

Department of Health Services Federal Financial Aid Information

Before You Begin...

Please refer to the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) website (<https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/>) for detailed information on the process for completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

This document is intended to **supplement** the information on the OSFA website by highlighting essential elements of the federal financial aid application process, summarizing the steps in a timeline, and providing additional information relevant to Health Services students.

If you have additional questions about the process or FAFSA form after reading this document and reviewing the OSFA website, please contact the OSFA (osfa@u.washington.edu or 206-543-6101).

Essential Information

How to Apply for Financial Aid

All students who are requesting financial aid are required to apply for financial aid every year they enroll. Please also note that you must apply separately for the UW academic year (Autumn-Spring quarters) and for Summer quarter.

To start the process of applying for financial aid for the academic year, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA; <http://fafsa.ed.gov/>), which becomes available the October 1st in the year prior to your matriculation. Complete the FAFSA using our school code of 003798, and use your tax information from the previous year to estimate requested figures. The annual priority filing deadline for the UW is January 15th.

- Note, if you use estimated tax information when initially submitting your FAFSA, you must update your FAFSA with your actual tax figures after you file your tax return with the IRS.
- Note, students should expect an annual increase in tuition. Increases vary from year to year. We cannot project or guarantee what the annual increase will be.

If you also intend to apply for Summer quarter aid, the Summer Application becomes available April 1st via MyUW (<http://myuw.washington.edu/>) Financial Aid Status. Instructions and additional information are available here (<https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/applying-for-aid/summer-quarter/>).

How Aid Is Disbursed

The first day of each quarter is the first day of aid disbursement. Financial aid funds are disbursed first to your student account to pay whatever charges are on your student account (e.g., tuition, U-PASS, late change fee, student insurance and other university fees) before any remaining aid is sent to your bank via direct deposit. More information here (<https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/receiving-aid/disbursement/>).

Adjusting Award Amounts

If your financial aid package does not cover your financial need, you will need to submit a "Revision Request for Additional Expenses." The OSFA advises students to act early on this, and to follow the same process each quarter. Information about award changes and this form are available here (<https://www.washington.edu/financialaid/receiving-aid/request-changes-to-your-award/>).

If you have already registered for courses at the time that you request an aid revision, submit your registration receipt along with the revision request form. Alternatively, you can submit a copy of the registration form or a list of the courses for which you are registering, along with relevant credit load and registration fee details. Contact the Student Services Counselor (hservphd@uw.edu; 206-616-2979) if you have questions about this.

The OSFA will review the revision request and alert you as to whether or not additional aid will be provided.

Questions about Your Aid Status

You can view your financial aid status through MyUW (<http://myuw.washington.edu/>).

- If you have questions specific to your aid application, award amount, or timing of disbursement, please contact OSFA (osfa@uw.edu or 206-543-6101).