



UW Academy for Young Scholars Application Guide

2021 Freshman Application

(This guide pertains to the application season that starts November 2021 and ends in March 2022)

A Note from the UW Academy Admissions Committee

We know that applying to the UW Academy for Young Scholars may seem daunting or confusing. In this application guide, we will make an effort to clarify the application process. This guide also contains important information about Robinson Center policies and the transition to college, which applicants should consider carefully. Please read it closely, and feel free to contact us with questions.

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About the UW Academy

The UW Academy is an early entrance program for highly capable and motivated high school students, offered by the Robinson Center for Young Scholars at the University of Washington, Seattle. A select cohort of 35-40 students is admitted to the Academy each year, becoming a part of the Robinson Center's (RC) vibrant early entrance community. Students apply to the Academy during the 10th grade and if accepted, withdraw from high school at the end of the school year. They enroll as first year students at the University of Washington, beginning with a Bridge Program designed to assist students as they transition into college-level work and the university environment.

Unlike Running Start, Academy students are not enrolled simultaneously in high school and do not receive a high school diploma. Historically, this has not hindered Academy students in securing internships or jobs during their time at the university, nor has it been a problem in gaining employment or admission to graduate and professional schools. With the ongoing support of the Robinson Center staff and community, Academy students enjoy the benefits of full immersion into the University of Washington's social and academic life.

Admission to the UW Academy*

Admission to the UW Academy is competitive. We are looking for students who love to learn, who actively seek out academic challenges, and who have the personal motivation to succeed at the university two years early. Selection to the Academy is based on high school grades and curriculum, personal essays including a portfolio piece, a record of extracurricular involvement, and teacher evaluations. While there is no minimum high school GPA required to apply to the Academy, admitted students tend to have excellent grades. For the incoming class of 2021, the range of high school GPAs was 3.65-4.00 and the range of ACT composite scores for those who submitted them was 29-35 (no students submitted SAT scores).

In line with the admissions processes of the UW, the Academy employs a holistic admissions model. This means that we carefully evaluate all elements of an applicant's admission file to determine whether the Academy and the UW are the right educational fit; we take into account grades and academic achievements alongside evidence of personal maturity, leadership, and cultural awareness. Ultimately, we are looking for students who will be prepared to both benefit from and contribute to the University of Washington's vibrant academic and social community.

*SAT or ACT scores are not required for the 2021-22 application cycle



Eligibility to Apply to the UW Academy

The UW Academy accepts applications from students **currently enrolled in the 10th grade or equivalent**. Applicants must supply an unofficial High School transcript which includes first semester grades from their 10th grade year. We are unable to consider applications from students in the 9th or 11th grade.

Out of State/Non-Resident Students

Academy students who are not Washington State residents will be required to pay 1) Non-Resident UW tuition and 2) the Academy Non-Resident Fee for their first and second years at the UW. For more information on the Academy Non-Resident Fee, please contact the Robinson Center (see page 2 for RC contact info). Some students will be able to qualify for residency status once they and their families have resided in the state for over a year, at which point they will pay regular in-state tuition and waive the Academy Non-Resident Fee. Students' residency status is determined by the UW Office of Residency and is not negotiated through the Robinson Center.

Applicants from outside of the Seattle area should understand that the UW Academy is *not* a residential program. This means that the Robinson Center provides no additional supervision or security for their young students beyond what is afforded to all college students. Robinson Center staff is available only during regular business hours and in the physical offices of the RC itself. We do not have residence halls specifically for our students, nor do we provide specific resources for students living away from home. Simply put, our programs are designed for students whose families are also located in the Puget Sound area. In the rare cases where our students do make use of the residence halls, they are granted the freedom, independence, and responsibility of standard-aged college students. Students and families must assess whether this level of responsibility is appropriate for them at this time.

Living in the UW Residence Halls

The majority of UW Academy students do not live on campus during their first year. Typically, the minimum age for applying for student housing is 17, but there is a process by which students who are 16 (and will turn 17 during the academic year) can apply to live on campus with some extra steps. For information on the UW's Housing and Food Services appeal for age restriction exemption, please see: hfs.washington.edu/housing/.

In order to have the best possible priority for housing, applicants who are planning to live on campus in their first year should be prepared to submit their application immediately after being accepted to our program. **We recommend looking over the different options for rooms, payment, and meal plans, in order to be ready when the application opens.**

International Students

Our mission is to admit and support motivated, highly-capable students seeking early entrance to the UW, and we welcome applications from international students who fit this



profile. But because of the unique nature of the early entrance programs housed in the Robinson Center, only students with particular types of international visas will qualify to apply. Since our students enter the university in a non-traditional way, we are, in some cases, restricted by law and unable to admit students who are supported by particular visa types. In addition, students with applicable visas must submit evidence of their language proficiency alongside their application. For more information about which visa types are eligible, as well as other important considerations for international student applicants, please see the full policy online at

<https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/programs/international-student-policy/>.

Undocumented Students

The Robinson Center and the University of Washington welcome applications from undocumented students. To learn more about applying, please consult the UW's Undocumented Student Resource page at

<http://www.washington.edu/admissions/undocumented/undocumented-faq>.

Admission to the UW

Students who are admitted to the UW Academy are fully matriculated University of Washington students, given access to all of the same resources and opportunities as traditionally admitted students. But, because the application process and timeline for the UW Academy is separate from the process used to admit traditionally-aged first year students, there are some key limitations for our students that are important to consider.

Admission Scholarships

As a part of its admission process, the University of Washington awards several Academic Scholarships and Academic Excellence Awards to WA-state resident students who apply for freshman admission. They also distribute "Purple and Gold" scholarships to non-resident applicants. Because UW Academy students are admitted through a separate application process (many months later) they are not considered for these awards. Instead, the Robinson Center has a limited number of scholarships (both merit-based and need-based) that will be distributed when students are accepted into the program. **All UW Academy applicants are automatically considered for these RC-specific admission scholarships when they apply. We recommend that all students submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid), as it is necessary in order to be considered for some of these scholarships.**

All UW Academy students can apply for financial aid and other non-admission scholarships. For more on this, see the "Paying for University" section on page 13. Also note the deadline for the FAFSA and WASFA, January 15th.

Direct Admission to Major/College/Division

Many University of Washington academic programs are currently redesigning their application processes to allow for more "direct to major" or "direct-to-college" admissions. In short, these policy changes allow for more students to be admitted to the university with guaranteed placement in capacity-constrained majors or colleges.



UW Academy students enter into the UW through a different application process, and they enter with uncompleted CADRs (College Academic Distribution Requirements) that makes direct admission not possible. Nevertheless, we have been able to ensure that our students maintain a later admission pathway to these majors and colleges. The College of Engineering, for instance, treats *any* of our admitted UW Academy students who are interested as “engineering undeclared” direct admits, provided that they continue to express interest in the program and pursue prerequisites in their first year. In this case, UW Academy students can access all of the courses and resources offered to Engineering direct admits, while still exploring the many paths of study at the UW.

Many of these changes in the UW’s direct admission policies are currently in-process and we are working hard to advocate for our students to ensure that they will not be disadvantaged when these policies are finalized. We understand that these changes can be disconcerting for students who want reassurance that they will be able to access the majors they want when they apply to the UW Academy. We will work to keep you apprised of any new information related to the RC’s “Direct Admission” policies and procedures.

We advise students to take some time to consider what major interests they declare on their UW Freshman Application (part two of their UW Academy application process, see page 11). This information will be used to help advise students on what paths they need to take to ensure that they have access to any majors that interest them.

Preparing to Apply – Early Deadlines!

Though the complete application for the UW Academy is not due until March, there are a couple of tasks that prospective students and families should complete much earlier, in January. We recommend that all interested students complete these tasks by the indicated deadlines, even if you are not totally sure if the UW Academy is right for you.

Jan 15

Priority Deadline for filing FAFSA and WASFA at UW

We recommend that all prospective students submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid). Submitting by the priority deadline helps to ensure that you are eligible for the maximum amount of aid (and doesn’t hurt you at all if you don’t end up applying).

The FAFSA or WASFA not only help to secure subsidized grants and loans to help fund your education, but they are also required for some scholarships as well (including the UW Academy need-based scholarships). Students always have the option to refuse any aid that is offered after filing. You do not have to have completed your annual tax return in order to complete the application. To find the application, go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. The UW’s school code is 003798.

WASFA is an alternative option to FAFSA that is provided by the state of Washington for students that have DACA or are undocumented and are covered by HB 1079. HB 1079 was passed to offer in-state tuition to undocumented students who are



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considered Washington state residents. To be covered by HB 1079 you must have resided in the state of Washington. You do not need to have DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, to be considered for WASFA. WASFA funding can come from the Washington College Grant (formerly known as the State Need Grant), and College Bound Scholarship. Again, like FAFSA, if you decide that the program is not for you, you can reject the aid. For more information and a step-by-step guide to filing WASFA please check out the WASFA website:

<https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa-washington-application-state-financial-aid>).

Jan 7

Last Day to Register for a Test Date

Students applying for the UW Academy are ***not required*** to take the SAT or the ACT Exam as a part of their application. For students who do take either test, the optional essay portion of these exams is not required. These exams are only administered on certain dates during the year. If you are considering taking the SAT or ACT, we recommend that you register for a test date ASAP! **If you do not take the exam on one of the dates we have listed here, your scores will not be reported in time for them to be included as part of your application.**

2021-22 ACT Dates

Send scores to both UW (4484) and to the Robinson Center (9899).

Test Date	Registration deadline	Late Registration (fee)
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022

2021-2022 SAT Dates

Send scores to both UW (4854) and to the Robinson Center (9899).

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (fee)
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	November 23, 2021

DO NOT register for the SAT date that occurs on March 12th. These test scores will not be finalized in time to be added to your application.

Submitting Your Application

There are two major steps necessary to complete an application for the UW Academy, both of which can be completed online. **Both must be completed by the application due date.**

Please note: The Academy has a different application timeline than the regular UW freshman admissions process. **DO NOT submit your application directly to UW Admissions!** All application materials should be submitted online through the Robinson Center website: <https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/>.

PART 1: Create a profile on the Robinson Center Website. This profile allows us to open a file for you, track your application materials, and maintain current contact information. The online application also asks you to provide information or materials that will be important to your application, like the names and contact info for the teachers who will be providing you with evaluations and an unofficial copy of your HS transcript.

PART 2: Complete the RC version of the UW Freshman Application. After you have completed your RC profile, you will be prompted to begin the UW Freshman application online, through the RC website. This part of your application gathers data that the UW Admissions office will need to process your enrollment, if you are accepted into the UW Academy program. *Some of these questions may seem redundant or similar to questions you already answered in Part 1, but they are used for very different purposes.*

The application deadline for the incoming class of 2022 is 5:00 PM on Monday, March 7th, 2022. Please fully complete and submit both parts of the online application by this date and time.

Application Checklist

PART ONE

- **Robinson Center Profile (online)**
- Two Required Teacher Evaluations (online)
 - *One evaluation must come from an English/Language Arts, or Social Studies teacher*
 - *One evaluation must come from a Math or Natural Sciences Instructor*
- Up to Two Optional Evaluations (online)
- Non-Refundable Application Fee (\$60, pay online – information about fee waivers is provided in the “Application Fee” section below)
- Unofficial High School Transcript
 - *Must include final grades from first semester of 10th grade*

PART TWO

- **UW Freshman Application (online)**
- Application Essays
 - Personal Statement
 - Short Response



- Journal of Activities & Accomplishments
- Additional Comments (optional)
- Added Space (optional)
- UW Academy Application Essay
- Portfolio essay and submitted piece of work
- **(OPTIONAL)** Student Score Report from ACT or SAT Exams
 - Scores must be sent by the testing agencies to both the UW school code (4484 for the ACT and 4854 for the SAT) and the Robinson Center's Washington Search for Young Scholars school code (9899 for the ACT and SAT).
- **(International students only)** Student Score Report from TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English Test (DET) exams
 - For the TOEFL, scores must be sent by the testing agencies to both the UW school code (4854) and to the Robinson Center (B378). IELTS scores should be sent to the Robinson Center mailing address.
 - You can read more about meeting this requirement here:
<https://admit.washington.edu/apply/freshman/how-to-apply/english-proficiency/>

Components of the Application

In this section, we will break down the different components of the application; hopefully these explanations will give you specific and useful information about how to complete these different parts, what we are looking for, and what you should expect when you sit down to fill out the application.

PART ONE:

Robinson Center Profile

When you click the "Apply Online" button on our website, your first task will be to either create a new profile on the Robinson Center database or login to an existing profile. If you have ever participated in any of our Summer or Saturday programs, or if you have applied to our programs before, you may already have an account.

Once you have successfully logged in, click on the button to "Start a New Application" and pick the "UW Academy" option, after which you will be directed to answer a number of basic questions to fill out your applicant profile. You will also be asked to provide information that will be important to your application. These include:

- The name and contact information of your academic counselor at your high school.
- The names and contact information for all of the teachers, mentors, or other (non-family) adults who will be filling out evaluations for your application.
- (OPTIONAL) Your SAT or ACT scores.
- An unofficial transcript from your High School (can often be downloaded as a .pdf from your high school's website/online student portal).

If you do not have this information on hand immediately, you can still open your application and come back later to fill in these details. But you must remember to return to your application later to provide this information.



Teacher Evaluations

As a part of your RC Profile, you will be asked to identify two (2) teachers in core subject areas who can speak to your strengths and qualifications. In addition, you can also identify up to two (2) optional evaluators who may be teachers in other subjects or other adults (non-family members) who can testify to your academic and personal strengths. After you submit this information, online evaluation forms will be sent to the evaluators that you identify. *Students should approach these teachers ahead of time to request these evaluations, before the automated evaluation form is sent out.*

Required Teacher Evaluations

Each Academy applicant must submit **one evaluation from a Social Science or Humanities instructor** (English, History, Language Arts, Social Studies) and **one evaluation from a Math or Natural Sciences instructor** (Math, Physical Science, Chemistry, etc.). We are looking for evaluations from instructors who can speak to your academic accomplishments, practices, and potential. In addition, each teacher will be asked to testify to your academic skills in each of their individual subject areas.

Optional Evaluations

Up to two optional evaluations will be considered from teachers, coaches, supervisors, or other mentors who can speak to your talents in ways that your two required evaluations cannot. The individuals who submit optional evaluations may come from any subject area and from any educational program, including high school, summer programs, individual tutoring, or enrichment programs, etc. Example subject areas for this evaluation include World Language, Music, Marketing, Accounting, CAD, Psychology, Fine Arts, Sports, Leadership Programs, etc. An evaluation from a family member will not be accepted.

This part of the online application also asks you whether you are willing to waive your rights to access your evaluations. This is a standard part of most university evaluation systems and it is considered conventional to waive these rights. This is a choice that all applicants to the UW are given, but applicants should understand the ramifications of the choice. If you do not waive your rights, the reading committee who is considering your application cannot be confident that the evaluators are submitting truthful and uncensored evaluations of your abilities and character.

ACT or SAT Student Score Report **Optional for the 2021-22 application cycle**

UW Academy applicants may take either the ACT or the SAT Exam. **The UW Academy does not require or recommend that students take the essay portion of either test.**

Check the ACT website (actstudent.org) or the SAT portion of the College Board website (sat.collegeboard.org/) for testing schedules and registration information. *Please have your ACT or SAT scores sent to the UW school code (4484 for the ACT and 4854 for the SAT) **and** the Robinson Center for Young Scholars school code (9899 for both the ACT and the SAT).* You may access your score report from the ACT or SAT websites a few weeks after you take the test.

You will be asked to report your scores as a part of your RC profile *and* again as a part of the UW Freshmen Application in PART TWO.



Unofficial High School Transcript

As a part of your RC Profile, you will also be asked to submit unofficial transcripts from all high schools and colleges you attended during 9th and 10th grades. Your unofficial high school transcript must include your final grades for the first semester of your 10th grade year. Unofficial transcripts can often be printed from online student portals or secured by making a request from your school's Counseling Office.

Application Fee

After completing your profile and the online portion of your UW Academy Application, you will be directed to pay a **non-refundable \$60 application fee**. Your application is not complete until this fee has been paid.

Fee waivers are available for students with demonstrated financial need. When you go online to pay your fee (either by clicking the "Make a Payment" button at the end of the online application or by picking "Make a Payment" from the menu on the left of the RC Account page) you will see a link to apply for financial aid. This link will lead you to a page where you can upload documentation demonstrating your financial need.

Currently, we accept two forms of documentation to qualify applicants for the fee waiver.

1. A 2021-2022 Free or Reduced Lunch letter from your school district
2. A 2019 or 2020 IRS 1040 form

If you have questions about the UW Academy application fee and the fee waiver criteria, please feel free to contact us at uwacad@uw.edu.

UW Freshman Application

After you have submitted the RC profile, you will be prompted to begin "Part Two" of the UW Academy application: the UW Freshman Application. This application is structurally similar to the application that all UW Freshman applicants submit for regular admission. The information gathered in this part of the application will be sent to the central UW Admissions office **only if** you are admitted to the program. It will be used to process your official enrollment and to generate your official UW student profile. Because this information is formatted for the UW Admission office, there are questions that are redundant or repetitive from the previous RC Student Profile section.

There are multiple sections to this part of the application, and you can save your progress and return to it as many times as you want before submitting it. In this part, you will be asked to give a variety of different types of information, including, but not limited to:

- Your personal information, including Social Security numbers, citizenship status, etc.
- Information about family history and parent's educational background
- Detailed accounting of your past schooling experiences and coursework

In addition to this, you will be asked to provide your ACT or SAT scores again, **if you chose to**, and to provide information about major areas of study that you might be interested in.

UW Freshman Application Writing Section

At the end of Part Two, you will be given space to enter text for several required application essays. These are also a standard part of the UW Freshman Application.

UW Academy applicants must complete all of the Freshman Writing Samples, including the “Essay (A),” “Short Response (B),” and “Activities & Achievements (E).” The prompts for these essays are available for download on the Robinson Center website, under the “UW Academy” program page.

The “Additional Information About Yourself or Your Circumstances” (C) and the “Additional Space” (D) sections are optional. For more specific instructions for how to use these sections, consult the essay prompts that are available for download on the RC website.

All of these writing samples can be submitted by cutting and pasting your essay text into the UW Freshman application section of your UW Academy Application. **Our advice is that you draft each of these writing sections well in advance, giving you time to edit, review, and receive feedback from multiple readers.** Do not attempt to draft answers to the prompts directly into the online text boxes! Your essay will be evaluated for both structure and content, and so you want it to be as polished as possible.

UW Academy Short Essay

UW Academy applicants are required to write an essay specifically addressing their reasons for seeking early entrance to college. The prompt for this essay can be found on the Robinson Center website under the “UW Academy” programs page. Students should treat this essay in the same way that they treat the essays for the UW Freshman Application Writing Section.

UW Academy Portfolio Piece

Applicants are asked to submit one piece of evidence of your work that demonstrates your preparation for college-level learning and engagement. Explain the reason for the chosen submission and what you want us to notice that provides evidence of your preparation. Note: we are not evaluating the quality or expertise of your submission but rather how it helps to demonstrate your readiness for college learning and engagement.

Submission may include one of the following: graded assignment or writing sample (2 page limit, may be an excerpt of a longer piece); creative/artistic work (pdf, web link, YouTube video clip of no more than 3 mins); website (1 page); description of a self-designed project that can be evaluated within 2 mins (pdf or web link).

After You Apply to the UW Academy

Communication with Applicants

Starting on March 7th, we will begin the work of confirming all applications and as they are confirmed, an email will be sent to the student. If we find that any part of the application is missing or incomplete, we will contact the student right away to resolve the issue. We anticipate that all applications will be confirmed within two weeks of the application deadline. Decision letters will be emailed approximately 7-8 weeks after the application deadline; check our website for this year’s notification date (<https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu/programs/uw-academy/>). Please note that due to the volume of applications, we are unable to speak with applicants about the



standing of their specific application during the application review process following the submission deadline.

Admission Decisions

Thirty-five to forty students are accepted into the UW Academy annually. In addition, a few applicants may be offered a spot on a wait list. Before making their decisions about whether to join the Academy, accepted students attend events during Academy Decision Week. During this time, accepted students meet with current Academy students for a “day-in-the-life” experience. Accepted students can also have an individual meeting with an Academy staff member. Academy Decision Week kicks off with an informational meeting for accepted students and their families.

The Academy cohort is usually set by the end of May. A reception welcoming new students and their families is held in mid-June, followed by family orientation for parents and guardians of incoming Academy students. At the conclusion of 10th grade, Academy students request final transcripts from their schools, withdraw from high school, and enroll as full-time freshmen at the UW for the following Fall.

Final High School Transcripts

Applicants who are admitted and who confirm their intention to enroll at the UW through the Academy will be required to send a final high school transcript that includes the second semester of their 10th grade year. Final transcripts should be submitted as soon as the spring term of their sophomore year is complete and coursework and grades have been recorded on the transcript(s).

The UW Academy staff will verify that all admission requirements have been satisfied, and the offer of admission can be withdrawn if important discrepancies are discovered.

Please note: All Academy students admitted for the Fall will have required Academy and UW academic advising, orientation programming, and Autumn quarter registration workshops through mid-July, as well as Bridge Programming starting in mid-September. A calendar will be made available to admitted students in May. Please keep this in mind when making summer vacation plans.

UW Academy Admissions Decision Appeal Process

Who can appeal?

All applicants are allotted one opportunity to appeal the decision of the application committee. Any denied applicant may appeal. Applicants that are waitlisted have not been formally denied and cannot appeal their position on the waitlist. They are eligible to appeal if they are denied after the waitlist period has expired. Generally, applicants submit an appeal if they believe their academic or personal circumstances could not be considered adequately through the standard admission review process or that an error occurred in the application review. *All appeals must be received within two weeks of the Academy's admission decision.*

How do I appeal?

All students can view the current status of their application to the UW Academy by logging into their account on the RC website and clicking “View Applications” on the left column menu. When



an application is officially denied, the application status will reflect this change and offer applicants a new link which they can follow to appeal the decision. Clicking on the “appeal” link will bring up a page where applicants can describe their appeal and upload up to three documents that contribute to the case they are presenting to the admission committee. We recommend preparing these materials prior to clicking the link.

What do I need to include in my appeal?

All appeals must include **a formal appeal letter** (no more than 3 typed pages), composed by the student applicant, which presents a clear and concise explanation of the applicant’s reasons for seeking reconsideration. Applicants should keep in mind that the application committee has already reviewed the original application. Typically, appeals present new information about the applicant or seek to provide additional explanation about aspects of the academic record that are not as strong, including information about circumstances and hardships, such as personal or family illness, factors related to a disability, or familial or cultural barriers that may have affected the applicant’s academic performance and record. Appeal letters should clearly explain why the applicant thinks they are a good candidate for the UW and why they are in need of the highly accelerated education offered by the UW Academy.

Additionally, appeals may include (but do not require) up to 3 supporting documents such as an updated transcript, an additional letter of support, or another documentation of the student’s experience.

What is the process for considering appeals?

All appeals are considered by the Robinson Center admission committee, which will reconsider each case and make decisions based on the information provided. If the RC admission committee decides not to support the appeal, it will be taken to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, where it will be considered again in an independent review by Dean’s office staff. Final decisions will come from the Dean’s Office.

Summer & Fall Programming

Newly admitted UW Academy students attend a group academic advising session with Academy staff in late June. Following this session, students attend a two-day UW Advising & Orientation session in mid-July, where they register for Fall quarter classes and learn more about University requirements.

In September, typically 2 weeks before UW classes begin, Academy students begin Academy Bridge. Academy Bridge comprises an Academy Social event followed by a series of workshops and presentations on campus with Academy staff and students. Bridge programming is designed to support students in their transition to the university setting.

During fall quarter, students take a required seminar course with their first year peers. This course was developed specifically for first year RC students and is taught by RC Staff who understand Academy students’ unique characteristics and needs.

All Academy academic advising and Bridge programming in Spring, Summer, and early Fall is REQUIRED for incoming Academy students.



Paying for University

With a few exceptions, UW Academy students who are Washington State residents pay resident tuition to the UW. Academy students who are not Washington State residents pay non-resident tuition to the UW in addition to the UW Academy Non-Resident Fee for their first and second years at the UW.

We highly encourage applicants to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). The application is available at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or <https://readyssetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa-washington-application-state-financial-aid>.

The FAFSA is used to determine students' eligibility for federal, state, and UW need-based scholarships, including the UW's Husky Promise award. Please check the FAFSA website for deadlines, forms, and instructions.

WASFA is used to determine undocumented students' eligibility for state financial aid. If eligible for WASFA you will have access to in-state tuition, the College Bound Scholarship, or the Washington College Grant (formerly known as the State Need Grant). For more information please check the instructions and information on the WASFA website.

The UW FAFSA and WASFA application priority deadline is January 15th, prior to the Academy application deadline. If you intend to access financial aid, do not wait for an Academy admissions decision to apply for aid. Students and families can still submit the FAFSA and the WASFA after the January deadline but this may affect both the amount of support and the kinds of funding that are offered.

Academy applicants are automatically considered for a handful of merit-based and need-based scholarships offered by the Robinson Center and the Mary Gates Scholars Program.

We encourage Academy applicants to apply for local and national scholarships (e.g. NASA Space Grant and National Merit). Applying for these awards necessitates advanced planning as the deadlines are often in the winter. We can supply a letter explaining the Academy and its application process for students to submit along with their applications for local and national scholarships. Email us at uwacad@uw.edu to request a letter.

See the UW Admissions website (<https://admit.washington.edu/costs/>) and the Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Awards website (<https://expd.uw.edu/scholarships/>) for more information about financing your education.

UW Disability Resources & Services

UW Disability Resources for Students

DRS is dedicated to ensuring access and inclusion for all students with disabilities on the Seattle campus. For information or to request accommodations please contact:

UW Disability Resources for Students
<https://depts.washington.edu/uwdrs/>
uwdrs@uw.edu
206-543-8924 (Voice & Relay)
206-616-8379 (Fax)

Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education (U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights)

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html

Frequently Asked Questions About the UW Academy Application

One of my teachers hasn't filled out their evaluation for me yet and I'm worried they won't finish in time.

You should receive an email every time a teacher finishes an evaluation for you, so make sure you have received emails regarding all of your evaluators. If you have not, politely remind them about their evaluation and about the due date of the application. If your evaluators need our email prompt resent to them, contact the UW Academy Student Services Team at uwacad@uw.edu.

I'm having trouble logging in to my online application. What do I do?

Contact our Student Services Team (uwacad@uw.edu) to reset your password. DO NOT make a second account as that could result in us marking your application as incomplete.

How do I enter my grades in the 7/8th grade coursework section of the UW application? Is it required? There's not enough space!

If you took classes in middle school that you received high school credit for, then this section is required. You may have to contact your middle school for a transcript or grade report in order to fill it out. We understand that there is not enough room to put in semester grades, so please just summarize your grades and classes as best you can.

For my high school grades, what do I put in the course notation column?

In this section, the only notation we are concerned with is whether the class is Honors (H), AP, IB,



or some other notation related to advanced coursework. Otherwise, you can leave this column blank.

I already paid my Academy application fee, but the online application is telling me I still have a \$60 balance. What's going on?

This is an occasional bug in our application system. Please email uwacad@uw.edu and we will fix the issue.