
Senior Parent College Info Night

— **Class of 2018** —

Agenda

- Senior Update
- College and Career Readiness
- Post Secondary Pathways
 - ◆ 4-year college
 - ◆ Community College & transfer to 4 year college
 - ◆ Associates Degree/Technical Degree
 - ◆ Apprenticeship
 - ◆ Military
 - ◆ Work Force
 - ◆ Americorps/Volunteer/"Gap year"
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Resources

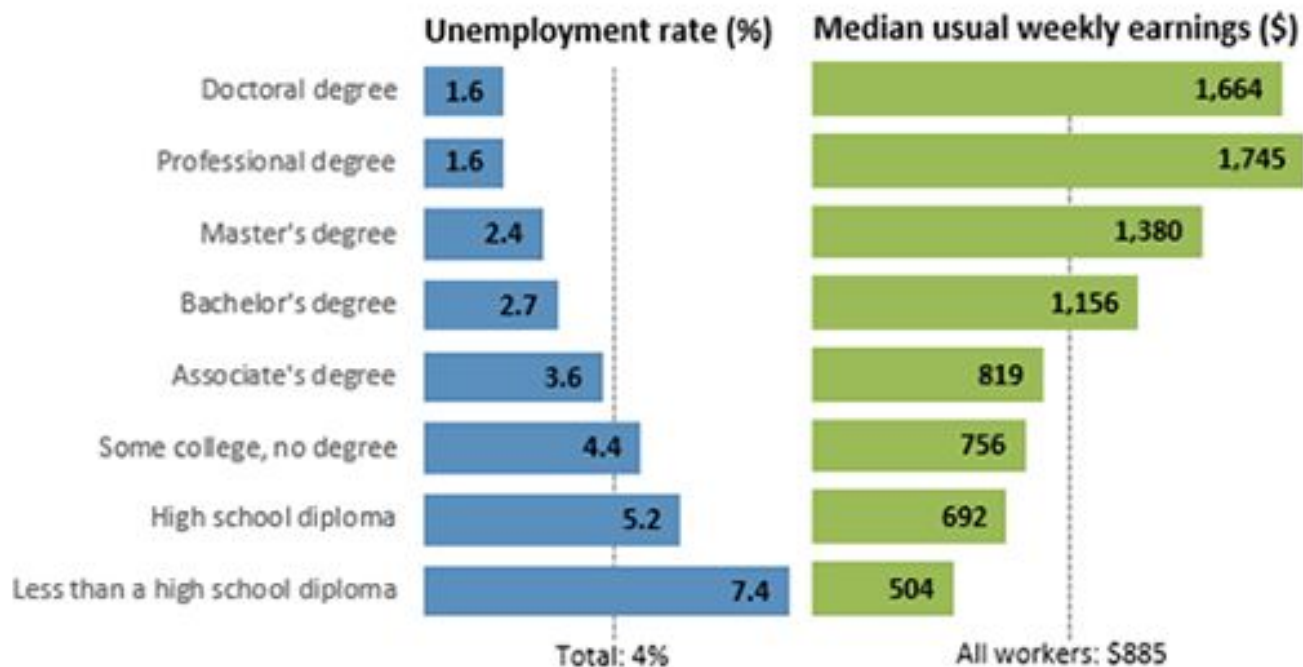
Senior Important Dates

- **Senior pictures** are due to Mrs. Fouts-Carrico **NO LATER than November 27**
 - Submit **4 photos** for yearbook
 - **Main photo must be vertical orientation**
 - Other 3 photos will be on the side (see this year's YB as reference - can be either horizontal or vertical)
 - ALL photos must be submitted as digital files. Ask photographer to submit photos to:
vsaayearbook@gmail.com
- Be on the lookout for an email covering this information, as well as information about Sr. Baby Ads!
- **Ordering cap, gown and announcements** - Ordering packets handed out at Senior Meeting
 - Cost - \$34 to rent gown (keep cap, tassel & focus cords)
- **Senior's last day:** June 8th
- **VSAA Graduation:** June 11th at VSAA- 8:00pm

Why is Post-Secondary Education Important?

- Employed at higher rates and with greater consistency
- Lower unemployment rates
- Greater work opportunities and tend to have skills that can be easily applied in different work settings and different geographic locations
- The more schooling you have, the more your average salary increases

Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2016



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

8 Types of Colleges

- 4-Year Public or Private Colleges
- 2-Year Colleges, some with 4-Year Programs
- For Profit
- Liberal Arts Colleges (Evergreen State, Gonzaga)
- Research Universities
- Community Colleges
- Vocational/Technical
- Specialty Schools - Art!

Note: You may find the financial aid offers from Private and For Profit colleges cover more than the other colleges on your list.

College Entrance Requirements

CADR= College Academic Distribution Requirements

	2-Year College	4-Year College	Selective Colleges	VSAA Requirements
English	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits	4 Credits
Social Studies	2 Credits	3 Credits	4 Credits	3 Credits
Science	2 Credits	2 Credits	4 Credits	3 Credits
Math	3 Credits	3 + Senior Year Math	3 + Senior Year Math	3 + Senior Year Math recommended
World Language	0-2 Credits	2 Credits	2-4 Credits	(2 Credits or Personal Pathway for Class of 2020)
Art	1 Credit	1 Credit	1-2 Credits	6 Credits

4 Year College Entrance Requirements

- **VARIABLES: Check each college website**
- Specific college's application or generic application
 - Common App/Send EDU/Coalition for College Access
- Academic record (high school transcript)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essay - check prompts
- GPA and Class Rank (VSAA - out of 75 this year)
- SAT or ACT test scores
 - Occasionally a school or major requires writing or subject tests

WA Public Colleges/Universities

SCHOOL	APPLICATION DEADLINE	2016 AVERAGE GPA	2016 AVERAGE COA
Evergreen State	February 1st	2.80-3.53	\$16,600
Eastern Washington	February 1st	3.22	\$18,796
Central Washington	February 1st	2.8-3.5	\$19,470
Western Washington	January 31st	3.27-3.81	\$19,333
Washington State	January 31st	3.17-3.73	\$23,455
University of Washington	November 15th	3.68-3.94	\$23,269

WA Private/Independent Colleges

SCHOOL	APPLICATION DEADLINE	2016 AVERAGE GPA	2016 AVERAGE COA
Seattle Pacific	February 1st	3.61	\$54,072
University of Puget Sound	January 15th	3.37-3.85	\$58,352
Pacific Lutheran	January 15th	3.37-3.95	\$52,272
Northwest University	January 15th	3.2-3.79	\$37,900
Whitman College	January 15th	3.65-3.98	\$59,902
Gonzaga University	February 1st	3.61-4.0	\$53,984
Whitworth University	March 1st	3.45-3.98	\$53,682
Saint Martin's University	February 1st	3.11-3.79	\$45,650
Seattle University	January 15th	3.4-3.9	\$58,434

College Credits

- You are responsible for verifying what credits will transfer to schools you are applying to (AP, Clark classes, etc.)
- Look into major pre-requisites on college websites

Early Action and Early Decision

- **Early Action**: Students will submit their applications before the regular deadline and will be informed of their admissions decision soon after (typically in January or February). Although the students apply and may be accepted, **they are not committed to their Early Action school, and have until May 1 to either accept or decline their offers of admission.**
- **Early Decision**: Similar to Early Action, students will submit their applications before the Regular Decision deadline and receive their admissions decisions soon after. The most significant difference is that **Early Decision is binding**, which means that any student who applies and is admitted to a school through Early Decision is expected to enroll. Early Decision applicants typically require some type of signed form that indicates the intention to enroll upon admission.

EA and ED is appropriate for a student who:

- Has researched colleges extensively.
- Is absolutely sure that the college is their first choice.
- Meets or exceeds the admission profile for ACT and SAT scores, GPA, and class rank.
- Has an academic record that has been consistently solid over time
- Has found a college that is a strong match academically, socially, and geographically.

College Application Timeline

Narrow down list of colleges you are applying to (3-7). Keep track of admission deadlines and application requirements. Request letters of recommendation and take/retake SAT/ACT.

College applications are coming due. **Have parents/teachers/peers look over essays before submitting!** Continue applying for scholarships.

Continue applying for scholarships! Acceptance letters typically come March-April. Financial aid award letters may come in April-May. **May 1st** is typically when you have to declare where you will be attending, sign up for housing, and accept financial aid awards.



COMPLETE the FAFSA October 1st
Work on college applications, essays and scholarship applications. Apply early admissions/decision.

Submit final college applications.
Continue applying for scholarships

2 Year Transfer to Bachelor's Degree

- 44% of Bachelor's degrees in WA were Community and Technical College transfers
- There is no SAT/ACT or GPA requirement for Community College admittance.
- To transfer to a 4 year college within two years students will need to take a specific course load to get your "Transfer Degree" or Associates of Arts Degree
- Some Community Colleges offer Bachelor's & even some Master's Degrees.

Technical Degree/Associates Degree

- No SAT/ACT or GPA requirement
- Take placement test
 - Depending on the program, you may need to place into a specific math class or complete a prerequisite math classes before applying.
- Meet with an advisor
 - Technical programs have very specific required course loads.
 - Some programs are competitive and have space restrictions.

Apprenticeship

- Students must be accepted into a program (Competitive - applicants are not necessarily accepted the first time they apply.)
 - Application
 - Competency test
 - Interview
- Apply for a job in that trade
- Take classes while working
- Length of programs vary

Military

- **ASVAB Test**- Aptitude test - helps with career ideas
- Testing available at Bay, Skyview, Fort, etc.
 - Air Force minimum score of 50
 - Army minimum score of 31
 - Coast Guard minimum score of 45
 - Marines minimum score of 32
 - Navy minimum score of 50
- 17 years old
- Pass a physical medical exam
- GI Bill after service

Work Force

- Resume, Cover Letter
 - Include courses and skills learned at VSAA
- Letters of Recommendation/References
- Experience/expertise in that field
- Network- tell everyone you're looking
 - family, neighbors, friends, friends' families, etc.
- Interview - practice answering questions, shaking hands, etc.
 - <https://www.worksourcewa.com/>

AmeriCorps/Volunteer/Other “Gap year”

- Must be 18 years or older
- Apply for programs you are interested in
- Some programs give you a living allowance
- Upon completion of your program you will receive an “Education Award” - free money to use toward college or training programs.
- Other: Internships, Missions, Trainings, etc.

Financial Aid

FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid

WASFA - Washington Application for Student Financial Aid (undocumented students)

- Opens on **OCTOBER 1st** for 2018-19 college year
(complete this every year)
- Use tax information from 2016 - can link to IRS

FAFSA & WASFA

The FAFSA & WASFA application is used to determine how much money your family is expected to pay for your education

- You will need your family's financial information from 2016:
 - Taxed and untaxed income
 - Assets
 - Benefits (such as unemployment or Social Security)
 - Family size
 - Number of family members who will attend college during the year

FSA ID

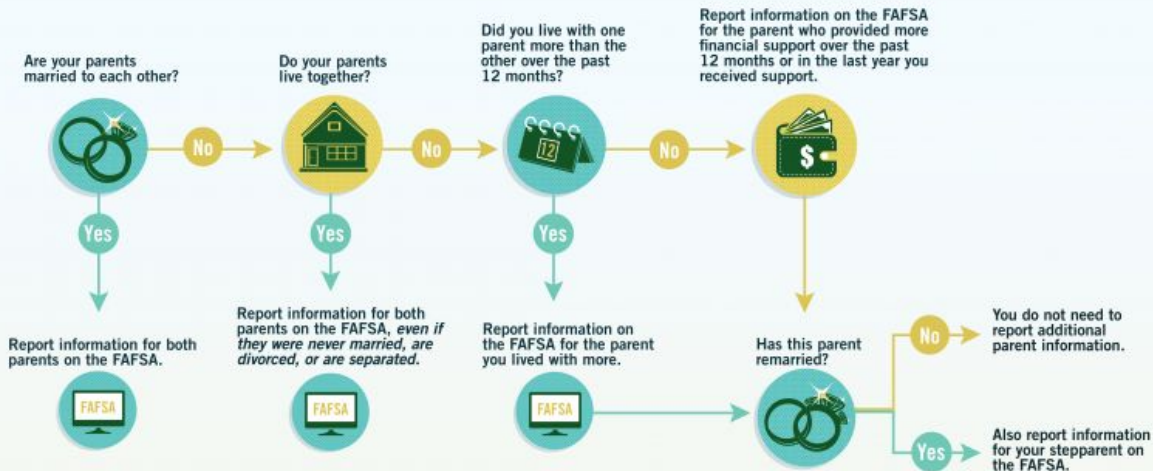
Students, parents, and borrowers are required to use a FSA ID, made up of a username and password, to access certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your federal student aid documents. **Keep it in a safe place!**

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

WHO'S MY PARENT WHEN I FILL OUT MY FAFSA®?

Dependent students are required to report parent information on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*.¹ For reporting purposes, "PARENT" means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.

Use this guide to figure out which parent's information to include (depending on your family situation).



The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:



Widowed Stepparent



Grandparents



Foster Parents



Legal Guardians



Older Brothers or Sisters



Aunts or Uncles

If you're not sure whom to report as a parent, you can visit StudentAid.ed.gov/afsa/filling-out/parent-info or call 800-4-FED-AID (800-433-3243).

¹ If you're not sure whether you are a dependent student, go to StudentAid.gov/afsa/filling-out/dependency

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Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

After you complete the FAFSA you will get an EFC number.

EFC=Formula

Your EFC is **NOT** the amount of money your family will have to pay for college **nor** is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. It is a number used by your college to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive.

- You can send your FAFSA to up to 10 colleges at one time, by adding the college codes to your FAFSA application.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources

Great presentations:

- **A-Z of Paying for College Workshops** at WSU Vancouver - Next on Oct 12 7:30- 9:00 PM (check calendar on Fin Aid section of website for schedule)
- **College Goal Washington** - Saturday, October 21 10AM- 1PM (Clark College - Scarpelli Hall)
- **Scholarships 101** - Tues., Dec. 5, 6- 7PM at WSU Vancouver

FINANCIAL AID AWARD ESTIMATE

June 20, 2014

Dear Washington Resident:

Our office is pleased to provide you with this preliminary notification of your estimated financial aid. This award is based on your Total Cost of Attendance (COA) of \$27,164 at WSU for 2014-2015.

ESTIMATED AWARDS

Student Assistance Program	Annual Total
Federal Grant - Pell	\$5,730.00
Federal Grant - SEOG	100.00
Washington State Need Grant	10,868.00
College Bound Scholarship	1,236.00
Academic Achievement Award	4,000.00
Work-Study	4,000.00
Perkins Loan	1,000.00
Subsidized Stafford Loan	230.00
Total Award	\$27,164.00

Your preliminary financial aid awards may change if:

- The data on your FAFSA changes due to a correction made by either you or our office.
- You have additional resources not yet processed such as scholarships, vocational rehabilitation, or tribal grants, etc.
- Federal, state, or institutional funding allocation, policy, law or regulations change.
- Final Tuition and fees differ from preliminary cost estimates.

Once all requested information has been received and final cost estimates have been determined you can accept or reject loan amounts on your zsis account.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR PROCESING INFORMATION

Scholarships

- Beware of Scholarship Scams - NEVER PAY for financial aid
- What does it take? A lot of work on student's part
- Possible Scholarship Sources:
 - Career Center and website
 - Washboard (WA)
 - Where you bank
 - Professional associations, groups, unions, work sites
 - District and VSAA scholarships
 - <https://public.careercruising.com/en/>
- Websites:
 - www.finaid.org - explains type of aid
 - www.thewashboard.gov - student creates a profile for WA scholarship options
 - www.fastweb.com - online scholarship source
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov - the free form to apply for aid
 - <http://www.readysetgrad.org/WASFAelig>

Scholarship Tips

- Applying takes time, work and organization of pieces and deadlines
- Have good essays/writing samples gathered. Often you can tweak these to fit writing prompts
- Focused (not scattered) Leadership and/or Volunteer work are often the themes of scholarships
- Make wise choices about what scholarships to apply to
- Odds are best for local scholarships (smaller applicant pool)
- Be SURE to note deadlines and give yourself plenty of time to get others to edit and suggest changes before submitting **on time**

- Most students find they get the most money offered by the school they end up attending. This is why school choice is so important.

Resources, Resources, Resources

- Stay tuned to the College/**Career** Center Link on VSAA website
- Students will have a Canvas Course - 12th grade - updates on all things senior & college related
- VSAA bulletin/announcements for colleges visiting students here
- Visit campuses you are considering
- Bulletin Boards - 2 near room 313, one in Fishbowl
- Attend Financial Aid and Scholarship Nights at Clark or WSU-V (Student does NOT need to be planning to attend there!)
- Use Career Cruising to search majors, colleges, and scholarships
- Students: Create a Washboard account - scholarships in WA state
- **Complete FAFSA/WASFA as close to October 1st as possible**



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- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

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College Scorecard

Information on college costs, graduation, and post-college earnings.

Deadlines

Information about your deadlines.

School Code Search

Find your college's school code. Also find detailed information about your college.

FAFSA Filing Options

Learn about the other options for filing your FAFSA.

Announcements

- **The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will remain unavailable until the start of the next FAFSA season. We regret any inconvenience.**

To fill out a FAFSA, you can manually input your tax information. Remember, if you're filling out the 2017-18

Thinking About College?



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