

Instructons for the Official Student Aid Report

An application will be considered incomplete if it does not include an OFFICIAL Student Aid Report ("SAR"). The SAR is generated by the US Department of Education ("DOE") approximately 2-3 weeks **after** submission of your Free Application for Student Aid ("FAFSA") for the 2023-2024 school year.

Because you must submit your OFFICIAL SAR by the Scholarship submission deadline, we recommend that you submit your FAFSA **no later than January 10, 2023**. This will allow the government enough time to process the the OFFICIAL SAR.

When you submit yur FAFSA, you will receive an email confirmation - from FAFSA - confirming submission of your application for federal aid. You will also receive a preliminary Expected Family Contribution ("EFC") amount. This does NOT constitute an OFFICIAL SAR. A confirmation email from FAFSA that your SAR is available will NOT be accepted.

Approximately 2-3 weeks after submission of the FAFSA, you will receive an email from the DOE informing you that your OFFICIAL SAR is available. You will need to retrieve the OFFICIAL SAR from your FAFSA account and upload the pages which identify the information below.

SAR Information Relevant to the WSF Application:

- Applicant's full name
- Applicant's address
- Expected Family Contribution ("EFC") amount

This will require you to submit pages 1 and 2 of the OFFICIAL SAR (please example below).

EVERYTHING ELSE ON THE REPORT SHOULD BE REDACTED.

The OFFICIAL SAR requirement is the piece of the application process that is most misunderstood by applicants and consistently results in many being excluded from consideration. Please note and respect the timelines and reach out with questions well in advance of the 2/1/2023 deadline.

Completion of the FAFSA: The FAFSA form can be accessed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. It takes approximately one hour to complete, assuming you have read the directions and are able to reference the documentation necessary to complete the responses.

Questions or difficulties regarding the FAFSA are handled by the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

Example of OFFICIAL SAR and Required Information:

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2023-2024

Make sure the SAR Report reflects the next school year

Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2022- 2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	10/01/2022	XXX-XX-XXX	
Processed Date:	10/02/2022	EFC: 9999	EFC must not be blank
		DRN: 9999	

Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC)*.

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 9999. You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant but you may be eligible for other aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for other federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

We have forwarded your name to Selective Service for registration, as you requested. They will process your registration request 30 days prior to your 18th birthday.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can

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FAFSA Data

Assumed fields, based on the data you entered, are marked with an "*" (asterisk) sign.

1. Student's Last Name:	YOUR LAST NAME
2. Student's First Name:	YOUR FIRST NAME
3. Student's Middle Initial:	
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address:	YOUR STREET
5. Student's Permanent City:	WALPOLE
6. Student's Permanent State:	MA
7. Student's Permanent ZIP Code:	02081
8. Student's Social Security Number:	XXX-XX-XXXX
9. Student's Date of Birth:	MM/DD/YYYY
10. Student's Telephone Number:	
11. Student's Driver's License Number:	

All financial information will be confidential.

The only financial information made available to the Scholarship Selection Committee will be a numerical ranking of the EFC.

Questions that do not concern completion of the FAFSA should be directed to wsf@walpolescholarshipfoundation.org.