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Did You Know?

66% of Americans support free college for low- and middle-income students. More findings from new [Public Agenda](#) research.

GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Action Required-All WAGU Schools:** Your [National GEAR UP Week 2016 Report Form](#) is due Oct. 24. Questions? Contact [Katherine](#).
- **Action Required-Priority Schools:** Your [Priority Model Eligibility Verification Form](#) is due Oct. 15. Questions? Contact [Kelly](#).
- **Free Regional Workshop Opportunities:** UW GEAR UP EDI is offering a workshop on *Preparing Students for the Jobs of the Future*. ESD 113: Oct. 28 and ESD 101: Dec. 2. See attachments.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- [Webinar - FSA ID Demo](#). The Office of Federal Student Aid will do a demo on setting up an FSA ID which is necessary to complete the FAFSA. Oct.13, 2:00 PM.
- **OSPI/WAC Wednesday Webinars for School Counselors:** [Financial Aid Updates](#). Learn more about the changes to the 2017-2018 FAFSA and WASFA and the resources available through the 12th Year Campaign. Will also discuss the FAFSA Completion Portal. Oct 19, 10:30 AM.

RESOURCES

- **Interactive Map:** [Youth to Adult Ratio and Youth Not Employed and Not In School](#). Find out the [adult-to-youth ratio in your zip code](#) and add other meaningful data to create maps and reports that explore your community's health.
- [Free PSAT Prep](#). Free live, interactive one-hour lessons to prepare students for the PSAT. Presented by Kaplan.

IN THE NEWS

Please send any media coverage to Katherine at katherinek@wsac.wa.gov. We want to feature you here and in our newsroom: <http://gearup.wa.gov/news>.

- [The Skills That State Tests Don't Measure](#). Do you need a birth certificate to enter a soup kitchen? What about the emergency room? These are the questions state tests don't ask—but according to this Michigan liaison, many homeless youth know the answers.
- [How One State Uses Early Warning Systems to Help All Students Graduate](#). Read this policy analyst's explanation to learn how Massachusetts uses data to their best advantage.
- [The Unnecessarily Mysterious Cost of College](#). Despite an array of calculating tools, comparing financial-aid packages is still an incredibly dense and circular process.
- [Remedial Education Too Common and Costly, Report Says](#). Between 40% and 60% of first-year college students in the United States require remedial help in English, math, or both. These classes not only increase the time it takes students to obtain a degree, but also decrease the likelihood that they will complete a degree program.

- [When PLUS Is a Minus](#). Admissions counselors raise concerns over some colleges packaging PLUS loans in financial aid award letters, possibly misleading families about cost of attendance.
- [Amazon Pledges \\$10 Million For New UW Building That Would Double Enrollment In Computer Science](#). Amazon is donating \$10 million toward the cost of a new computer-science building.
- [Netflix And Girl Scouts Team Up To Get Kids Into STEM](#). The partners launched an online resource scouts can access.
- [Soft Skills Give Workers a Big Edge](#). Students with strong soft skills have higher earnings and are more likely to graduate college and work full-time.
- [Why It's Vital for Native Students to Learn With a Culturally Relevant Lens](#). When students had a space to meet, learn about one another's cultures, meet elders from their community and find resources about their tribes, they began to prioritize their native identities in their personal learning plans, too.
- [YVC Gets \\$3.9 Million To Improve STEM Services](#). The money will strengthen partnerships with CWU and WSU via direct transfer agreements, shared advising protocols, campus visits and transfer fairs.
- [Back to School: Challenges and Opportunities for Students and their Families](#). Read more about supporting students with disabilities in their postsecondary planning.
- [A Blueprint for Keeping Homeless Kids in School](#). Across the country, states and districts are hatching new ways to implement federal provisions coming into effect this fall.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [The #FAFSA Sweepstakes](#). Tweet #FAFSA for a chance to win a scholarship! **Due Oct. 16.**
- **For schools:** [Dual Credit Capacity Expansion Grant](#). iGrants Form Package #661. Due date has been extended until Nov. 29.
- [Doodle 4 Google](#). \$30,000 college scholarship contest! For students in grades K-12. Create a doodle that tells the world "What I see for the future." Due Dec. 2.
- [The Science Ambassador Scholarship](#). A full tuition scholarship for a woman seeking an undergraduate degree in STEM field. Citizenship not required. Due Dec. 11.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DUE
Lexus and Scholastic Launch Contest for Middle and HS Students - Land & Water Challenge	STEM contest for 6-12 grades. This challenge is an educational program and contest designed to inspire and empower students to learn about the environment and take action to improve it. Awardees will receive a total of \$500,000 in grants and scholarships.	10/17
LEAP1% Scholarship Fund	For Latino/a/x students. \$1,000-\$5,000. Must graduate this spring & enroll in college next fall.	10/21
Horatio Alger Scholarship	Provides six \$5,000 scholarships to students who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.	10/25
Coca-Cola Scholarships	50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 200 four-year \$10,000 scholarships. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.	10/31
Washington Women in Need Education Grant for Winter	For WA females age 18 or over who are admitted into or registered at an accredited education institution in Washington state. \$5,000.	10/31
Apply for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest.	Past finalist include Neah Bay HS. Help another Washington school make it all the way to the finals!	10/31
Disney Dreamers Academy Applications.	For young leaders (ages 13-19) with a winning combination of attributes that reflect strong character, positive attitude, and persistence to take advantage of opportunities.	10/31
Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship	Students over the age of 13 are eligible to win a \$2,000 scholarship in writing a short essay about how they would survive a zombie apocalypse.	10/31
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Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships	A highly competitive scholarship for high-performing high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend from the nation's best 4-year colleges and universities.	11/1
Berrien Fragos Thorn Arts Scholarships for Migrant Farmworkers	Must demonstrate an interest in pursuing further development of their talents in the arts. Min. 16 years old. Need not be enrolled in school.	11/1
Ron Brown Scholar Program	Applicants must be African American HS seniors who exhibit exception leadership potential & excel academically. \$10,000.	11/1
Voice of Democracy Scholarship.	Provided by the VFW, students in grades 9-12 are eligible for up to \$30,000. Requires recording a three to five minute speech on "Why I'm Optimistic About Our Nation's Future."	11/1
NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing	Honors young women in HS for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for postsecondary education. Applications are accepted from Sept. 15 – Oct. 31 each year.	11/7
Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative	The NW's only full-tuition, full-need scholarship for emerging urban and community leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home.	11/8
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards	For young people who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. Max. award: \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Eligibility: Students grades 5-12 who have conducted a volunteer service activity within the past year.	11/8
Champions for Change	For young Native Americans (ages 14 to 22) who demonstrate leadership and service within tribal and urban Indian communities, schools, and/or programs.	11/15
FFA Scholarships	Over 1,000 scholarships w/ just one application available to FFA members.	11/15
Verizon Innovative App Challenge	The Verizon Foundation is giving students a chance to win \$20,000 to the winning team. Online registration opens 8/1/16.	11/18
Elks Most Valuable Student Competition	Ranging from \$1,000- \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a 4-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university.	11/30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES! To view the Calendar of Events for WAGU and also partner events related to access, visit: <http://www.gearup.wa.gov/calendar>.

- [Fridays at Evergreen](#), Oct. 14.
- [Seattle Pacific University- SPU Friday Plus](#), Oct. 14.
- [DigiPen Undergraduate Programs Preview Day](#), Oct. 15.
- [EWU Open House](#), Oct. 15.
- [WSU-Vancouver Preview Day](#), Oct. 15.
- [UW Native American Student Day \(Seattle\)](#), Oct. 19.
- [WSU Tri-Cities: Fall Open House](#), Oct. 22.
- [WWU Western Fall Welcome](#), Oct. 22.
- [PNACAC Regional College Fair](#), Oct. 21-22- Seattle, Oct. 25- Spokane, Oct. 23- Portland.
- [WSU Fall Preview](#), Oct. 24.
- [WSU-Vancouver LGBTQA-Friendly College Fair](#), Oct. 26.
- [Readiness for Islander Success in Education Conference](#), Oct. 27.
- [Seattle Pacific University- SPU Friday Plus](#), Oct. 28.
- [UW Esperanza En Educación \(EEE\) Conference](#), Oct. 28.
- [Seattle University: Fall Preview Day](#), Oct. 29.
- [UW Tacoma Fall Preview Day](#), Oct. 30.

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This is an opportunity for GEAR UP practitioners, counselors, classroom teachers, and postsecondary professionals to come together and plan how to prepare students for success in regional college and career training programs.

When: Friday, October 28, 2016, 9:00—2:30

Where: ESD 113/Capital Event Center, Tumwater, WA

Register: Contact Roseann London, Director, GEAR UP Educator Development Initiative, rmlondon@uw.edu to register.

Educators from Washington State GEAR UP Schools are eligible to participate.



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When: Friday, December 2, 9:00—2:30

Where: ESD 101/4202 South Regal Street, Spokane, WA

Register: Contact Roseann London, Director, GEAR UP Educator Development Initiative, rmlondon@uw.edu to register.

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