
ISFAA Completion Tips and Section Guide

Completing an International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) allows Howard University to determine eligibility for and award available institutional aid.

The ISFAA requires financial information from the country of residence, such as income, taxes, assets, investments, and pension for a specific tax year. Based on the Department of Education metrics, the economic and household data will provide a calculation called an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), which determines the need level. The EFC may not be the actual amount a family will pay, nor is it the amount of offered aid.

Required Items:

- Signed ISFAA Form
- Income/Wages & Tax Information OR proof of no filing requirement in the country of residence:
 - Student
 - Parent(s) (for dependent students)
 - Spouse (for married students)
- Currency conversion to US Dollars; Locate a currency converter [here](#).

Click [HERE](#) to begin the **2020-2021 ISFAA** that is used for Both Dependent and Independent International students to determine institutional scholarship and grant based eligibility.

Click [HERE](#) to begin the **2021-2022 ISFAA** questionnaire about age, degree type, legal dependents, marital status, and parent status. The questionnaire will allow the student to complete either an ISFAA for Dependent Students or an ISFAA for Independent Students.

ISFAA Sections:

- **Dependency Status:** The ISFAA for Dependent Students will show a statement confirming 'No' questionnaire responses to the questionnaire. The ISFAA for Independent Students will require the student to specify and provide details of independence.
- **Household Information:** The household section should include details of those members whom the parent (if a dependent student) or student/spouse (if an independent student) will provide at least 50% of financial support between July 1 and June 30. Additionally, for any member who will attend college/university at least halftime between July 1 and June 30, specify the school's name.
- **Tax Forms and Income Information:** The appropriate person (student, parent(s), or spouse) must answer and provide tax and income information in the currency of the country of residence and a separate document that converts **all amounts to US Dollars**.
- **Additional Financial Information:** The appropriate person (student, parent(s), or spouse) must provide details on other sources of income with **amounts converted to US Dollars** on the ISFAA form.
- **Certification and Signature:** The student and one (1) parent must sign the ISFAA for Dependent Students. Only the student must sign the ISFAA for Independent Students.