

2025-2026 Financial Aid Instructions for Students Getting Married During Summer 2025

If you have filed a FAFSA with your parents in the past and now you are getting married this summer, please meet with your financial aid counselor to determine how your financial aid offer might change filing once married. It could make more sense to file before getting married. This will depend on your parent(s) resources and your spouse's income/assets.

You have two options:
File the FAFSA with your parent's information. You will receive aid as a dependent student. OR
Wait to file your FAFSA until after you are married. While you wait:
Make sure you and your spouse have established studentaid.gov accounts as well as FSA IDS. You will need them to submit the FAFSA. Invite your future spouse to contribute to your FAFSA
Students who wait to file the FAFSA and their offers are delayed will be given an extension on payment due. However, students are still subject to the refund policy which only allows a 100% refund up until the 10 th day.
After you are married:
File the FAFSA with your and your spouse's information that matches your Self-Service account.
Make sure Whitworth University is listed, our school code is 003804.
Change your name with the Social Security Office.
Update our Registrar's office with your new name (documentation will be required) and address
The above procedures apply only to Whitworth University. Other schools may have different procedures.
Upon completion, please drop off or mail documents to the address below.
We highly discourage attaching documents to an unsecure email.
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300 West Hawthorne Road, Spokane, WA 99251

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