



Common Misconceptions in Financial Aid

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Misconception #1

Students can't receive financial aid for a quarter or semester if they miss the application deadline



Misconception #2

The application that becomes available on October 1st will work for the upcoming winter quarter/spring semester



Misconception #3

The Financial Aid Office doesn't help with completing the FAFSA/WASFA application

Misconception #4

**A student's parents must be US
Citizens or Permanent
Residents in order for their
child to qualify for financial aid**

Misconception #5

If a dependent student doesn't live with their biological/adoptive parents:

- They don't need to include their parent's info
- OR
- They can include information for the adult they are living with or that is supporting them.

Misconception #6

Students are flagged for verification because they did something wrong on their application

Misconception #7

If a student has a zero EFC they are set, if a student has a higher EFC they will have to pay for everything out of pocket



Misconception #8

**Washington state now offers
“free college” tuition**

Misconception #9

If a student is College Bound Eligible then they will have all school expenses covered



Misconception #10

Students can always take out student loans to cover their costs if they need to.



Other Misconceptions

**What are some other
misconceptions you have come
across?**