

HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
STUDENT SERVICES

For information for completing your FAFSA APPLICATION or to make inquiries concerning your submitted application, the following information will help you:

GENERAL INQUIRIES: 1-800-4aid (1-800-433-3243)

FAFSA WEB PAGE: <http://www.fafsa.gov>

You can submit your application online at this site. You must first apply for a **USERNAME AND PASSWORD YOURSELF AND ONE PARENT**. Go to FSAid.gov to do so.

You can make an appointment with Ms. Waldrum, Financial Aid Advisor, by contacting your school's Student Services Office. Appointments can be made for **Tuesdays at 9, 10,11,12, & 1pm**. I will contact you by phone or Google Meet at the time of your appointment to discuss your FAFSA. You will need to give the following information to make an appointment: Your full name, WCPSS email, phone #, Parent name, phone # and email address. .

STEPS IN APPLYING FOR THE FAFSA:

1. **Obtain your FSA Id:** Go to FSAid.gov to do so. Here you will create a username, which can be your name and initial, and a password, which must be unique—cannot contain your name or any numbers such as SS# or phone or address. (Example: SBAlexander (username), and Skydiver1274\$ (password). The password of 8-30 characters must contain uppercase & lowercase letters, numbers and a special symbol. Once you have completed the application for the FSAID, take a screen shot to keep on your phone and write down keeping in a secure place. ONE parent must also obtain an FSA ID. The identifications will allow you to access your FAFSA as well as be your electronic signature for submission of the document. **DO NOT LOOSE OR FORGET!!!**
2. Fill out the FAFSA online (fafsa.gov) for the first year that you will attend college—for many of you this will be for the 2021-22 school year. Take your time in filling out as you can “SAVE” and exit and re-enter the document using username and password. Within the document, you can list up to 10 schools where you want your FAFSA information sent.
3. Use prior year's tax information for the parent, and the student if you worked. For example, this year, the 2019 1040 tax document is what should be used. There is a way for the parent to connect to the IRS which will populate your FAFSA with tax information—by clicking on the proper box and entering Username and Password to allow the IRS to do so. This is the fastest and easiest method. Many parents will be eligible to do so—however, some are not. Do not be alarmed if this happens. Simply enter the appropriate information line by line from the 1040 tax form.
4. Look at various local state, local and institutional scholarships and grant offerings, and apply for any and all that you feel you may be eligible.

5. **Wait for your Student Aid Report (SAR)—You should receive this information in the confirmation that you will receive from FAFSA via email directly after you submit. The most important number on this confirmation page (which you should retain as a hard copy as well) is the EFC or Expected Family Contribution. This is the amount, based on all the information contained in your FAFSA, that the Federal Government feels your family can afford for you to attend college. For example this will be written: 002415, which means that the EFC for this family is \$2,415.**
6. **Your FAFSA information is automatically forwarded to each of the institutions that you have listed in your FAFSA. They, in turn, will review this in their Financial Aid Office, and after you've been accepted, will send you an AWARD LETTER, which will detail the types of aid and amounts that they will award you. These can consist of Grants, Work Study opportunities, Scholarships, and Loans. The Federal Government through FAFSA offers Grants, Workstudy (jobs at minimum wage paid to students to work on campus), and Loans of two types: Subsidized and Unsubsidized up to \$5500. With subsidized loans, the interest is deferred until after graduation; unsubsidized loans accrue interest over the years of the loan.**