NEWS & RESOURCES

August 22-26, 2022

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**  Only **20%** of high schools located on Native American reservation land offer computer science.  Learn about the initiative to help close these access gaps: <https://fal.cn/3rf6E> |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **Download September:** [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/family-newsletters). Monthly family newsletters with college readiness information for students by grade level (7-12). They come pre-loaded with info and areas to personalize! Available in *English, Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.*
* [**GEAR UP Week Toolkit.**](https://gearup.wa.gov/about/impact/national-gear-week) We encourage you to use these resources to start planning and preparing for National GEAR UP Week 2022 (Sept. 26-30).

# Optional Funding Opportunity

* [**K-12 Intensive Tutoring Competitive Grant (FP 204).**](https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/(S(xwnsxifyiezkni55ketyhv45))/WebPages/HomePages/FormPackageInventory/Profile.aspx?printable=true&FpId=3895&Fp=22)Grants to recruit, train, and hire tutors to provide one-on-one tutoring services to K-12 students experiencing learning loss because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due Aug. 29.

# Student Recruitment & Outreach events

* **View Video Series:** [**WAGU Career & Technical Programs**](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWg-9DmEamIJTFoNC8vnMQjscI2nkC9st) | [**WAGU Campus Visits**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/washington-state-gear-resources/campus-visits/virtual-campus-visit-series) | [**WAGU Speaker Series**](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWg-9DmEamIL785e8tz6YZul9dVf1Fpcp)
* **NACAC National College Fairs:** [**Virtual.**](https://www.nacacfairs.org/)Sept. 11, Oct. 9, and Nov. 6.
* **Virtual 12th Year Campaign Training:** [**Financial Aid 101 for Parents and Caregivers**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcof-qqrDsqH9wrlR8cddjvBvL-DksCgcNd). Sept. 27, 5:30 PM.
* **Virtual 12th Year Campaign Training:** [**FAFSA & WASFA for Students & Families**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7QFpHF-YQuO-2J6WVKEO7w). Sept. 27, 6 PM.
* **PNACAC Fall College Fair:** [**Thurston County-Saint Martin's University.**](https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs) Sept. 27, 6-8 PM.
* **PNACAC Fall College Fair:** [**Pierce County-Tacoma Community College.**](https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs) Sept. 28, 5:30-7:30 PM.
* **Virtual 12th Year Campaign Training:** [**FAFSA & WASFA for Students & Families (Spanish).**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8DBnMaqlSj2bxCLHu14_jQ) Sept. 29, 6 PM.
* **Virtual Event:** [**My Journey**](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents/college-and-career-planning-event.html?cid=&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=pi11-my-journey-pre-event-2022-k12-b2c&utm_content=dc_1720-internal-organic-082322-mr025334-myjourney). Hosted by ACT. This free virtual event will teach you how to navigate college admissions confidently. Sign up to be notified when registration opens. Sept. 24, Noon.
* **NACAC National College Fair:** [**Spokane.**](https://www.nacacfairs.org/) Nov. 1.
* **NACAC National College Fairs:** [**Seattle**](https://www.nacacfairs.org/)**.** Nov. 4-5.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* [**GATE Equity Webinar Series**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/building-bridges/graduation-equity-webinar-series)**.** Regular monthly webinars. Information and registration are available through the [GATE website](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..RcD3H5RlNwPE3GxJAJOoFKjnIIoRBFFlzXTqqtD1VDc%2Fs%2F734684964%2Fbr%2F82607502700-l&data=05%7C01%7CBETHK%40WSAC.WA.GOV%7C9e9d7168e40c45990ed508da6b3984c7%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637940192174076585%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mBQQpFc2EMUSLTW9XwA6u9vz3QszDdY%2B8eTmd%2FsGZKw%3D&reserved=0).
* **Webinar:** [**Special Education in Washington State**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VtVKyf4pT7O8hNR7dxhmLQ). By LEV. Aug. 24, 12:30 PM.
* [**2022 Fall Counselor Workshops**](https://www.wa-council.org/2022/07/13/2022-fall-counselor-workshops/)**.** Sept. 12– EWU, Sept. 13– CBC, Sept. 14-WSUV, Sept. 15-UWB, Sept. 16-CPTC, Sept. 20-Virtual.
* **Webinar:** [**Language Proficiency, Competency-based Credits, and the Seal of Biliteracy**](https://www.pdenroller.org/ospi/catalog/142534). By OSPI. Attendees can choose from one of 9 different online sessions held throughout August and September, including one Saturday option.
* [**NCAN National Conference**](https://www.ncan.org/page/2022NCANConference). Sept. 12-14, Atlanta, GA.
* **Virtual 12th Year Campaign Training:** [**Financial Aid Information Session.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctf-mrrDstHdIsobG--Mex6B8EGaiu1LHQ) Sept. 20, 5:30 PM.
* [**GEAR UP West.**](https://www.uvu.edu/gearup/gearup-west-2022/index.html) Oct. 23-25, Salt Lake City, UT.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**College Access Considerations for Diverse Populations**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/college-access-considerations-diverse-populations-primer-college-access-professionals). This resource guide assists college access professionals in understanding diverse populations better, learning how to identify these students in your school, building support systems, exploring the college application and financial aid processes, and helping students transition into education after high school.
* [**WSAC's Financial Aid Toolkit.**](https://wsac.wa.gov/fa-toolkit) This toolkit contains various resources supporting the Washington College Grant and the financial aid application process. Find translated materials to use with students & families.
* [**Washington Career Bridge.**](http://www.careerbridge.wa.gov) WA's career and education portal is becoming mobile-friendly and more dynamic for younger users. Features a student career quiz, links those interests to career clusters and related occupations, and more!
* [**Help Students Develop SEL Skills**](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/k12-educators-and-administrators/administrator-resources/social-emotional-learning/help-students-develop-sel-skills.html). ACT's new eBook contains lessons to help educators, students, and their families discover vital skills to help them meet daily challenges and prepare more successfully for future challenges and experiences.
* [**Three Tools to Help Educators Better Understand What Students Need**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59217/three-tools-to-help-educators-better-understand-what-students-need)**.** Empathy interviews, school-wide connectedness screeners, and Kiva panels are helping teachers get a more in-depth understanding of what students need.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Keep an Eye on Your Student's Mental Health**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59753/keep-an-eye-on-your-students-mental-health-this-back-to-school-season). Suggestions to help monitor mental health.
* [**Teachers Can Deduct More for School Supplies**](https://www.npr.org/2022/08/17/1117832975/teachers-school-supplies-irs)**.** Teachers may deduct up to $300 of out-of-pocket classroom expenses.
* [**Biden Keeps Borrowers in Suspense.**](https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/3606883-biden-keeps-student-loan-borrowers-in-suspense-over-payment-pause) It's the smallest window of time borrowers have had since the pandemic's start. See also: [Student Loan Announcement to Come in 'Next Week Or So.'](https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/21/politics/student-loans-biden-administration-deadline/index.html)
* [**Author Reunites with the Teacher who Changed His Life**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59717/it-took-20-years-for-this-author-to-reunite-with-the-teacher-who-changed-his-life)**.** The magic of Mrs. Lung — and all the devoted teachers out there.
* [**The U.S. Student Population Is More Diverse**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59562/the-u-s-student-population-is-more-diverse-but-schools-are-still-highly-segregated)**.** But schools are still highly segregated.
* [**Schools Prepare for Fewer Masks, More Learning, and Joy**](https://www.npr.org/2022/08/18/1117171716/as-a-new-year-starts-schools-prepare-for-fewer-masks-more-learning-and-joy)**.** Here's how students and staff feel
* [**Trading 'Please Focus' for 'How Are You?'**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59477/trading-please-focus-for-how-are-you-a-listening-strategy-thats-helping-some-teachers-improve-the-classroom-experience) A listening strategy to help teachers improve the classroom experience.
* [**A New Embrace of Career and Technical Programs**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2022/08/19/high-school-career-technical-education). Hands-on opportunities have created buzz for programs.
* [**High School Students Talk Mental Health**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59379/4-high-school-students-talk-mental-health-and-how-the-pandemic-changed-them)**.** How the pandemic changed them.
* [**HBCUs Are Building a New Prison-to-College Pipeline**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59742/hbcus-are-building-a-new-prison-to-college-pipeline)**.** They are well-positioned to help incarcerated students.
* [**Teens in a Digital World**](https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/22/08/teens-digital-world). Teachers and other adults can help teens navigate social media with empathy and curiosity.
* [**For Student Parents, the Biggest Hurdles to Higher Ed are Costs and Finding Child Care**](https://edtrust.org/resource/for-student-parents-the-biggest-hurdles-to-a-higher-education-are-costs-and-finding-child-care)**.** Student parents are working hard and making sacrifices to secure a better future for themselves and their children.
* [**How to Talk about Disability Sensitively and Avoid Ableist Tropes**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59679/how-to-talk-about-disability-sensitively-and-avoid-ableist-tropes)**.** Unlearning ableism takes practice and commitment.
* [**Harnessing the Power of Future-Forecasting to Help Invent a Better World**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/59459/harnessing-the-power-of-future-forecasting-to-help-invent-a-better-world)**.** How parents, teachers, community groups, and youth can mine futurist techniques to undertake mighty acts of imagination.

# SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Find more opportunities at:* <https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships> *and* [*our list of scholarship search engines and databases.*](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships/search-engines-databases)

* [**BigFuture Scholarships.**](https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-scholarships) All juniors: Make yourself eligible for $500 and $40,000 scholarships each month. Earn entries in monthly drawings for scholarships by completing steps to plan for college.

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| Scholarship | Brief Description | Due |
| [Make Me Laugh Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/make-me-laugh-scholarship) | ($1,500) - Make Me Laugh is a fun scholarship that lets you cut loose and lighten things up—looking for a scholarship for comedians? Now is your chance to show us your funny bone. Perhaps you always have an embarrassing - but funny - story to share. Great! We'll promise to laugh with you, not at you. Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application. | 8/31 |
| [American Fire Sprinkler Association Second Chance Scholarship Contest](https://www.afsascholarship.org/) | Open to anyone who has graduated high school or equivalency and wants to pursue a college degree or trade school education. Enter for the chance to win 1 of 5 $1,000 College Scholarships. | 9/1 |
| [Conscious Consumer Scholarship](https://bold.org/scholarships/conscious-consumer-scholarship/) | $1,000 - Today, it's vital to be a conscious consumer — understanding, handling, and making intelligent financial decisions. It is especially true for students today who are building financial literacy skills as they start their careers. | 9/1 |
| [Be Bold" No-Essay Scholarship](https://bold.org/scholarships/easy-scholarships-list/) | The $25,000 "Be Bold" Scholarship is an accessible no-essay scholarship awarded to the applicant with the boldest profile. | 9/1 |
| [We the Future Contest](http://constitutingamerica.org/downloads.php) | Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate students, adults 25 years of age and older, and seniors 65 years of age and older. Each age group has different requirements, so applicants should visit the website for details. Amount varies. | 9/17 |
| [QuestBridge National College Match](http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-national-college-match) | Online platform helps outstanding low-income HS seniors gain admission and full 4-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges. | 9/27 |
| [Don't Text and Drive Scholarship](http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship) | ($1,000) - Complete the application form, including a 140-character message about texting while driving. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full-length 500- to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving. | 9/30 |
| [Scholarship Poetry Contest - Winter Issue](http://www.justpoetry.org/submissions) | ($100-$500) - Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. | 9/30 |
| [Shout It Out Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/shout-it-out-scholarship) | ($1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit an online written response to the question: "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?" | 9/30 |
| [Community College Scholarship](https://www.sreducationgroup.org/scholarships/community-college-scholarship) | For those with high financial need. Students must answer two open-ended, personal, and thought-provoking questions to provide our judges with a proper understanding of each applicant. | 9/30 |
| [LEAP Rise Above (aka LEAP1%) Scholarship Fund](https://seamar.org/scholarship-leap1.html) | Financial support for students who demonstrate advocacy, accountability, perseverance, and have shown a commitment to improving their community. It is open to any student regardless of citizenship status. Amount: $2,500 | 10/1 |
| [SEA-MAR - Farm Worker Scholarship](https://www.seamar.org/scholarship-farmworker.html) | For students who work or have worked OR whose parent/legal guardian is or has worked as a farm worker. | 10/1 |
| [SchoolHouse Connection Youth Leadership and Scholarship Program](https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/youth-leadership/scholarship-program/) | Provides scholarships to youth who have experienced homelessness to ensure their completion of a postsecondary education program. Assists youth with financial aid processes, mental health advocacy and referrals, professional legal advocacy and referrals, and assistance in locating and establishing local contacts for general support and services. Undocumented students who meet the criteria are eligible. | 10/15 |
| [Golden Door Scholars Scholarship for Undocumented Students](http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/) | (Full Tuition) - Golden Door Scholars lights the way undocumented students invest in their education and achieve their career goals beyond what they might imagine. Recent high school graduates, currently enrolled undergraduates, and transfer students (community college or 4-year college) are also welcome to apply. However, we do not support funding for graduate degrees. Students must be eligible for DACA. | 10/23 |
| [US Bank Scholarship Program](https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html) | Complete a series of Financial Genius for Life online learning modules for a chance to win. | 10/30 |
| [Disney Dreamers Academy Applications.](https://www.disneydreamersacademy.com/be-a-dreamer/apply/) | (Academy) - Disney Dreamers Academy is a 4-day, power-packed event in which 100 select high school students, ages 13 to 19, are inspired, motivated, and prepared to dream big. | 10/31 |
| [Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/#programs) | ($20,000) - High school seniors with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply on our website in August of their senior year until the Oct. 31 deadline. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this $20,000 scholarship. | 10/31 |
| [Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship) | ($2,000) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top-five things you'd bring to stay alive." | 10/31 |
| [Voice of Democracy Scholarship.](https://www.vfw.org/VOD/) | ($30,000) Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves through a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. The national first-place winner receives a $30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college, or vocational/technical school. | 10/31 |
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