan Third-party sick pay 12b
14 Other 12c
12d

f Employee's address and ZIP code

15 State Employer's state ID number 16 State wages, tips, etc. 17 State income tax 18 Local wages, tips, etc. 19 Local income tax 20 Locality name

Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement 2022 Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service Copy 1—For State, City, or Local Tax Department

IRS 1040 (or 1040A; 1040EZ) Tax return from 2022 for parent/guardians and student (if applicable)

W-2 Wage and Tax Statements from job(s) (if applicable)

Any other annual financial statements (DSHS, SSI, SSD) that you receive in the mail, if applicable.





You'll Also Need:

FAFSA AND WASFA

- A secure place to save information
- Basic Information: email address, mailing address, phone number, date of birth, marital status for parent/guardians AND student
- Contact Information
- Financial Information: balance of checking and saving accounts, investments, etc.
- ♥ Patience and Self Compassion





Apply for the FAFSA or WASFA to qualify for...

Why do Seattle Promise students complete the FAFSA or WASFA?

Grants and Scholarships



Loans



FAFSA or WASFA? Take the quiz!

WASFA QUESTIONNAIRE

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for people who don't file a federal FAFSA application. People who complete a WASFA are applying for state aid. There are various reasons to complete a WASFA instead of a FAFSA:

- A person may not be eligible for federal aid due to:
 - Citizenship or immigration status, including being undocumented.
 - Defaulted federal student loans.
 - Repayments owed on federal grants.
- A person may choose not to apply for federal aid due to:
 - Family members who do not want to file the FAFSA.
 - Other personal reasons.

After you complete the WASFA, the college(s) or program(s) you choose will determine whether you meet **state residency requirements** and **state financial aid eligibility**. State financial aid could include Washington College Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, Passport to Careers, National Guard Grant, or State Work Study.

The following questions will confirm if the WASFA is the correct application for you.



Start

Not sure if you should complete the FAFSA or the WASFA? Visit <https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa> and click “New User” to complete the eligibility quiz.





Quiz Results

Submit the FAFSA to apply for Washington state aid

Based on your responses, you are eligible to apply for federal aid. You should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The college(s) or program(s) you choose on the FAFSA will also determine your eligibility for state aid.

Click the link below to complete your application on the FAFSA website. For more information, or to update your application in the future, please visit fafsa.gov.

[Click here for FAFSA](#)

Although I can apply for federal and state aid using the FAFSA, I am choosing to complete the WASFA. I understand that by completing the WASFA, I will only be considered for state aid.

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OR

Submit the WASFA to apply for Washington state aid

Based on your responses, you should complete a WASFA to apply for Washington state financial aid.

Click the link below to complete your WASFA on the Regent website. For more information, or to update your application in the future, please visit: wsac.wa.gov/wasfa.

[Click here for WASFA](#)

We encourage you to create a profile on thewashboard.org. On this free site, you can search and apply for scholarships that match your qualities and interests.

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Common FAFSA/WASFA Mistakes

Legal information:
Name, Social
Security Number

Correct FAFSA
Year: 24-25

Correct tax year:
2022

Student
Dependency
status

Student
Household size

Student vs.
Parent Tax
Information



Who Is My 'Parent'?

Married	Remarried	Single or Widowed	Unmarried, Separated, or Divorced but Living Together	Divorced or Separated and not Living Together
Both parents	The parent (and stepparent) you live with most	The single or surviving parent	Both parents	The parent you live with most

If a student lives with someone other than their parent in an informal arrangement (for example, if you live with your aunt but she is not legally your guardian) they still need to include parent info. Check with your Outreach Specialist if you need some help!

PARENT INFORMATION

Whose Information Should I Provide?

✔ Application was successfully saved.

ℹ For additional assistance determining what parent information to report on the FAFSA® form, refer to *Who's my Parent When Filling Out the FAFSA form?* fact sheet.

Since you have been identified as a dependent student, you will need to provide information about your parent(s). You must identify and report information about your parent(s) even if you don't live with him or her. Use the following criteria to determine whose information you should report in the "Parent Demographics" and "Parent Financials" sections of the FAFSA® form:

My parents live together (married or unmarried).

My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with one parent more than the other.

My parents are divorced or separated, and I live with both parents equally.

I was legally adopted.

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Continue

Questions are built in to the FAFSA application to help you know whose info to include.



Student Dependency/Household Size

The 'Dependency' Tab in the FAFSA will split students into two groups of aid eligibility based on the ways they answer these questions—Dependent and Independent.

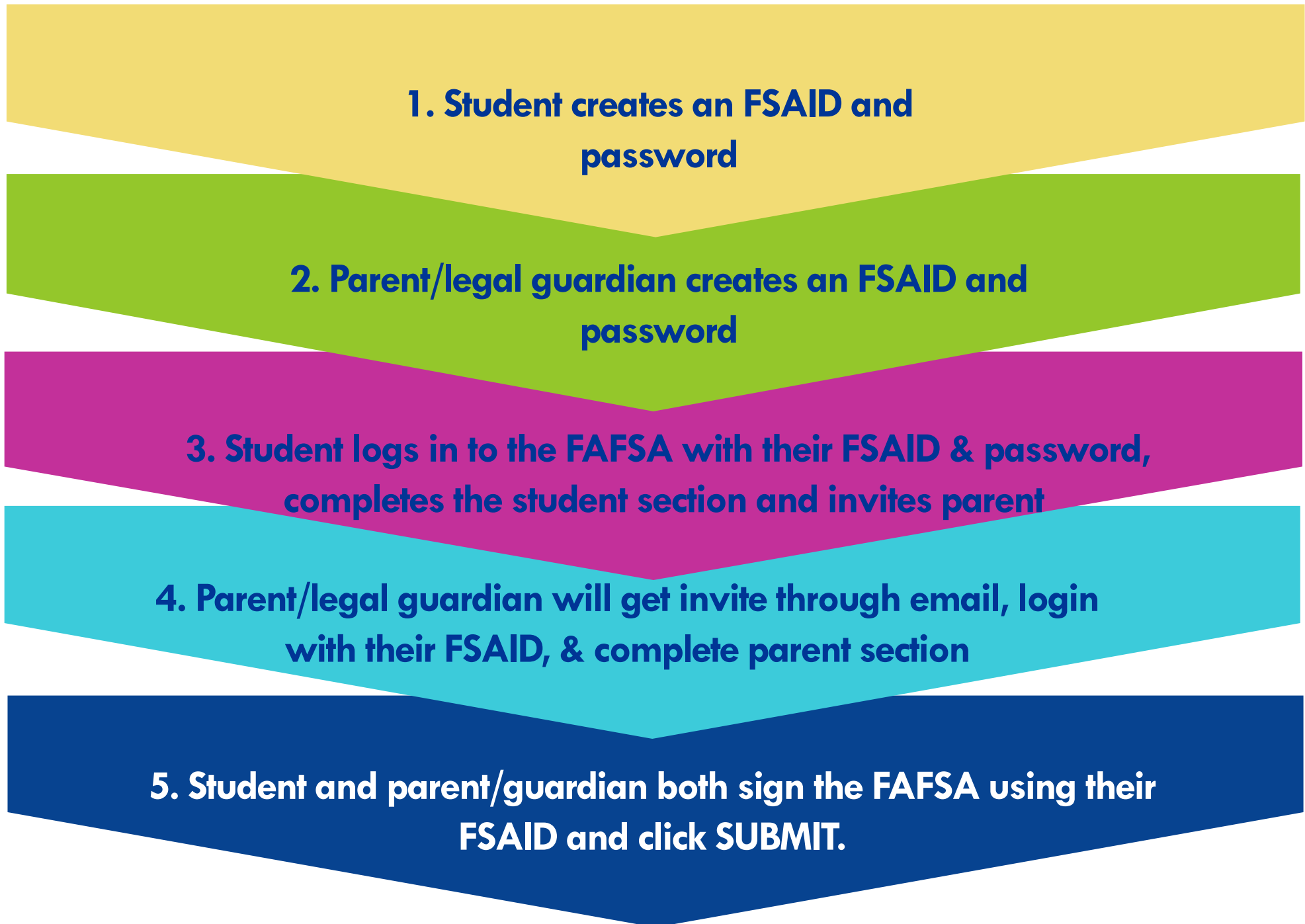
Dependent	Independent
Under age 24	Unaccompanied student/McKinney Vento status at high school / homeless unable to contact parents
\$ support from parents/guardians or claimed as a dependent on taxes*	Extended Foster Care/aging out
Student is not married	Student is married (spouse financial info included)
Student does not have child(ren) of their own	Student has children of their own that they provide more than 51% financial support of

**this is commonly the case, but not a deciding factor.*





Steps to Complete the FAFSA:



*if the parent does not have a SSN, they can still create an FSAID



Steps to Complete the WASFA:

*students and their parents/guardians do not need US Citizenship to qualify for state aid. If you don't have a DACA, ITIN, or SSN, leave it blank. Students DO need to qualify for WA State Residency to complete the WASFA.

1. Student logs into the WASFA using their email address and creates a password

2. Student adds their relevant documentation and residency info*

3. Student adds all of the info they know, parent/legal guardian adds their 2022 financial information

4. Student e-signs the WASFA and generates an e-signature invitation for the parent/legal guardian.

5. Parent/legal guardian checks their email within 72 hours to complete the e-signature.

Deadline April 30th

Submit your FAFSA or WASFA

FAFSA
Federal Student Aid
An office of the U.S. Department of Education

<https://studentaid.gov/>

or

WASFA
*Washington Application
for State Financial Aid*

wsac.wa.gov/WASFA

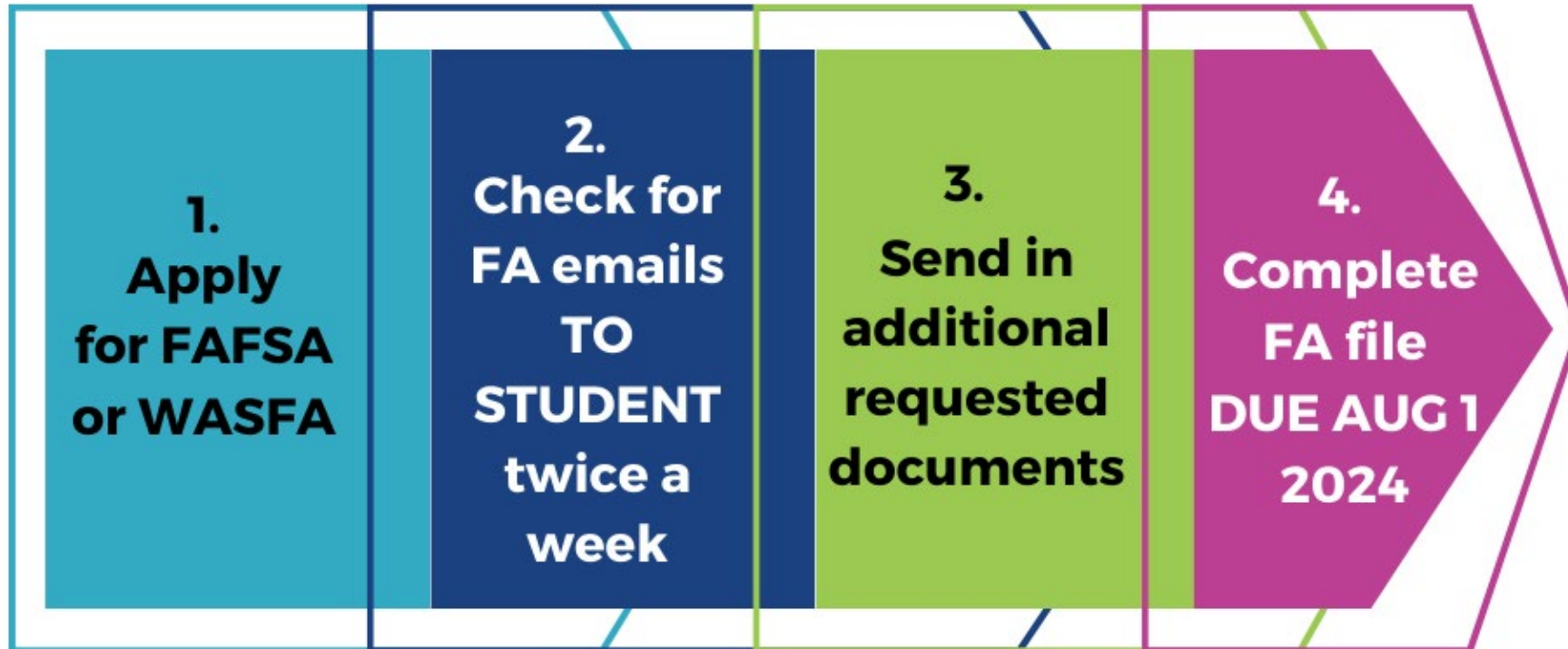
Include at least one of the Seattle Colleges on your FAFSA or WASFA



After FAFSA/WASFA Submission

- FAFSA/WASFA application and all other required documents are reviewed for conflicting information, accuracy, and completion by the Financial Aid Office at the college you plan on attending
- Email communications will be sent regarding required documents
- Check with the Financial Aid Office regarding application status
- You will receive a letter of ineligibility OR an award notification
 - Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions about your award
- Read the **Conditions of Award** and **Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy**
- **If you need to update your FAFSA/WASFA or make a correction on it, make sure you complete the signature process for student and parent a second time and click SUBMIT.** Your colleges will not see updated information if this doesn't happen!

Full Financial Aid Process



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