



Completing the FAFSA & WASFA

a presentation for United Way of King County



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WHO WE SERVE

Student Demographics (2011 - 2014)

Of SEA's students served since 2011:

100% are low income

81% of students are in South King County

31% are immigrants

55% have experienced homelessness

15% are LGBTQ

78% are people of color

81% are 1st generation college attendees

26% are single parents (324 children)

45% are 1st generation HS/GED graduates

12% have been in foster care

57% female

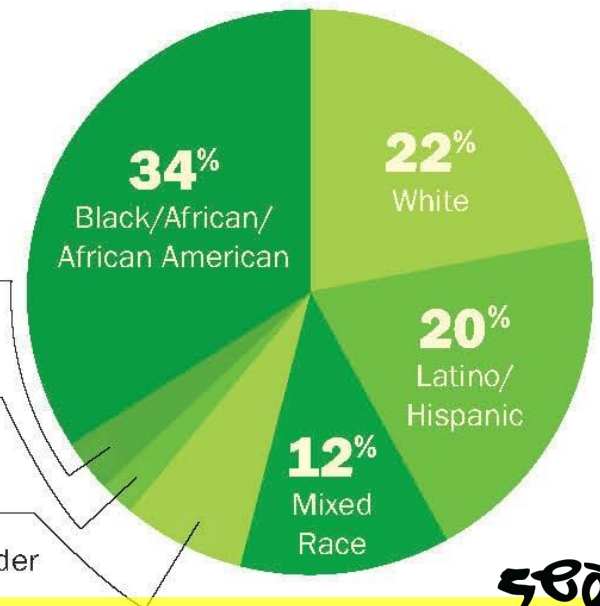
41% male

2% transgender

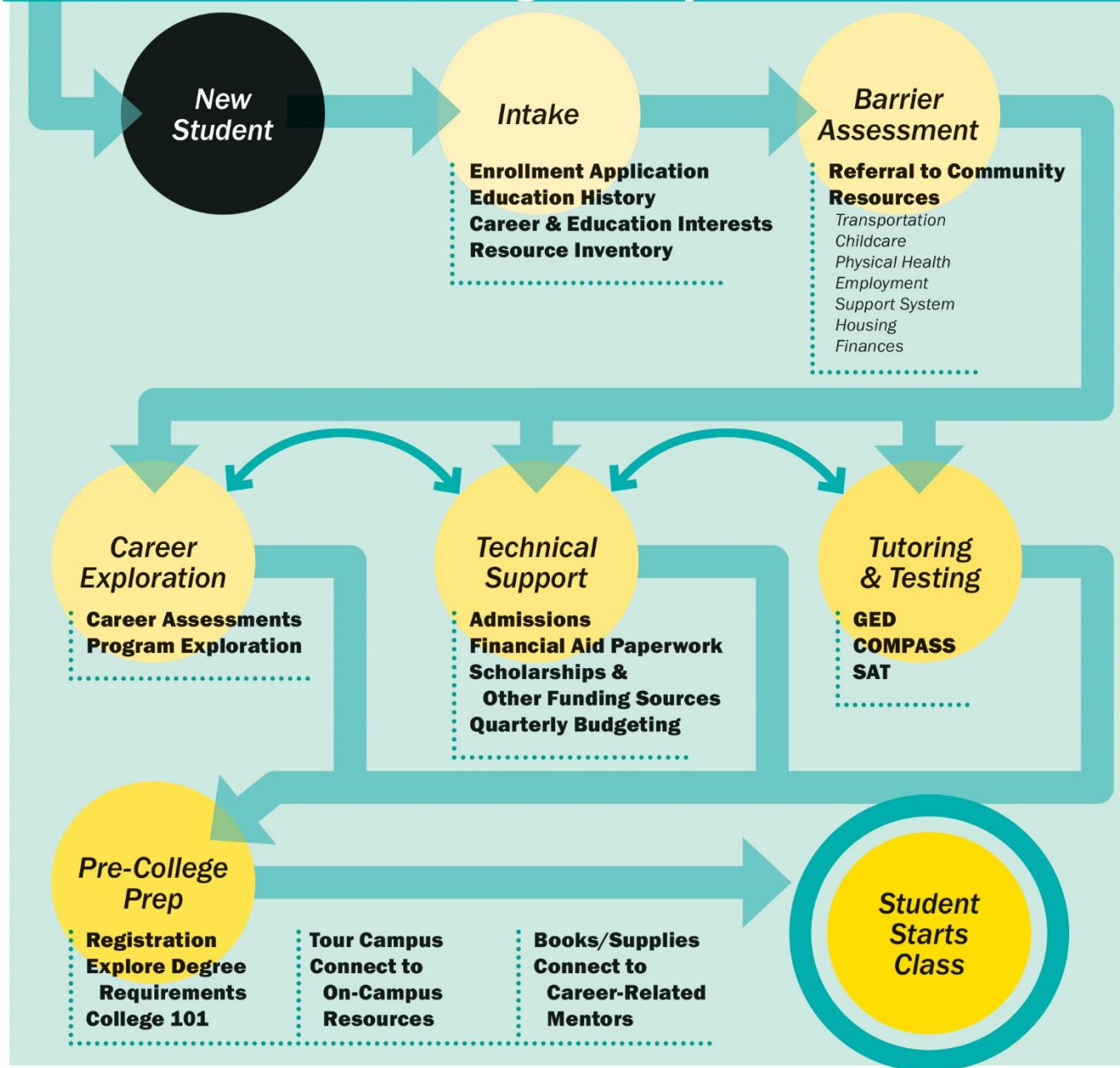
3% Other/Unknown

2% Native American

7% Asian/Pacific Islander



Academic & Career Planning Pathway



GRANTS	SCHOLARSHIPS	LOANS
<p>FREE MONEY!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Usually from the State or Federal government - Don't have to be paid back (as long as you maintain a 2.0) - Must fill out FAFSA or WASFA to determine eligibility 	<p>FREE MONEY!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application Process - Community organizations or schools - Can be for good grades, volunteer work, or an award 	<p>HAVE TO PAY IT BACK.</p> <p>Federal Loans do not have to be paid back until after you graduate.</p> <p>Many ways to get loans paid for: Americorps, PeaceCorps, Teaching, etc.</p>



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Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



New to the FAFSA?

Start A New
FAFSA

Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...

Login

FREE Application for Federal Student Aid

fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA

What is it?



- U.S. citizens
- Eligible non-citizens

Not sure if a student qualifies, verify through documents and/or talk to college/SEA!

FAFSA

Who can apply?



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- ❑ Serves as student's/parent's electronic signature
- ❑ Each user must use different email address (use one that can be checked immediately for verification code!)
- ❑ fsaid.ed.gov

Create An FSA ID Edit My FSA ID

E-mail ?

Confirm E-mail ?

Username * ?

Password * ?

✓ Numbers ✓ Uppercase Letters ✓ Lowercase Letters ✓ Special Characters

✓ 8-30 Characters Show Text

Confirm Password * ?

Are you 13 years of age or older? *

I am 13 years of age or older. ?

I am 12 years of age or younger. ?

CONTINUE >

FAFSA

Creating an FSA ID

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WASHINGTON APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID (WASFA)

State Financial Aid for DREAMers

Eligibility for several Washington State financial aid programs has expanded to include students who are ineligible for federal financial aid due to immigration status. Students who meet individual program, income, or residency requirements for the [State Need Grant](#), the [College Bound Scholarship](#), [State Work Study](#), or [Passport Scholarship](#) should complete the free **WASFA** (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) to apply for state financial aid.

New User

Returning User

- ❑ New as of 2014!
- ❑ STATE financial aid application for eligible undocumented students
- ❑ readyssetgrad.org/wasfa

WASFA
What is it?

HB 1079

House Bill 1079 was passed into law in 2003 and allows many undocumented students in the state of WA to receive in-state tuition.

REQUIREMENTS


- Graduated High School or Received a GED in Washington State
- Lived in Washington for at least three years prior to receiving a diploma or GED in a high school or other institution in the State of Washington;
- Has been accepted to a Washington State college or university;
- Signs an affidavit stating he or she will apply for U.S. residency as soon as possible.

WASFA

Who can apply?



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October 1 for 2017-2018 school year!

FAFSA & WASFA

When can students apply?



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Independent Students

- Over 24 years old
- Homeless or “couch-surfing”
- Former Foster care after age 16
- Parents are not legal guardians
- Parent is incarcerated
- There can be other circumstances, just ask!

“Unusual Circumstances”

Students requiring independent student status will be required to do additional paperwork by their college.



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- ❑ **The online financial aid application is the FIRST step!**
- ❑ **Any student receiving state/federal aid will be required to complete additional paperwork**
- ❑ **FAFSA only: confirmation page indicates selection for verification**
- ❑ **Each school has their own forms and deadlines**
- ❑ **Students are notified via email or through their financial aid portal**

FAFSA/WASFA done. Now what?



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