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FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

What is a Federal Pell Grant?

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund). Pell Grants are usually a foundation of financial aid, to which other sources may be added. You may only receive one Pell Grant in an award year, and you may not receive PELL Grant funds from more than one school at a time.

What is FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in applying for student aid. It is the document that the federal government uses to determine how much of your tuition you are able to pay, and how much money you are eligible to receive. Although the paper version of the FAFSA is available, the fastest and most accurate way to complete the application is online.

How do you apply for the Federal Student Aid?

1. Complete the needed forms.

You have to submit your complete, correct FAFSA in a required timeframe, but be sure to check the deadlines for state aid that the FAFSA lists. You can complete the form online, which is the quickest and most recommended. For questions, contact **Wendy Ketelsen, Financial Aid Coordinator, at (740) 373-2766 ext. 2014.**

Remember to include the school code for the Washington County Career Center 030342.

You can complete a FAFSA:

- ✦ online at www.studentaid.gov
- ✦ New to FAFSA? Don't have an FSA ID and Password? You will click on **Create Account** then **Get Started**. Follow the steps to create your unique ID and Password.
- ✦ Call, Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID with any FAFSA questions.

The **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** allows students and parents to access the IRS tax return information needed to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and **transfer the data directly into their FAFSA from the IRS Web site**. If offered to you, this is your best option.

Students or parents who are married and filed as Married Filing Separately, are married and filed as Head of Household, filed an amended tax return, or filed a Puerto Rican or foreign tax return **are not eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, and will need to enter their tax return information manually.**

If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, then click **Link to IRS** to transfer your tax return information from the IRS Web site into your FAFSA. (**Note:** If you previously transferred your tax return information from the IRS, or you indicate that you filed your tax return electronically within the last three weeks or through the mail within the last eight weeks, then the **Link to IRS** button displays once you click the "View option to link to the IRS" hyperlink.)

Note: Washington County Career Center does not process student loans.



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If you are ineligible or otherwise choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to retrieve tax information, your college may require a copy of your IRS Tax Return Transcript (or your parents' IRS Tax Return Transcript, if you are a dependent student). **Please call (800) 908-9946 and request your (reporting year) Tax Return Transcript.**

2. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).

After submitting the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) via email.

When you receive it:

1. Review the SAR, which includes the responses you provided when completing the FAFSA.
2. If asked, submit your tax returns, w-2s, verification worksheet, and any other requested documents to the Financial Aid Office.
3. You will receive an award notice that tells you the details of the aid you are eligible to receive.

Usually about four weeks after you submit your FAFSA, you will receive a SAR (or a SAR Information Acknowledgement if you applied via the Internet). The SAR confirms the information reported on your FAFSA and will list your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in the upper right hand corner of page 1. The EFC is an index of need that your financial aid administrator will use to determine the amount of federal student aid you qualify for. It is a standard formula the U.S. Department of Education uses, established by Congress.

3. Contact The Washington County Career Center – Adult Technical Training Office.

****Funding Agencies and Other Sources to Consider****

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)

The WIOA authorizes services for youth, adults, displaced and dislocated workers. These centers provide access to a full range of services pertaining to employment, training and education, employer assistance, and guidance for obtaining other assistance.

Here's a list of some local offices:

Athens County.....740-797-1405
Guernsey County.....740-432-2381
Monroe County.....740-472-1602
Morgan County.....740-962-1438

Meigs County.....740-992-2117
Noble County.....740-732-2392
Washington County.....740-434-0758
Wood County.....304-420-4531

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Funds

The TAA program is a federal program established under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The TAA Program provides aid to workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports. TAA offers a variety of benefits and reemployment services to assist unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment.



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Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

Financial assistance from this agency is for students with documented disabilities or handicaps. The students assigned case managers will assess BVR's referral process and determine eligibility. Call 1-800-282-4536 for the nearest BVR office in your area.

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services

Financial assistance from this agency is for students with documented disabilities or handicaps. The students assigned case managers will assess and determine eligibility.

Contact 304-420-4580

Veterans Assistance Programs (VA)

The Veterans Administration administers a number of education and training programs for veterans, service persons, and eligible dependents. Check with your local U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs office.

Information is also available through the Internet at www.gibill.va.gov. If you need additional assistance, call the toll-free number

1-888-GI-BILL-1(1-888-442-4551) to speak with a Veterans Benefits Counselor.

Payment Plans

A payment plan can be arranged for those who either do not qualify for financial assistance or for those which assistance does not cover 100% of their educational expenses. All classes are arranged to be paid on a quarterly basis; meaning money is collected quarterly. For example, with a full-time program, the entire balance is not due in the first quarter; it is divided throughout the year by the beginning of each quarter. Speak to the financial aid assistant for further information. Payments being made to the school, for a student, can be made by cash, check, or Visa or MasterCard.

Employer Payment Plans

If you are working and your employer agrees to pay all or part of your cost of attendance, all authorization forms must be submitted and approved by financial aid before the start of the program. Many companies and labor unions have programs to help pay the cost of postsecondary education for employees and/or their children.

Other Sources

You may want to do some private research on other options that may be available to you. Feel free to explore your options online for other sources of private financial aid or be sure to check with your banking facilities, who may also offer you financial options.

Scholarship Websites

www.scholarships.com

www.fastweb.com

www.collegexpress.com

www.mcfohio.org

www.pacfww.com