



2009-2010 Financial Aid Instructions

Student Financial Services

1. Review

Financing Your Legal Education – Read this information 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. To apply for financial aid, other than scholarships, you must:

2. Complete

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Completion of the 2009-2010 FAFSA (on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov) is required if you wish to apply for financial aid other than scholarships. Complete on or after January 1, 2009 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. The FAFSA is **free**. Please do not pay to complete this form.

FAFSA Hints:

- **Question 23** requires a response regarding drug convictions. **Do not leave blank** or you will have to resubmit the form.
- Question 27** requires the answer **Yes** you have your bachelor's degree.
- Question 28** requires the answer **6** for 1st year graduate/professional (unless you are a transfer student, then answer 7).
- Question 29** requires the answer **8** for a graduate or professional degree.
- Question 46d** does not refer to scholarships used for tuition, books and supplies as a degree-seeking student. See IRS Publication 970.
- Question 50** requires the answer **Yes** you will be working on a master's or doctorate program.
- Question 104** select Seattle University Law School as a recipient using **federal school code 003790**.
- Complete** all parts of the FAFSA application except parental information.
- If you apply online (www.fafsa.ed.gov), print and keep the confirmation page. You may check your application status by clicking on "Check my submitted FAFSA."
- 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, 2009** 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 for admission, you must submit it to our office for the FAFSA information to download.

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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 2008 taxes as soon as possible and save a copy of your (and spouse's) 2008 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 admittance (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.

4. Web Resources

- Entrance Counseling: www.dl.ed.gov (click on Entrance Counseling)
- Federal Direct Stafford Loans: www.ed.gov/DirectLoan
- Federal Direct Stafford and Grad PLUS Master Promissory Note: <http://dlenote.ed.gov>
- Financial Aid Information Page: www.finaid.org
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- National Student Loan Data System: www.nslds.ed.gov
- Scholarship Search: www.fastweb.com
- Seattle University School of Law: www.law.seattleu.edu