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Financial Aid

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Get Ready to File the 2024-25 FAFSA

If you have questions about financial aid,
contact us at 715-425-3141 or finaid@uwrf.edu.

1. YOUR FSA ID

If you haven't done so already, create an FSA ID, which is your account username and password. The FSA ID is a digital legal signature that lets you complete and update the FAFSA form, so create your own and keep it safe. Parent(s) of dependent students will need to create their own FSA ID to complete the FAFSA process.

We recommend creating your account early—even before you're ready to complete the FAFSA form. This extra step can avoid delays in the process, especially since it can take up to three days before you can sign the FAFSA using your FSA ID.

Important: Do **not** create an FSA ID on someone else's behalf. This includes parents. A parent should not create an FSA ID for their children and a student should not create an FSA ID for their parent(s).

2. YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

You can find your Social Security number (SSN) on your Social Security card. If you don't have access to your SSN card or don't know where it is, you can request a new or replacement SSN card from the Social Security Administration.

If you are not a U.S. citizen but meet other eligibility criteria for federal student aid as an eligible noncitizen, you'll need your Alien Registration number. Both parents and students need this information for the FAFSA form.

3. YOUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN

The 2024-25 FAFSA uses 2022 tax information. You may be eligible to transfer your tax information into the FAFSA form right away using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT). If you are eligible, the IRS DRT is the fastest, most accurate way to provide your tax return information into the FAFSA form. The information you transfer from the IRS will not display on the FAFSA. Instead, you'll see "Transferred from the IRS" in the appropriate fields on FAFSA.

If you have questions about using the 2022 tax information, call us at (715) 425-3141 and we will assist you.

4. RECORDS OF YOUR UNTAXED INCOME

The FAFSA questions about untaxed income, such as child support, interest income and veterans' noneducation benefits may apply to you. On the 2024-25 FAFSA form, you'll report 2022 tax or calendar year information when asked these questions.

5. RECORDS OF YOUR ASSETS (MONEY)

This section includes savings and checking account balances, as well as the value of investments, such as stocks, bonds and real estate (excluding your primary residence.) Report the current amounts as of the date you sign the FAFSA form, rather than reporting the 2022 tax year amounts. If you have questions as you are filling out the FAFSA, there are several help features available within the form.

Note: Misreporting the value of investments is a common mistake on the FAFSA form. Please carefully review what is and is not considered a student investment and parent investment to make sure you don't over- or under-report information. You may be surprised by what can (and cannot) be excluded.

6. LIST OF SCHOOL(S) YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

Be sure to add any college you're considering, even if you haven't applied or been accepted yet. Even if it's only a slight chance you'll apply to a college, list the school on your FAFSA form. You can always remove a school later if you decide not to apply, but if you wait to add a school, you could miss out on financial aid.

The schools you list on your FAFSA form will automatically receive your FAFSA results electronically. They will use your FAFSA information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid you may receive.

You can list up to 20 schools at a time on your FAFSA form. You can add and remove schools from your list at any time. Be sure to resign and submit your FAFSA if you edit the form to add or remove a school.

To add UWRf, search by our federal school code: **003923**

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BEFORE YOU SUBMIT, DID YOU:

- Report all required information
- Input the correct tax information in the correct sections
- Read the definitions carefully to ensure you answered the questions correctly
- Sign the FAFSA (student and parent(s))

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