WEEKLY BULLETIN

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| IN THIS ISSUE: |  **DID YOU KNOW?**The GEAR UP West [Conference Website](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgearup.wa.gov%2Fgear-west&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C80b80ec0ef3d427ce05f08dba7f6059a%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638288447342128760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9r21oL6OiZMe64emU4CLAqWWoy%2BWRJ8hgVYjeVUY0tU%3D&reserved=0) is Now LIVE! Find the most current version of the session list, keynote bios, and more. [Register and book your lodging](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fweb.cvent.com%2Fevent%2F76645d71-ab7f-4a37-a057-5437bf945442%2Fsummary&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C80b80ec0ef3d427ce05f08dba7f6059a%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638288447342128760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xIGtlNRYKZexWIsZiwKBab3MAzbSemramFjBWXKJoGg%3D&reserved=0) now to obtain the conference rate! |
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# WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

* **Now Hiring**: UW Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity: [Admissions Counselor](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuwhires.admin.washington.edu%2Feng%2Fcandidates%2Fdefault.cfm%3FszCategory%3Djobprofile%26szOrderID%3D224426%26szCandidateID%3D0%26szSearchWords%3D%26szReturnToSearch%3D1&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7Ccb2f11036595457150b708dba4296b2d%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638284270322919719%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=G1NK0ichnbPxqchlC1jMYOMGBoLdf%2BBGFgvsHYbqKS8%3D&reserved=0)
* **Deadline Sept. 15:** [**Join NCCEP’s Coordinator Learning Lab.**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nccep-events/2023/9/17/deadline-cll) This short-term, cohort-based professional development program explores common challenges facing new GEAR UP practitioners. Coordinators with 0–3 years of experience will especially benefit from this introductory experience. Next session: Sept. 25 – Nov. 30.
* **Reminder**: Review your Year 7 Work Plan & Budget and submit any necessary revisions by Sept. 30.
* **GEAR UP West Lodging Update:** The lodging per diem increases to $127 per night (pre-tax) as of Oct. 1. The new rate is reflected in the GEAR UP West lodging link. This amount is approved by WSAC for reimbursement.
* **Updated Coordinator Manual:** New forms include [**7th Year Peer Mentor Participation Log**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/7th-year-peer-mentor-participation-log-1)**,**[**7th Year Contact Log**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/personvirtual-contacts-class-2023-7th-year-contact-log)**,** and[**7th Year Student Workshop Sign-In Sheet**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/person-class-2023-7th-year-student-workshop-sign-sheet)**.**
* [**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.

# STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

* [**12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Information and Filing Events.**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxoI/edit#heading=h.42fu3w63mb46) Join one of the events listed below to learn more and get help.  Please note, that most events are offered virtually. Spanish events are available. Dates vary throughout fall/winter.
* [**PNACAC College Fairs:**](https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs)10/4: Lacey and 10/5: Tacoma.
* [**NACAC College Fairs:**](https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs/) 10/6-10/7: Seattle, 10/8-10/9: Portland, and 10/24: Spokane.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* [**2023-24 PNACAC College Counseling 101 Sessions.**](https://www.pnacac.org/webinars) Open to school/college counselors, independent educational consultants, community-based organization staff, career center specialists, transfer center coordinators, and any other PNACAC members who work with secondary school or transfer-seeking students. *PNACAC membership is free for individuals from public school communities.* See the link for details.
* **Webinar:** [**Sustaining Success: Investing in Showing Up**](https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/webinars/). By Attendance Works. Sept. 27, Noon.
* **Save The Dates:** **Fall 2023 College Fairs**. Additional details and registration information will be available later this summer for in-person and virtual fairs. PNACAC: 10/3-Yakima, 10/4-Lacey, 10/5-Tacoma. NACAC: 10/6-10/7-Seattle, 10/8-10/9- Portland, 10/24- Spokane.
* [**WCHSCR Fall Counselor Workshop**](https://www.wa-council.org/2022/07/13/2022-fall-counselor-workshops/). *Register before the school year ends*. Space is limited. 9/11-EWU, 9/12-CBC, 9/13-UWB, 9/14-CPT, 9/15-BTC, 9/19-Virtual.
* **Webinar:** [**What You Need to Know: FAFSA Simplification Act.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduuvqjoqHtDZpbrmDoGgXDuP1W08kepi#/registration) By Aim Higher WA. Oct. 12, 10 AM.
* [**2023 NCAN National Conference.**](https://www.ncan.org/page/2023NCANConference)Dallas, Oct. 16-18.
* [**GEAR UP West Conference.**](https://gearup.wa.gov/about/what-we-do/gear-west)Spokane, Oct. 22-24.
* [**ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops**](https://pages2.act.org/ccrw-2023.html)**.** In-person events, national webinars, and ACT product-specific webinars in October.
* **Webinar:** [**Middle School College and Career Readiness**](https://pages2.act.org/ccrw-2023-webinars.html)**.** By ACT. Oct. 24, 9 AM.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Getting Ready for Campus Visits.**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/getting-ready-campus-visits-gear-handbook-providing-campus-visits-middle-and-high-school) Includes best practices and resources to help plan meaningful on-campus experiences. Contains replicable, customizable tools. See also: [Grade-Level Campus Visit Benchmarks](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/grade-level-campus-visit-benchmarks)
* [**Better FAFSA Awareness Toolkit**](https://www.ncan.org/news/650075/NCAN-Launches-Better-FAFSA-Awareness-Toolkit.htm)**.** From NCAN. Find resources to help you communicate the upcoming changes to your partners, students, and your community.
* [**12th Year Campaign Key to Success Financial Aid Resources**](https://padlet.com/christinaw12/12th-year-campaign-key-to-success-financial-aid-resources-cxbz1z64bch5jbsf)**.** These resources will help you as you plan your Financial Aid Advising Day (FAAD) and support students with financial aid and admissions applications.
* [**Oregon Goes To College Toolkits**](https://oregongoestocollege.org/toolkits). These practical manuals cover a variety of college preparation topics. Each toolkit includes research, strategies, planning guides, and associated ready-to-use resources.
* [**Evaluating Your School’s Culture and Climate**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/evaluating-school-culture-climate). From Edutopia. Creating a team to systematically evaluate how your school as a whole is doing can lead to valuable insights.
* [**Back To School Resources To Support Students Experiencing Homelessness**](https://schoolhouseconnection.org/training-resources/)**.** From SchoolHouse Connection. These free resources are designed to train school personnel and to improve awareness and identification in communities.
* [**Foster Care Liaison Toolkit.**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/access-opportunity-education/foster-care/foster-care-resources-and-training) From OSPI. Tools and materials to help in advocating for students in foster care.

# IN THE NEWS

* [These School Resources Mean The Most To Seattle Families](https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/these-school-resources-mean-the-most-to-seattle-families/)
* [A New Report About College Enrollment Raises Red Flags For Employers](https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/a-new-report-about-college-enrollment-raises-red-flags-for-employers/)
* [What Washington’s Schools Are Doing To Support Students After The Pandemic — And How Families Can Help](https://medium.com/waospi/what-washingtons-schools-are-doing-to-support-students-after-the-pandemic-and-how-families-can-53e06739e6a9)
* [Students Get A Jump On College In Skagit Valley College's Summer Bridge Program](https://www.goskagit.com/news/education/students-get-a-jump-on-college-in-skagit-valley-colleges-summer-bridge-program/article_96d1ca84-42b6-11ee-9594-f72e3f312093.html)
* [Job-Hunting Isn’t Easy, Especially After Prison. San Quentin Is Trying To Change That.](https://www.opencampusmedia.org/2023/08/16/job-hunting-isnt-easy-especially-after-prison-san-quentin-is-trying-to-change-that)
* [College In The High School Now Free](https://www.lyndentribune.com/news/college-in-the-high-school-now-free/article_b414906a-41d3-11ee-8f35-d7c15ef93ba4.html)
* [Does The U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Open A Door To Discrimination?](https://crosscut.com/news/2023/08/supreme-court-ruling-opens-door-limit-lgbtq-civil-rights)
* [OSPI Explains: Misinformation, Disinformation, And How To Stop The Spread](https://medium.com/waospi/ospi-explains-misinformation-disinformation-and-how-to-stop-the-spread-9423827a47e4)
* [Four Reasons To Be Hopeful From Latest Summer School Study](https://www.the74million.org/article/four-reasons-to-be-hopeful-from-latest-summer-school-study/)
* [The Florida AP Psychology Controversy, Explained](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/the-florida-ap-psychology-controversy-explained/2023/08)
* [From AP African American Studies To 'Ruby Bridges': The Censoring Of Black History](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2023/08/23/black-history-censorship-getting-worse/70348173007/)
* [High Schoolers Account For Nearly 1 Out Of Every 5 Community College Students](https://hechingerreport.org/proof-points-high-schoolers-account-for-nearly-1-out-of-every-5-community-college-students)
* [Over 1,900 Colleges Not Requiring SAT, ACT Test Scores For Fall 2024 Admission](https://www.highereddive.com/news/over-1900-colleges-not-requiring-sat-act-scores-for-fall-2024-admissions/689110)
* [4 Ways Schools Are Approaching Nontraditional Postsecondary Pathways](https://www.k12dive.com/news/4-ways-schools-nontraditional-postsecondary-pathways/689764/)
* [BBCC Proposes Tech Hub For Grant, Adams](https://columbiabasinherald.com/news/2023/aug/24/bbcc-proposes-tech-hub-grant-adams/)
* [New Law Will Help Students Use Work Experience For School Credit](https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/2023/08/23/new-washington-law-will-credit-students-for-job-experience/70661557007/)
* [Why Does The US Drug Czar Think WA Schools Should Stock Narcan Like Fire Extinguishers?](https://kuow.org/stories/why-does-the-us-drug-czar-think-wa-schools-should-stock-narcan-like-fire-extinguishers)
* [Clearer Pathways To Post-HS Education In Pasco](https://readywa.org/clearer-pathways-to-post-hs-education-in-pasco/)
* [What Former First-Gen Students Wish They Knew About College](https://www.latimes.com/delos/story/2023-08-23/first-gen-college-students-advice)

# SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Find more opportunities at:* <https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships>.

* [**Path to Pro Scholarship**](https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation)**.** $2,000 scholarship for students attending an approved trade-related program (Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing or Construction Management) at an accredited two-year school. Due Sept. 30.

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| **College 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 |
| [NAEHCY Scholarship Fund](https://naehcy.org/naehcy-scholarship-fund/) | NAEHCY Eligibility - To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:• Applicant must be under the age of 21 • Applicant be actively pursuing post-secondary education• Applicant must be eligible for McKinney-Vento assistance or have experiencedhomelessness while in school within the last six years• Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible• The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act defines parameters on homeless status. | 9/16 |
| [We the Future Contest](http://constitutingamerica.org/downloads.php) | Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate students, adults 25 years and older, and seniors 65 years 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) | An online platform that 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 response to the question: "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?"  | 9/30 |
| [Golden Door Scholars Scholarship for Undocumented Students](http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/) | (Full Tuition) - Golden Door Scholars lights the way for undocumented students to invest in their education and to 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. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, so applying early is helpful. However, applications received after the deadline will not be considered. We do not support funding for graduate degrees. Students must be eligible for DACA. | 10/1 |
| [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 October 31 deadline. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this $20,000 scholarship. | 10/2 |
| [Horatio Alger Scholarship - National Scholarships](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/national-scholarships/) | ($25,000) - The Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is one of the major scholarship programs nationally that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. | 10/25 |
| [Horatio Alger Scholarship - State Scholarships](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/) | ($10,000) - State scholarships are awarded to eligible students in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The program specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. | 10/25 |
| [U.S. 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 |
| [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 all 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 in regard to 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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