



**Financial Aid**

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**Apply for Financial Aid on the Web**

***Apply for FAFSA***

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, a single application for financial aid can be used for federal aid at any approved college in the U.S. as well as for Washington state and institutional financial aid programs. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed annually. Go to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) to get started.

If you and your parent (if you are dependent for financial aid) do not have an FSA ID, we recommend that you apply for your Federal FSA ID about a week before you plan to complete your FAFSA. Go to [FSAID@ed.gov](mailto:FSAID@ed.gov). You will receive your FSA ID within 3-4 days.

Complete your FAFSA by going online to [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)

***Apply for WASFA***

If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and are not eligible for federal aid, but are a resident of the State of Washington, you may qualify for state financial aid.

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is available for you to apply for state aid for any approved college or post-secondary vocational training institution in the State of Washington.

Complete your WASFA by going online to [readysetgrad.org/WASFA](http://readysetgrad.org/WASFA)

What you should have available to complete your FAFSA:

- ✓ Your social security and driver’s license numbers if you have them;
- ✓ Amounts of assets, including cash, checking and savings; as well as any investments or businesses.
- ✓ Taxable and untaxable income information for the calendar year two years prior to the beginning of your school year.

If you are dependent for financial aid purposes, you will need the same information for your parent(s).

What you should have available to complete your WASFA:

- ✓ Your social security and driver’s license numbers if you have them;
- ✓ If you do not have a social security number, use your Employment Authorization Number, or your Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN);
- ✓ Amounts of assets, including cash, checking and savings; as well as any investments or businesses.
- ✓ Taxable and untaxable income information for the calendar year two years prior to the beginning of your school year.

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***Both the FAFSA and WASFA***

- ❖ Allow students to apply to several schools at the same time. Each has its own method of displaying the names of schools you may wish to send your information to. On the FAFSA, the YVC school code is 003805. On the WASFA, Yakima Valley College will be very near the bottom of the drop down list of schools.
- ❖ Each application is provided and processed without cost. They are free! If someone asks you to pay a fee for completing or helping with the process, be wary – you may have reached the wrong website!

## Steps to Receive Financial Aid at YVC

1. Complete your Financial Aid Application (FAFSA or WASFA)
  - a. Applications are made available the October before the next school year.
2. Apply for admissions at YVC
  - a. Start at [yvcc.edu](http://yvcc.edu) and go to the admissions webpage.
3. Check the YVC Student Financial Aid Portal (instructions in the box below) to confirm:
  - a. Has your application been received? (It will take about two weeks for YVC to receive your application)
  - b. Are any documents needed to complete your file?
  - c. Have you been awarded financial aid?
4. Attend New Student Orientation (if applicable) and register for classes.
5. Tuition is paid 10 days before the start of the quarter and aid refunds are sent to students the Friday prior to the quarter start **if** the student has no holds and is registered at the same enrollment level as the financial aid award. If you are waitlisted for a class or you are enrolled in less than 12 credits when tuition is due, contact the Financial Aid Office. Please see Conditions of Award on the financial aid office website for more information.

### FINANCIAL AID PORTAL in brief

- Login:
  - Username: Social Security Number Password: 6-digit Birthdate (MMDDYY)
- Use the drop down menu to select the appropriate school year; if you have a Cost of Attendance and Expected Family Contribution shown, your application has been received.
- Scroll to the section labeled **Information We Need from You**. Do not be concerned that the “due dates” have passed. The system posts the date your application was loaded into the database without regard to portal or document availability. Required documents must be submitted before the file can be processed. Try to submit documents within two weeks and as early as possible for timely processing.
- For 2018-2019, files that are complete by March 1, 2019 have priority; but awards will continue to be made throughout the summer and the school year for later applicants. Your awards will be in **My Awards/Opportunity Pathways**.
- A more detailed set of portal instructions is available from the forms page of the YVC Financial Aid office website.

### What if I miss a deadline?

Even if you cannot complete your file by March 1, we recommend you submit documents at least three to four months before the start of the fall quarter; for other quarters, submitting documents at least two months before the start of the quarter is usually adequate. Required documents **must** be submitted with at least a month remaining in the student’s enrollment within the award year; inadequate processing time may prevent us from any processing funds for you. Most students need their financial aid in place prior to the first day of attendance. If aid is not ready, delaying enrollment for a quarter may be the best option to improve the student’s opportunities for a good beginning and successful program.

### Errors that Could Delay your Financial Aid

- ✓ Inaccurate, inconsistent or incomplete information on financial aid or admissions applications.
- ✓ Failure to view, understand, and respond to information provided in your student financial aid portal.
- ✓ Failure to review and understand the policies and procedures as explained on our web pages and forms.

The best way to get answers to your questions is to visit us during our service hours 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, or email: [finaid@yvcc.edu](mailto:finaid@yvcc.edu). Allow several days for an email response.

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| The CWU EOC Office, located on the YVC campus in Lyon Hall 162, offers assistance in English & Spanish for completing the FAFSA. | Call for an appointment:<br>(509) 574-6895 |
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