COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE
TUITION ASSISTANCE

Reasoning for FAFSA Requirement with Tuition Applications
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A current FAFSA is a requirement for the Tuition Assistance Application packet. We follow along the guidelines of colleges and universities. Schools that participate in FAFSA are accredited.

The main point of completing FAFSA is that it is the only way you will receive any outside federal funding. The FAFSA needs to be completed each new aid year to determine eligibility for federal student aid.

If you do not complete the FAFSA, you will not be able to receive federal financial aid such as a Pell grant. You may also be ineligible for certain types of college scholarships and state aid available only at your college or university. A FAFSA also allows you to participate in work study programs that allow you to earn money through your college or university while attending school.

You can request a waiver if the school you attend does not participate in the federal student aid program [examples of this include some CDL Truck driving or Heavy Equipment training etc.]

Additional FAFSA Quick links:

FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid: [Home | Federal Student Aid](#)

A Quick Guide to How the FAFSA Works: [A Quick Guide to How FAFSA Works | The Academic Guide](#)

2026-27 FASFA Guide: [2026-27 FAFSA Guide: How to Fill Out, Tips & Changes](#)