

We want to make it easier to navigate the financial aid application process with clear instructions and helpful hints. Follow these steps:

Financial Aid Instructions

- You will be considered for financial aid regardless of your income as long as you are admitted to the law school and complete the necessary paperwork.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. Completion of the 2023- 2024 FAFSA is required if you wish to apply for financial aid other than scholarships.
- The application opens on **October 1, 2022** and is encouraged to be completed as soon as possible. Complete the form by **February 15, 2023** for a timely award and for consideration for all limited-funded programs. If you are unable to meet this suggested deadline, you should still give priority attention to this important step.

FAFSA Hints:

Under Student Eligibility

- You must respond to the question regarding drug convictions. **Do not leave blank** or you will have to resubmit the form.
- Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2023? Answer **Yes**.
- When you begin the 2023-2024 school year, what will be your grade level? Answer **1st year graduate/professional** (unless you are a transfer student, then answer Continuing graduate/professional).
- When you begin the 2023-2024 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on? Answer **Graduate professional degree**.

Under School Selection

- Select Seattle University as a recipient using **Federal School Code 003790**.

Under Student Financial Information

- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS does **not** refer to scholarship funds used for tuition, books and supplies as a degree-seeking student, so you would not include it here. Refer to IRS publication 970.
- It is strongly advised that you **select the IRS Data Retrieval Tool** (DRT) option when completing the FAFSA. By doing so, it will provide the most accurate information and eliminate the need to request an IRS Tax Return Transcript if selected for verification.
- Complete all parts of the FAFSA application except parental information.
- If you did not disclose your Social Security Number on your application, you must submit it to our office for the FAFSA information to download.

Additional Information

- The federal processor may select your FAFSA for verification of data submitted. If your file is selected, you will be notified of the additional required documentation. **You may receive a tentative offer letter, but no funds will be disbursed until the verification is complete.** The easiest way to complete verification is to select the IRS Data Retrieval Tool option on the FAFSA.
- Your file will be evaluated once you are admitted to the School of Law. Your financial aid offer letter information will be emailed to your SU email account approximately three weeks after the receipt of your admit letter (but no earlier than mid-March), if your financial aid file is complete.
- Information necessary to secure loans for which you may be eligible will be sent with your official Financial Aid Offer Letter.
- The FAFSA is free. **Do not** pay to complete this form.
- Please contact us any time you have a question, want to schedule a one-to-one appointment, or need a status update at 206.398.4250 or lawfa@seattleu.edu.