

WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE



1. Financial Aid: Grants, Student Loans, and Work Study

When you're looking for money for college, the best place to start is by filling out the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). WASFA is only for undocumented and select non-citizens.

The information from these applications is used to figure out if you qualify for grants, student loans, and/or work study.

See the back page or EverettCC.edu/FA for more information about how to file your FAFSA or WASFA, how to complete EvCC financial aid paperwork, and EvCC financial aid deadlines.

Grants

Grants are free money for college that you don't have to repay. They are awarded on the basis of need.

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Grants
- Washington College Grant
- Tuition Waivers and EvCC Grants

Student Loans

Student loans are offered by the federal government and banks. Loans must be paid back. For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Education site StudentAid.gov or contact us at loans@everettcc.edu

Work Study

Provides part-time jobs to students with financial need. When you fill out your FAFSA or WASFA, note that you're interested in work study. For more information, email fa_workstudy@everettcc.edu

2. Scholarships

EvCC Foundation Scholarships

The EvCC Foundation offers more than 150 scholarships. Typical award: \$1,500. Watch for application info in March at EverettCC.edu/Scholarships

Other Scholarships

See theWashboard.org and EverettCC.edu/FA for info about other scholarships.

3. Payment Plan

EvCC offers a payment plan for your tuition and fees.

You pay half of the cost of your tuition and fees by the normal deadline. Your second payment is due the 35th calendar day of the quarter.

The plan must be set up in person at the Cashiers Office (not online or over the phone) and some programs are not eligible.

See EverettCC.edu/Tuition for details.

4. Tuition Reimbursement

Some businesses help their employees pay for college. Ask your employer if your company offers a tuition reimbursement program.

5. Workforce Funding

Visit EverettCC.edu/WorkForceFunding and take a quick survey to find out if you're eligible for one of these grant programs:

- Basic Food and Employment Training
- Opportunity Grant
- WorkFirst
- Worker Retraining

6. Veterans' Funding

EvCC's Veterans Resource Center can help veterans with their education benefits.

EverettCC.edu/Veterans

Note: You should never pay money to apply for financial aid or scholarships.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Apply to EvCC at [EverettCC.edu/Apply](https://www.everettcc.edu/Apply)**
To get your financial aid application reviewed at EvCC, you need to apply for admission.
- Decide if you should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).**
WASFA is only for undocumented students and select non-citizens. If you need help finding out if you're eligible for WASFA, go to [ReadySetGrad.org/WASFA](https://www.ReadySetGrad.org/WASFA).
- If you're filling out the FAFSA, apply online at StudentAid.gov**
Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
On the FAFSA website, create your FSA ID username and password. If you have to provide parent information on the FAFSA, one of your parents will need their own FSA ID.
- If you're filling out the WASFA, apply online at ReadySetGrad.org/WASFA**
- You'll need some records**
To fill out your FAFSA or WASFA, you'll need income records, such as W2s, copies of federal tax returns, and Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI) benefits for the previous year. Dependent students will need their parents' income records.

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School Code: EvCC's Federal School Code is **003776**

Include your email address on your FAFSA or WASFA application

This is how the U.S. Department of Education, Washington State Achievement Council (WSAC), and EvCC will contact you if there are any errors or if additional paperwork is required.

After you submit your FAFSA or WASFA, the U.S. Department of Education or Washington State Achievement Council receives and processes it, then sends your information to EvCC electronically (it takes a few business days).

- Get your Student Aid Report and fix any errors on your FAFSA (not WASFA applicants)**
You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) sent to your email or mailing address. The report is the U.S. Department of Education's response to your FAFSA. If there are any changes needed to your FAFSA, make them on the FAFSA website. EvCC can't review your file until your FAFSA is complete with no errors.
- Watch your email and check the Financial Aid Portal at [EverettCC.edu/FAstatus](https://www.EverettCC.edu/FAstatus)**
After your FAFSA or WASFA is done, EvCC's Financial Aid Office will email you at the email address you put on your FAFSA or WASFA and send a message via the Financial Aid Portal if there are any additional documents you need to provide. Get any requested paperwork to EvCC ASAP. You'll need to provide that paperwork before your request for financial aid is reviewed.

DEADLINES

File your FAFSA or WASFA at least two weeks in advance of the deadline in case you need to fix errors or additional information is required. More info about deadlines at [EverettCC.edu/FA](https://www.EverettCC.edu/FA).

Summer/Fall 2020 Priority Funding – March 16, 2020: FAFSA or WASFA and any EvCC financial aid paperwork due.

Fall 2020 – July 13, 2020: FAFSA or WASFA and any EvCC financial aid paperwork due.

Winter 2021 – December 7, 2020: FAFSA or WASFA and any EvCC financial aid paperwork due.