

FINANCIAL AID MYTHS

Myth

My parents make too much money, so I won't qualify for financial aid.



Fact

The new Washington College Grant gives more money to more students for more kinds of education. Even if you didn't qualify before, you could now!

Myth

I can't apply for financial aid because I don't know what I'm going to do after high school.



Fact

You can complete your FAFSA or WASFA before submitting any college or technical school applications. You'll need to list at least one school on your application, but go ahead and add every school you're considering.

Myth

Financial aid only pays for universities. That takes four years—I need to start working now.



Fact

Financial aid can be used for many types of education, including career and technical institutions, community colleges, some apprenticeships, and yes, universities too. You have options!

Myth

Only star athletes and students with good grades get financial aid.



Fact

Good grades or athletics may help students get into certain schools, but most student aid programs do not take a student's grades or sports abilities into consideration.

Myth

Getting financial aid is complicated and there's nowhere to get help.



Fact

Schools around the state host financial aid events, where students can get free help completing applications. Your counselor can help you find an event near you.