

WASFA Eligibility



Dear undocumented students in Washington State,

In March of 2003, [House Bill 1079](#) was signed into law allowing eligible undocumented students in Washington State to pay in-state tuition at public higher education institutions. After much advocacy, during February of 2014, the [Senate Bill 6523](#) was signed into law allowing eligible undocumented students to receive state financial aid to pursue their higher education degree.

In order to apply for WASFA, you must be eligible for one of the two categories:

HB 1079 Eligibility:

- Graduated from a Washington State high school, or have obtained a GED
- AND**
- Lived in Washington for three years prior to, and continuously since earning a high school diploma or the equivalent

Note: you do not need to have been granted [DACA](#) to qualify for HB 1079

DACA Eligibility:

- Have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- AND**
- Have established residency in Washington State for at least one year prior to attending a higher education institution

If you qualify through HB 1079 *or* DACA, you
are eligible to fill out the WASFA at:

www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA

IMPORTANT:

- WASFA opens every October 1st . Awards are given on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- The WASFA is **FREE** and you do not have to pay to fill out your application.
- Make sure to save both your username and password, as you will need that information to fill out the WASFA every year.
- Submit your WASFA application by your college's financial aid priority deadline.
- There isn't an age limit to fill out the WASFA.
- Continue to apply to scholarships. Visit <http://bit.ly/BeyondDreaming2015> and www.thewashboard.org to seek for additional funding you're eligible for.