

# THE WASFA PROCESS

## COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

The WASFA is an alternative application for those that cannot fill out FAFSA due to immigration status. It allows you to receive State financial aid to attend college or a career school. Submission of the FAFSA/WASFA is a mandatory component of the High School & Beyond Plan, which is a requirement for graduation.

### **Things to know about the ending of DACA:**

- Your DACA is valid until its expiration date.
- No new DACA applications to be accepted.
  - United States Citizenship and Immigration Services is no longer accepting first-time applicants as of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **Preparing to Fill out WASFA:**

- Determining Eligibility
  - Must fit one of the following standards:
    - DACA standard and have unexpired DACA status
    - 1079 Standard
      - You must graduate from a Washington high school (or earn GED/equivalent) after living in Washington for at least 3 years.
- For detailed information on process:  
[http://readyssetgrad.org/sites/default/files/2017\\_wasfa.instructions.pdf](http://readyssetgrad.org/sites/default/files/2017_wasfa.instructions.pdf)

### **Filling out the WASFA:**

- Go to: [readyssetgrad.org/wafsa](http://readyssetgrad.org/wafsa)
  - Select "Start A New WASFA" to begin filling out application.
    - The application opens on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. State aid is limited, and will run out
- You will need your financial information and your parent's information.
- For more detailed instructions, go to the website listed above.

### **Processing the WASFA:**

- Once your application is complete your information will be made available to the schools listed in your application.
- The financial aid offices of your prospective schools will prepare a financial aid package for you.
- If you have questions about the financial aid award process, timeline, or your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) please check with your selected school's financial aid office