



# **Dollars for Redhawk Scholars**

**Scholarship Overview Workshop**

**Office of Student Persistence**

# Agenda

- ▶ FAFSA/WASFA
- ▶ Scholarship Materials
- ▶ Scholarship Search
- ▶ Spotting Scams
- ▶ Campus Resources
- ▶ Student Persistence Website
- ▶ Scholarships



# FAFSA/WASFA



- ▶ Open now
- ▶ If eligible to file – the only way to get federal funding or State Need Grant
- ▶ Should fill out even if you only think you qualify for loans
- ▶ Some scholarships require Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ▶ Info is protected – only goes to Dept of Education or WA State
- ▶ Report on 2017 tax data
- ▶ No need to pay for help filling out form

# FAFSA or WASFA?

Am I a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen?

**Yes**

**No**

**Do I have at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen or eligible non citizen?**

**No**

**Yes**

**Complete the FAFSA**

- ▶ All zeros for parents social security #
- ▶ Hit "Submit" twice
- ▶ Parent(s) sign printed version

**Complete the FAFSA**

**Complete the WASFA**

**WASFA Eligibility**

- ▶ Lived in WA for 3 years
- ▶ Earned HS diploma or GED in WA
- ▶ Sign affidavit

[readyssetgrad.wa.gov/residency-citizenship](https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/residency-citizenship)

# Scholarship Materials

## Personal Statement

<500 words

Use one for multiple applications

Make sure you answer the prompt

Ask multiple people to review

## Transcripts/ Test Scores

Unofficial can be obtained on SU Online

Official is ordered from Registrar's Office

SAT/ACT scores sometimes required

## Letters of Rec

Ask people who know you well

Ask early

## Student Aid Report (SAR)

Shows Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)

Not required by all scholarships

# Searching for Scholarships



- ◀ SU has limited scholarships
- ◀ Expect to apply for many
- ◀ Search locally
- ◀ Fill out as much of profile as possible
- ◀ Most are due January - March

## Scholarship Databases

- ◀ Persistence Database
- ◀ Unigo
- ◀ Fastweb
- ◀ Washboard

# Spotting Scams

- ▶ Fees to apply
- ▶ No phone number or contact info
- ▶ No proof of past winners
- ▶ Request personal financial info
- ▶ Claim to do all the work for you
- ▶ Claim that “you can’t get this information anywhere else”



# Campus Resources



- ▶ Student Financial Services
- ▶ Writing Center
- ▶ Lemieux Library Research Services
- ▶ Academic Departments
- ▶ Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
- ▶ Student Persistence





# Student Persistence Website

## Scholarships

STUDENT PERSISTENCE

SCHOLARSHIPS

BELONGING ON CAMPUS

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

TIPS FROM CURRENT STUDENTS

GETTING SUPPORT

Looking for some extra funding? Interested in learning more about scholarships but don't know where to start? This page can help point you in the right direction. The database contains scholarships that you can apply for based on different eligibility criteria, or if you want to get in person assistance, you can attend one of our scholarship workshops or scholarship office hours.

### Fee Waivers

Although they are not the same as scholarships, fee waivers can be helpful if you are looking to take exams necessary to apply to graduate school. Because fee waivers can take some time to process, we recommend applying well in advance of your anticipated test date.

Exam Name	Eligibility Criteria
Law School Admission Test (LSAT)	-Inability to pay for the LSAT and Credential Assembly Service  -Be a US, Canadian, or Australian citizen, a US national, a US permanent resident, or have applied/been granted DACA status.



Want personalized help with finding or applying for scholarships?

Contact Yvette Gutierrez

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### DOLLARS FOR REDHAWK SCHOLARS

Attend this workshop to get an overview of how to find scholarships and the resources available on

# Some Scholarships

- ▶ Pride Foundation Scholarships
- ▶ APIASF Scholarship
- ▶ UNCF/Koch Scholars
- ▶ Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- ▶ LAGrant Foundation
- ▶ Davis Putter Scholarship Fund
- ▶ Public Relations Student Society of America
- ▶ Educators for Fair Consideration
- ▶ Association for Advancement of Cost Engineering
- ▶ WSOS scholarship



# Upcoming Events

- ◀ Scholarship Drop-in Hours (**Nov 9**)
- ◀ Scholarship Essay Writing Workshop w/Writing Center (**Nov 27**)
- ◀ FAFSA/WASFA Nights (**Dec & Jan**)
- ◀ Financial Literacy Week (**Feb**)
- ◀ Searching for Scholarships w/Research Services Librarian (**TBD**)

**Check Persistence Website for more details**



# Contact Us

- ▶ Financial wellness information
- ▶ Connecting to academic resources
- ▶ Support around transitioning to SU
- ▶ Info about getting involved on campus
- ▶ Other challenges regarding persistence to graduation

[www.seattleu.edu/persistence/](http://www.seattleu.edu/persistence/)



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