

Instructions for the FAFSA SAR

Students who wish to be considered for a scholarship from the Walpole Scholarship Foundation must file the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**). The FAFSA is necessary to apply for most colleges' financial aid. The FAFSA report will generate an "Expected Family Contribution (EFC)" towards college costs. This is essential information as it is used by the Foundation to determine your need for scholarship funds.

No fee is charged to file the FAFSA. The form is available online at:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

What the Walpole Scholarship Foundation Needs from You:

You must upload a printout of the **first page of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)** generated after the FAFSA application is submitted. We recommend you file your FAFSA by January 29, 2018 to allow the Department of Education processing time to generate your SAR by WSF's deadline (2/9/18). You will be notified by email from the Department of Education when the SAR is available. Email confirmation from FAFSA will **NOT** be accepted.

On the first page of the SAR will be **your full name, your address, and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**. Feel free to blacken out any extra information. You do not need to submit any other pages except for the first page. See example on WSF website.

Completing the FAFSA:

Please follow the directions carefully to ensure proper and efficient processing. The Department of Education estimates that for first-time users, FAFSA on the Web will take less than one hour to complete, however it will require preparation and documentation. For the 2018-2019 school year, you will need financial information from 2017 (estimated if not yet known). A copy of your completed 2016 taxes would be helpful as a reference.

In order to complete the FAFSA and generate the SAR, at least one college code must be entered into the form - the FAFSA will be automatically sent to that college. If you are not applying for financial aid for college, consider using a college code for an institution to which you are not applying.

FAFSA Resources:

For questions regarding problems or difficulties using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the Web, or specific questions about the FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).