

2023-24 SFA Renewal Application Guide



Application Details

- Priority Deadline: Friday, June 30th
- Final Deadline: Thursday, August 24th

Complete application at sfarenewal.awardspring.com

- All SFA recipients are required to complete the SFA Renewal Application each year in order to remain eligible for the SFA funding in future years.

SFA Application Materials

- Transcript(s) from all colleges attended
 - 2023–24 FAFSA Student Aid Report*
 - 2023-24 Institutional Financial Aid Report
 - 2023-24 Cost of Attendance**
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- These application materials are required for all SFA recipients who receive need-based scholarships. There are a handful of SFA recipients who receive non-need-based scholarships that are renewable. Those recipients will only need to provide their college transcript when completing the Renewal Application.
 - *Some recipients are ineligible to complete the FAFSA as determined by the FAFSA eligibility criteria outlined here. If you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA, you can provide alternative documentation to establish your financial need. Please see Slide x for a list of acceptable alternative documentation.
 - **Your Cost of Attendance may also be listed on your financial aid award.

Unofficial College Transcript(s)

Do:

- Required of all SFA recipients renewing their applications
- Name should appear on your transcript
- It is preferred that you upload your transcript as a PDF
- The documents you submit should contain all courses taken throughout your time in school, the grades for those courses, and GPA and credit information.

Don't:

- Submit a transcript document in which your name is not listed
- Submit a series of screenshots or photos (unless your name is listed on every single screenshot or photo)
 - You can, however, submit as a PDF or screen recording

2023-24 Student Aid Report

Do:

- Submit the full multi-page Student Aid Report from the FAFSA with all of your answers listed.
 - See [this link](#) for an example of what your SAR should look like.
- Follow the steps in [this video](#) to download your Student Aid Report.

Don't:

- Submit the one-page document from the FAFSA in which only your EFC is listed (and not your name)
- Submit the FAFSA from last aid year. Make sure to submit your 2023-24 FAFSA, not the 2022-23 FAFSA.

2023-24 FAFSA Alternatives (only for students ineligible to complete the FAFSA)

- The information on this slide is ONLY for students who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA based on their residency status. If you are unsure of this applies to you, please visit [this link](#).
- Accepted alternatives
 - 2023-24 VASA (Virginia Alternative State Aid Application)
 - 2023-24 Financial Aid Award Letter with an EFC listed (as calculated by your institution)
 - If neither of these options are possible for you, you can make an appointment to complete the FAFSA Estimator with Ms. Samuel by using her Calendly link (available [here](#))

2023-24 Institutional Financial Aid Report

Do:

- Include your full name, college name, and a breakdown of financial aid (line by line breakdown of all grants, loans, work study, and financial aid offered).
- It is preferred that you upload a PDF rather than a screenshot or series of screenshots.

Don't:

- Submit a bill rather than a financial aid award.
- Provide documentation without your name.
- Provide your 2022-23 financial aid award.

Cost of Attendance

- The Cost of Attendance is a figure calculated by your college that is inclusive of direct or billable costs (e.g. tuition, fees, and housing for on-campus students), **as well as** indirect costs (e.g. books, transportation, miscellaneous fees).
 - It is not the same as your bill, as it includes additional educational expenses that are not billed to you directly.
- The Cost of Attendance is sometimes referred to by colleges as your budget, as it ultimately determines the maximum amount of financial aid you are permitted to receive.

Need help?

- Reach out to Ms. Samuel at the SFA Office by:
 - Email at scholarships@acps.k12.va.us
 - Phone Call: (703)-824-6730
 - Text: (703)-215-1713
 - Making an appointment at calendly.com/alyssa-samuel