

WASFA & RESIDENCY REPORT

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The WASFA is the application a student completes to apply for financial aid because they don't qualify for federal financial aid.

- Student is undocumented/disqualifying immigration status
- Student or family members do not/will not file federal income taxes
- Student owes a repayment on federal grants
- Student has defaulted federal loans



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- A student may choose to complete the WASFA instead of the FAFSA if they are a U.S. citizen with undocumented parents or family members.
- Eligible students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA to maximize their financial aid award.
- Colleges may use the WASFA to determine residency and eligibility for state and institutional need-based aid.
 - The residency affidavit is part of the WASFA.



Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

- Like the FAFSA, students complete a new application each year.
- Available beginning October 1 of each year.
 - New for 2022-23 application adding Spanish
- Students access the WASFA at: <http://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>

WSAC is committed to protecting the confidentiality of the information and privacy of students and families.



WASFA Data and Privacy

- Data collected on the WASFA can only be used for the sole purpose of determining eligibility for state financial aid programs.
- The privacy statement for applicants can be found on the WASFA registration page.

WASFA Privacy Statement

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) administers state financial aid including the Washington College Grant (formerly known as the State Need Grant), the College Bound Scholarship, and the Washington Application for State Financial Aid, or WASFA, for undocumented individuals. The Council is committed to providing opportunities and support to ensure every Washington student is able to pursue education beyond high school.

Regarding concerns that students, parents, and other partners may have about the confidentiality of information submitted on the WASFA, the purpose of the application is to provide eligibility information to colleges and universities in Washington that offer the Washington College Grant (formerly known as the State Need Grant) and the College Bound Scholarship. WSAC shares application information with campuses listed by the student so those schools may determine eligibility for resident tuition and financial aid. Campuses are not permitted to use the information for other purposes or share the data with other parties.

WSAC is committed to protecting the confidentiality of the information and privacy of students and families. Washington is a state committed to providing opportunities to students and protecting the rights of families.



WASFA Application Statistics

- Application head counts are up since 2017-18.
- Number of students served in WCG (SNG), who completed the WASFA, increasing each year.

Year	App Count 6 months*	App Count Full Cycle	WCG Awards**	CBS Awards**
2021-22	3,177	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020-21	3,085	5,817	2,582	807
2019-20	3,059	5,406	2,421	988
2018-19	2,438	4,951	2,194	919
2017-18	2,126	4,615	1,972	694

*As of 3/31 of each application year. **Awards based on Final Interim Reports, unduplicated headcount.

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Residency Changes - WASFA

- Residency changes took effective July 2021.
- The 2021-22 WASFA was open prior to the change in residency law.
 - Review applications submitted prior to July 28, 2021.
- The 2022-23 WASFA will have the residency language updated.



Accessing WASFA Residency Report

- At public colleges, the residency officer determines residency.
 - The financial aid office should work directly with their residency officer if they find conflicting information.
- The financial aid office should share the residency affidavit report with their residency office.
 - A student should not be asked to do a paper affidavit if they did the WASFA.



WASFA Residency Report

- Residency information is available in the WSAC portal with the option to download CSV. File
- New and updated applications are loaded into the WSAC portal every night
- Financial aid office staff have access to the full WASFA, including the residency affidavit report.
- You will only be able to see a student's WASFA if they added your school.



WASFA Interface

- View results onscreen or download results in .CSV.
- Option to select all applicants for a particular year and/or only new transactions.
 - Transactions are considered new until downloaded in ISIR format by the financial aid office.
- Many ways to search for individual students:
 - SSN/DACA/ITIN, WASFA ID, Name, DOB, etc.
 - Can download Residency information for students



WASFA Interface Search Options



Home ▾ | Programs ▾ | WASFA

Search WASFA Applications

Must Select Academic Year

Academic Year: 2021-2022 ▾

School: ▾

Last Name:

First Name:

Email:

SSN/DACA ⓘ:

Applicant ID ⓘ:

Date Of Birth: 📅

☐ **Only show new transactions***

*Transactions are considered **NEW** until downloaded in ISIR format

page size: ▾ ☐ All Data ☒ **Residency Data Only**

The data in this report reflects student application responses. All residency determinations should be completed, and verified if necessary, at the institution.


Search Tips:

- Leave fields blank to search for all applicants
- When searching, ensure you have correct Academic Year selected



WASFA Residency Report

- On the WASFA Interface, select the Residency Data Only radio

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Search WASFA Applications

Academic Year
2020-2021 ▾

School
Bates Technical College ▾

Last Name

First Name

Email

SSN/DACA ⓘ

Applicant ID ⓘ

Date Of Birth

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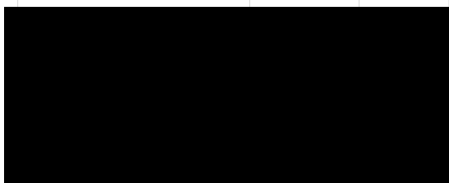
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Showing 1-3 of 3 results

First Previous **1** Next Last

	Year ▾	HS Diploma ▾	Will Apply US Residency ▾	Residency Responses Certified ▾	House Bill 1079 ▾	WA Residency/Daca Status ▾
	2020-2021	High School Diploma	yes	yes	yes	N/A
	2020-2021	High School Diploma	yes	yes	yes	N/A
	2020-2021	High School Diploma	yes	yes	no	yes

Results display on screen, or can be downloaded into .csv file.



WASFA Residency Report

- The fields you will use for residency determination are highlighted in yellow on the screenshot below.
- Disregard the fields that are crossed off and greyed out.

	K	L	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1	LegalResidentFor5Years	LegalResidenceDate	DacaAuthorization	HSDiplomaOrEquivalent	WaResidencyAffidavit	WaResidencyDacaStatus	WaResidencyCertification	WillFileForPermanentUsResidency	WaResidencyCertified
2	yes		N/A	yes	1		N/A	yes	yes
3	yes		N/A	no	1		N/A	yes	yes
4	no	9/1/2019 0:00	N/A	yes	2	1	N/A	yes	yes
5	yes		N/A	yes	1		N/A	yes	yes
6	yes		N/A	no	1		N/A	N/A	N/A
7	yes		N/A	yes	1		N/A	yes	yes
8	yes		N/A	yes	1		N/A	yes	yes
9	yes		N/A	no	1	1	N/A	yes	yes
10	yes		N/A	yes	2	2	N/A	no	yes
11	no	9/1/2018 0:00	N/A	yes	1		N/A	yes	yes



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