

## Financially Independent Student

For students 25 years of age or younger

Students must show establishment of a bona fide domicile in the State of Washington if they are under the age of 25 and if their parents or court appointed legal guardians do not reside in Washington.

Students must also provide documentation showing independent payments of the majority of their expenses for the previous calendar/tax year and independent payment of, or the ability to independently pay, the majority of their expenses for the current calendar/tax year. These documents include:

- The student's most recent tax return. \*If the student did not file a tax return, the student should complete a memo stating their reasoning as to not filing a tax return.
- The parents' most recent tax return (limited to the first page showing dependents claimed and the signature page).
- Verification of the year-to-date earnings (i.e., the student's most recent pay stub with the year-to-date earnings total listed), and/or a copy of previous W2.

Note: A married student applying for residency status should apply as a financially independent student.

See the Residency Requirements documentation for information on how to establish a bona fide domicile. If you qualify and complete the above, fill out the Residency Questionnaire, and submit it, with supporting documentation, to the Office of Admissions & Records.

