formerly known as the State Need Grant



The new Washington College Grant gives more money to more students for more types of education after high school.

Welding or nursing?

English or computer science?

18-month apprenticeship or 4-year college degree?

Whatever the goal,
Washington College Grant can help.

The new Washington College Grant (formerly the State Need Grant) makes education and training beyond high school affordable. More families are eligible, and more programs and types of credentials are included.

Major changes begin in fall 2020.

- Funding guaranteed for eligible students.
- Income eligibility increased.
- Added support for apprenticeships.

Who is eligible?

Washington College Grant is open to students right out of high school, as well as to adult students. An eligible student from a family of four making \$50,500 or less per year would receive a full award. Partial grants are available for families making up to the state's median family income, around \$97,000 for a family of four. Recipients must meet WCG program requirements and attend an approved college or training program.

What does it cover?

The maximum award amount—which in 2019-20 ranged from about \$2,500 to \$10,500—will cover full tuition at any in-state public college or university, including community or technical colleges, or provide a comparable amount toward tuition and other education-related costs at an approved private college or career training program. Amounts vary based on income, family size, and the school or program attended.

How do I apply?

There is no separate application for the Washington College Grant. Students should complete a federal or state financial aid application (FAFSA or WASFA), which colleges will use to determine eligibility and make awards. Students can apply now for financial aid for the 2020-21 school year. Application processes for non-campus-based apprenticeship programs have not yet been established.