

# Financial Aid Instructions

- 1 Review** — Read this brochure carefully so you will know the types of financial assistance available through this law school. You will be considered for financial aid regardless of your income as long as you complete the necessary paperwork.
- 2 Complete** — Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) — Completion of the 2011–2012 FAFSA (on the web at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)) is required if you wish to apply for financial aid other than scholarships. Complete on or after January 1, 2011 but as soon as possible thereafter. If you have not previously completed a FAFSA, you may request a PIN in advance at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). The FAFSA is free. Do not pay to complete this form.

## FAFSA Hints:

### Under Student Eligibility

- You must respond to the question regarding drug convictions. **Do not leave blank** or you will have to resubmit the form.
- Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2011? Answer **Yes**.
- When you begin the 2011–2012 school year, what will be your grade level? Answer **1st year graduate/professional** (unless you are a transfer student, then answer Continuing graduate/professional).
- When you begin the 2011–2012 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on? Answer **Graduate professional degree**.

### Under School Selection

- Select Seattle University as a recipient using **Federal School Code 003790**.

### Under Student Financial Information

- Taxable grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS does **not** refer to scholarship used for tuition, books and supplies as a degree-seeking student, so you would not include it here. Refer to IRS publication 970.
- Complete all parts of the FAFSA application except parental information.
  - If you apply online ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)), print and keep the confirmation page. You may check your application status by clicking on “Check my submitted FAFSA.” Applying online is highly recommended.
  - If you apply using the paper FAFSA, photocopy your completed

FAFSA. Send the original to the processor. Keep the copy for your records. We recommend you complete the postcard acknowledging the receipt of your FAFSA by the processor and mail it in with your FAFSA. You may request a paper FAFSA by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID.

- If possible, do your taxes prior to completing the FAFSA; if not, estimate the tax information rather than delay submission.
- We should receive your processed FAFSA as soon as possible if you wish to be considered for limited funded programs. Submit the FAFSA by February 15, 2011 to ensure that we get it back from the processor in a timely manner. If you are unable to meet this suggested deadline, you should still give priority attention to this important step.
- If you did not disclose your Social Security Number on your application, you must submit it to our office for the FAFSA information to download.

### 3 Additional Information

- Please be advised that approximately 30% of all financial aid files are selected by the federal government for verification of data submitted. If your file is selected, you will be notified by this office of any additional documentation required. **While you will still receive a tentative award letter, no funds will be disbursed until the verification process has been completed. Complete your 2010 taxes as soon as possible and save a copy of your (and spouse's) 2010 IRS 1040 with all attachments and W2s.**
- Your file will be evaluated once you are admitted to the School of Law. Your financial aid award letter will arrive within approximately three weeks after receipt of your admit letter (but no earlier than mid-March), if your financial aid file is complete. Therefore, in order to avoid delays, it is strongly recommended that the FAFSA and any other requested information be submitted prior to the admission decision. We may be able to discuss your anticipated award much earlier, should you wish to contact our office.
- Information necessary to secure loans for which you may be eligible will be sent with your official Financial Aid Award Letter or later under separate cover. No additional action on your part is required at this time regarding loans.
- Please contact us any time you have a question, want to schedule a one-to-one appointment, or need a status update.