

# WASFA Eligibility



Dear undocumented students in Washington State,

In March of 2003, [House Bill 1079](#) was signed into law allowing eligible undocumented students in Washington State to pay in-state tuition at public higher education institutions. After much advocacy, during February of 2014, the [Senate Bill 6523](#) was signed into law allowing eligible undocumented students to receive state financial aid to pursue their undergraduate degree.

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In order to apply for WASFA, you must be eligible for one of the two categories:

## HB 1079 Eligibility:

- Graduated from a Washington State high school, or have obtained a GED
- AND**
- Lived in Washington for three years prior to, and continuously since earning a high school diploma or the equivalent

**\*\*Note: you do not need to have been granted [DACA](#) to qualify for HB 1079\*\***

## DACA Eligibility:

- Have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- AND**
- Have established residency in Washington State for at least one year prior to attending a higher education institution

If you qualify through HB 1079 or DACA, you  
are eligible to fill out the WASFA at:

[www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA](http://www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA)

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## IMPORTANT:

- WASFA opens every October 1st . Awards are given on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- The WASFA is **FREE** and you do not have to pay to fill out your application.
- Make sure to save both your username and password, as you will need that information to fill out the WASFA every year.
- Submit your WASFA application by your college's financial aid priority deadline.
- There isn't an age limit to fill out the WASFA.
- Continue to apply to scholarships. Visit <http://bit.ly/BeyondDreaming2015> and [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org) to seek for additional funding you're eligible for.