

DO NOT complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* as an unmarried student if you wish to be considered as a married student for financial aid purposes.

If you file as a dependent student you will remain as a dependent student, and will have to provide parental information.

- Complete the **paper** FAFSA as if you are already married. Do not sign or date the FAFSA. Estimate the asset section for you and your spouse to reflect the actual day you intend to sign the FAFSA.
- In the student income section of the FAFSA, *be sure to combine your adjusted gross income, your taxes paid, and all other information with your future spouse's information, as if you have filed a joint tax return*. Remember to include both yours and your fiancé's income earned from work and Title IV exclusions.
- Photocopy the completed (but unsigned) FAFSA or FAFSA Worksheet and submit it to the Whitworth Financial Aid Office. Attach a letter indicating your name, fiancé's name, and the date of your wedding. We can provide you with a *TENTATIVE* award based on the photocopied information. This will be sufficient in meeting the April 1 financial aid deadline.
- Electronically complete the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov as soon as possible after the wedding. Be sure to use the information you provided us when completing the FAFSA, but update the asset section.
- Be sure to make the proper name changes on legal documents as soon after you are married as possible, especially driver's license, and social security card.
- If you borrowed a Federal Direct Loan in the past and will be changing your name, please contact the holder(s) of the loan(s) and provide them with a copy of your marriage license. If you need lender names, or addresses, please contact our office for assistance.
- If you and your spouse will both be Whitworth students, please follow the steps outlined above for each person.

Please note: Federal law requires the Financial Aid Office to have current FAFSA data for students working on the work-study program. **Since you are unable to file the FAFSA until after you are married, we will not be able to award you summer work-study.** Please plan accordingly.

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
509-777-3215