

Financial Aid Advising Day: Student Opt Out Form



What is a Financial Aid Advising Day?

For many students, there is financial aid to help pay for college! National research shows that 90% of students who complete a financial aid application attend college and that the main reason students do not complete one is they think it's too complex or they are not eligible for aid.* Millions of financial aid dollars are left unclaimed each year by Washington's seniors who could get help!**

The goal of the Financial Aid Advising Day (FAAD) is to give all seniors the knowledge needed to apply for financial aid to help reduce costs associated with further education and training after high school. For seniors who do not plan to attend college right after high school, learning the financial aid process now can help them afford to attend college later in life as their career interests change. Information about financial aid and next steps can be found at www.wsac.wa.gov/actionplan.

School districts must, by December 1 each year, provide a FAAD, or series of days, that include the following opportunities for current seniors:

1. Information about financial aid sources and applications, including the Washington College Grant and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) and the College Board's CSS Profile.
2. Assistance with completing the FAFSA or WASFA, as appropriate and whenever possible.
3. A demonstration of how to use Washington's newly created Financial Aid Calculator.

What does it mean to opt out of this opportunity?

Seniors over the age of 18, or a senior's parent or guardian, may sign this form and decline to participate in their school's FAAD event(s). In choosing to opt out of FAAD, know that all seniors still need to complete the required financial aid portion of their High School and Beyond Plan, which includes information about sources of financial aid and how to access them.

Opt Out Signature

By signing below, I recognize that I am/my child is choosing to opt out of the school's FAAD but must still complete the financial aid section of the required High School and Beyond Plan.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature (if over 18)

Student's Printed Name

*<https://www.ncan.org/page/WhyInvestFAFSA>

**<https://wsac.wa.gov/update-2019-02-14-FAFSA-IssueBrief>

