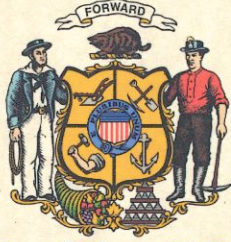


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; regardless of age, background, income, or ZIP code, every Wisconsinite deserves the opportunity to access high-quality and affordable education, from early childhood to postsecondary education or career training after high school, and the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is an important step toward postsecondary education for students in Wisconsin and across the country; and

WHEREAS; filing the FAFSA® is the pivotal first step to accessing higher education funding, unlocking vital federal, state, and institutional financial aid; and

WHEREAS; it is critical to Wisconsin's workforce development, economic development, and overall success that postsecondary education is accessible, affordable, and attainable for all students, including public, private, and technical college and university systems; and

WHEREAS; millions of dollars in federal grants, state scholarships, institutional aid, work-study opportunities, and low-interest student loans go unclaimed annually simply because students do not complete the application process; and

WHEREAS; applying for financial aid is the first step in qualifying for funding to pay for college and career training programs, and submitting the FAFSA® provides Wisconsinites with opportunities to access critical financial aid resources; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) offers free resources and information on college affordability, student debt, and the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program, while the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) provides guidance on grants, scholarships, loan programs, tuition reciprocity agreements, and tuition capitation contracts; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the DFI and HEAB in encouraging students who choose to pursue postsecondary education to file the FAFSA® and in helping ensure they can reach their postsecondary goals with the tools and resources to maintain financial security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

FAFSA® FILING MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 29th day
of September 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Goldewski
SARAH GOLLEWSKI
Secretary of State