

Instructions for the FAFSA SAR

Students who wish to be considered for a 2020 scholarship from the Walpole Scholarship Foundation must file the **2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA is necessary to apply for most colleges' financial aid. The FAFSA report will generate an "Expected Family Contribution (EFC)" toward college costs. This is essential information as it is used by the Foundation to determine your need for scholarship funds.

No fee is charged to file the FAFSA. The form is available online at:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

We recommend you file your FAFSA by January 10, 2020 to allow the Department of Education processing time to generate your SAR by WSF's deadline (2/1/20). You will be notified by email from the Department of Education when the SAR is available. Email confirmation from FAFSA will **NOT** be accepted.

What the Walpole Scholarship Foundation Needs from You:

From the first page(s) of the SAR, WSF will need:

- **your full name**
- **your address**
- **the last four digits of your social security number**
- **your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

Feel free to blacken out any other information. You do not need to submit any other pages except for the page(s) that show the required information.

Completing the FAFSA:

Please follow the directions carefully to ensure proper and efficient processing. The Department of Education estimates that for first-time users, FAFSA on the Web will take less than one hour to complete, however it will require preparation and documentation. For the 2020-2021 school year, you will need financial information from 2019 (estimated if not yet known). A copy of your completed 2018 taxes would be helpful as a reference.

In order to complete the FAFSA and generate the SAR, at least one college code must be entered into the form - the FAFSA will be automatically sent to that college. If you are not applying for financial aid for college, consider using a college code for an institution to which you are not applying.

FAFSA Resources:

For questions regarding problems or difficulties using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web, or specific questions about the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).