

FINANCIAL AID

PRIORITY APPEAL INSTRUCTIONS

If you have applied for financial aid but have not been offered sufficient aid to meet your need because you do not meet one of the priority requirements, you may submit this appeal. You should know in advance, however, that we rarely make exceptions to these requirements. The burden of proof is on the student to show why an exception is appropriate.

PRIORITY APPEAL PROCESSING

An appeal committee of financial aid counselors will review your explanation of any special circumstances you wish to have taken into account, and will respond in writing. Eligibility appeals generally take about three weeks to process. You may call our office, (425) 352-5326, about three weeks after submitting your appeal to learn if it was considered in the last meeting of the committee and what decision was made.

Be prepared to pay your own tuition and meet your other expenses regardless of the outcome of your appeal. If it is approved, we will evaluate your application and award whatever funds are available for which you are eligible. Application processing can be lengthy. Short Term Loans may be available (due in 3 to 6 months); you may apply on-line at <http://www.bothell.washington.edu/SA/fa/>.

FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are established by federal regulation and cannot be appealed. To be eligible for financial aid, a student must:

1. Be a United States citizen or permanent resident, and, if required, be registered for Selective Service.
2. Be admitted to and enroll in the University in a degree or certificate program. (NOTE: Under some circumstances, non-matriculated students may have limited eligibility for Federal Direct Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford and PLUS loans, not to exceed 12 consecutive months.)
3. Provide information as required on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any other information requested to confirm your eligibility.
4. Make satisfactory academic progress. (If your eligibility has been canceled for academic progress reasons and you wish to petition for reinstatement, use the blue Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal form.)
5. Not be in default on a student loan and not owe repayment on federal grant aid.

PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS

The following priorities are established by the University of Washington and may be appealed based on extraordinary circumstances. Students who do not meet all the priority requirements can still be considered for the Federal Pell Grant (undergraduates only), Federal Direct Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford and PLUS loans.

For first priority consideration for most aid programs, a student must:

1. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the annual priority application date. For First priority consideration, the completed FAFSA should be mailed or transmitted by February 15, and date stamped or electronically received by the federal processor by February 28, with the University of Washington listed to receive the FAFSA data.
2. Enroll full-time (12 credits per quarter for undergraduates and professional students, 10 credits per quarter for graduate students).
3. Enroll in a first undergraduate degree or a graduate degree program.

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