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## WA State GEAR UP Program Updates

**This week, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Marcie Mills, the director of WA State GEAR UP**, as she embarks on exciting new opportunities. Your dedication and hard work have made a lasting impact, and you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the success and happiness in this new chapter. *Good luck, and continue to make a difference!*

* [**Fee Waivers for GEAR UP Students**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nccep-blogs/2024/10/22/xfs60sji2uyrqm2lqp6heidewd61sr)**.** NCCEP, Common App, & NACAC have partnered to provide GU families with fee waivers for college applications. *See the Educator* [*College Application Fee Waiver Resource Guide*](https://mcusercontent.com/a0d96cacbd72776b465181daf/files/3db561a3-8453-c377-5cef-dbc5d80b0ec8/Educator_FeeWaiver_V4.pdf?mc_cid=0acaf88806&mc_eid=06e838aba2&mc_cid=726e01d077&mc_eid=a2f060beda) *& the Student* [*Fee Waiver Flyer*](https://mcusercontent.com/a0d96cacbd72776b465181daf/files/11da894d-ad8a-81af-7e0c-fa1052a12e64/Student_FeeWaiver_V5.pdf?mc_cid=0acaf88806&mc_eid=06e838aba2&mc_cid=726e01d077&mc_eid=a2f060beda)*.* **NOTE:** *All GU students qualify for a fee waiver on the Common Application. There are no exceptions.*
* **Customizable** [**Quarterly Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/1433)**.** These templates provide college/career readiness information for students by grade level (7-12). *Now available in Arabic, Chinese, English, Korean, Marshallese, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Ukrainian, & Vietnamese.*
* **Match Tip of the Week:** If your district policy charges a fee for the use of space to internal or external groups but provides the facility at no cost for GEAR UP use, then you may consider that fee an allowable source of match. *For example, if your school district normally charges a group $100 to use the cafeteria for an evening meeting, you may submit a Goods and Services match form for $100.* However, if your district has a policy that states that outside groups and/or school programs are not to be charged for space, then you cannot document or submit it as match. Please discuss this tip with your leadership to verify what is allowable.

## FAFSA Updates and Resources

* [**12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Information & Filing Events.**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxoI/edit#heading=h.42fu3w63mb46) Most events are virtual. Spanish events are available.
* [**Communicating with Students from Families with Mixed Immigration Statuses FAFSA**.](https://www.nasfaa.org/mixed_immigration_statuses_fafsa) The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators released a guide to help mixed-immigration-status families understand if filing the FAFSA could increase their deportation risk.
* [**Undocumented Students/Mixed Status Families and FAFSA Messaging**](https://www.higheredimmigrationportal.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/FAFSA-Messaging-Template-2.pdf). NACAC, the Presidents’ Alliance on Immigration and Higher Education, and the National Immigration Law Center have developed guidance for supporting undocumented students and those from mixed-status families.

## Student Recruitment & Outreach Events

* [**Bring AJAC To Your Classroom!**](https://www.ajactraining.org/programs/youth/ajac-classroom-presentation) From AJAC Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeships. AJAC prefers in-class presentations over career fairs. See [AJAC Class Presentation Application](https://www.tfaforms.com/5136888)
* [**WA Council’s College Planning Day**](https://www.wa-council.org/2023/10/05/2021-college-planning-day-virtual-april-22-2021/)is a one-stop opportunity for HS juniors and undecided seniors to learn about WA’s higher education options. **View:** [**College Planning Day Bus Subsidy Request Link**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2Fe%2F1FAIpQLSezkPe_jA6NQYY5Z6IccpB80MKbazfTvJn89NErHaFo0KV8xw%2Fviewform&data=05%7C02%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C50f88cab1f7b4187947b08dd3bef097f%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638732621682198117%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rLafHAmR6rO%2FWuYzTBRzLKwQ2SOdyBWsRqP5Ad1VwiI%3D&reserved=0)**.** Mar. 11 – Saint Martin’s, Mar. 12 – WSUV, Mar. 19 – Heritage University, Mar. 25 – WWU, Mar. 26 – UW Bothell, & Mar. 27 – UWT.
* [**Spring 2025 PNACAC College Fairs**](https://connect.pnacac.org/register/spring2025fairs)**.** Apr. 2 - Gonzaga University, Apr. 12 - Boise State University, Apr. 24 - Edmonds-Woodway HS, Apr. 26 - Seattle University, and Apr. 27- University of Portland.

## Optional Professional Development

* **Webinar:** [**Waitlists, Defers, and Holds: What to Do and What to Avoid.**](https://www.pnacac.org/professional-development/webinars) Open to PNACAC members only. PNACAC [membership](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foregongoestocollege.us5.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D2f8d5fa6686219d36cc349dfd%26id%3D826877f5eb%26e%3Dc4902e16a9&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7C28426aaba5a64cc7035808dd1a059218%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638695333423023498%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Cok8HJ671DZnrXkhltnCQ40uvyJu2DmOdgwgL61mq9Y%3D&reserved=0) is free for public secondary schools. Feb. 13, 9 AM.
* [**WSCA Conference**](https://www.wscaconference.org/). Mar. 5-7. Seattle. The call for proposals is now open!
* **Virtual:** [**NCCEP GEAR UP Academy.**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/academy) Feb. 3-6. Reg is now open!
* [**Apply for a Spring Learning Lab**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/learning-labs?mc_cid=3d1ce7a6cc&mc_eid=a2f060beda#csll)**.** NCCEP hosts Learning Labs for GEAR UP professionals. Learning Labs are small cohort learning experiences that combine virtual sessions with asynchronous online courses. Apps due by Feb. 28.
	+ [**College Success Learning Lab**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedpartnerships.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da0d96cacbd72776b465181daf%26id%3D27734b8155%26e%3Da2f060beda&data=05%7C02%7CBethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7C6734797d8fb748faa3da08dd3aee1c0e%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638731516529494723%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FIpiTQRWYQdk6LQIE0mJu%2F%2BV%2FksFRlxpKkxtqPtVvj4%3D&reserved=0)**.** For those who support college students and offer one-on-one advising. Gain ready-to-use resources and strategies, brainstorm with peers, and connect with a national cohort.
	+ [**Coordinator Learning Lab**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedpartnerships.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da0d96cacbd72776b465181daf%26id%3Db140282d3b%26e%3Da2f060beda&data=05%7C02%7CBethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7C6734797d8fb748faa3da08dd3aee1c0e%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638731516529522800%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aUgplTaiYFG2tFM3XhPPZRJq%2BraZIY4q8YC6TpU2rVQ%3D&reserved=0)**.** For those new to GEAR UP? Explore engagement strategies, discuss current and relevant topics for college access professionals, and collaborate with a national cohort of peers.
* [**WA State Indian Education Association's 40th Annual Conference**](https://wsiea.org/2025-conference/)**.** Apr. 1-3, Spokane. The [Call for Presenters](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLFBZWBEKvynBUh_Bf8H2ilb2tIzMkmpXBNwFG1Xp-8mN7Gg/viewform?fbclid=IwY2xjawHydiNleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHQrsf6E_uzokNiPhK9R--CFjMN43Vp7d6jPIiJBAQjLSBG0yiW7BbGViUg_aem_tj2DEekF1e6U44KW5OinJw) is open.
* [**PNACAC Annual Conference**.](https://www.pnacac.org/annual-conference) May 21 - 23, Portland.
* [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/annual)**.** July 13–16, San Francisco. [Apply to present!](https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/0f5e9c32-85ce-490e-81d1-14a54a133ffa)

## Resources

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**How to Become an Apprentice.**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/how-become-apprentice) This handout accompanies the 12th Year Campaign Junior/Senior Student Workbook, guiding students through college admissions and financial aid.
* [**Incorporating the College Essay Into Your Curriculum**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/college-essays)**.** From Edutopia. Writing college application essays is stressful, and this 10-day lesson can help. Writing practice also benefits students who don’t plan to attend college. 11th-grade teachers may find this a valuable resource for assisting students in starting their college search.
* [**EVERFI**](http://everfi.com/k-12/)**.** EVERFI’s free online resources help elementary, middle, and high school teachers equip their students with essential life skills, including financial literacy.
* [**Free ACCUPLACER Prep**.](https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice) This web-based study app features practice tests for each test subject. It is accessible from most devices with internet access and will help students become familiar with the content and format of the test questions. [See more info on test preparation, test-optional information, & fee waivers on our GEAR UP website.](https://gearup.wa.gov/free-test-preparation-tools-and-fee-waiver-info)
* [**Tribal Colleges and Universities Exploration Guide**](https://collegefund.org/students/college-success/). This culturally relevant exploration guide was developed to help students explore the dynamic higher education opportunities offered at the 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities. The guide intends to paint a brief picture of each institution through its history, top programs, and extracurriculars, encouraging students to discover the tribal college advantage.

## In The News

* [A New Supreme Court Case Would Force The Government To Create Religious Public Schools](https://www.vox.com/scotus/396991/supreme-court-religion-st-isidore-oklahoma-public-charter-schools)
* [Immigration Raids Have Begun. For Immigrant And Mixed-Status Families, Everyday Life Has Changed.](https://www.npr.org/2025/01/27/nx-s1-5271630/immigration-raids-are-sending-migrants-into-a-deep-panic-advocates-say)
* [How Knowing Teen Brains A Little Better Can Help Coaches Be Effective Mentors](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/65089/how-knowing-teen-brains-a-little-better-can-help-coaches-be-effective-mentors)
* [Local Governments Across U.S. Signal They Won't Aid Trump Migrant Crackdown](https://www.npr.org/2025/01/24/nx-s1-5273686/trump-immigration-crackdown-border-police-ice-deportation)
* [Formerly Incarcerated Students Are Humans First](https://www.diverseeducation.com/opinion/article/15712751/formerly-incarcerated-students-are-humans-first)
* [Study: Academic Alerts Slash Course Withdrawal Rates By 30%](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/students/retention/2025/01/22/research-shows-academic-alerts-impact-grades-withdrawals)
* [A Stunning Enrollment Surge](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/admissions/traditional-age/2025/01/23/enrollment-passes-pre-pandemic-levels-first-year-surge)
* [A Researcher Said The Evidence On Special Education Inclusion Is Flawed. Readers Weighed In](https://hechingerreport.org/proof-points-readers-react-special-education-inclusion)
* [Washington Schools Chief Issues New Guidance On Protecting Immigrant Students](https://www.kuow.org/stories/washington-schools-chief-issues-new-guidance-on-protecting-immigrant-students)
* [Trump To Visit Disaster Zones. And Why He Says DEI Programs Are Illegal](https://www.npr.org/2025/01/24/g-s1-44541/up-first-newsletter-donald-trump-los-angeles-wildfires-asheville-disaster-dei-programs)
* [Confusion Follows Trump Order On Sex And Gender](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/politics-elections/2025/01/24/trumps-sex-and-gender-order-could-create-risk)
* [National Student Clearinghouse Research Center Reveals Error In Fall First-Year Student Count](https://www.k12dive.com/news/national-student-clearinghouse-error-freshman-enrollment/737265/)
[Trump’s Immigration Crackdown Leaves Some Families Weighing The Risk Of Sending Kids To School](https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/nation/trumps-immigration-crackdown-leaves-some-families-weighing-the-risk-of-sending-kids-to-school/)
* [3 Myths About Rural Education That Are Holding Students Back](https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/nation/trumps-immigration-crackdown-leaves-some-families-weighing-the-risk-of-sending-kids-to-school/)
* [What Will Trump's Orders For Federal Workers Do To The Education Department?](https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/what-will-trumps-orders-for-federal-workers-do-to-the-education-department/2025/01)
* [This Is How ‘Woke’ Schools Really Are—According to Students](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/this-is-how-woke-schools-really-are-according-to-students/2025/01)

## Scholarships & Opportunities

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

* **Free and Safe:** [**Get Schooled Essay Review**](https://getschooled.com/college-review)**.** Submit your personal statement, supplemental college application essays, and scholarship essays for feedback. They will provide actionable suggestions and feedback within one week.

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [The UW DO-IT Scholars Program](http://www.washington.edu/doit/Programs/scholar.html) | DO-IT Scholars are Washington State high school students with disabilities planning to continue their education after graduation. Scholars prepare for their transition to college—which includes exploring careers, independence, self-advocacy, and leadership. It is open to high school sophomores or juniors. | 1/30 |
| [Mas Family Scholarship](http://jmcff.org/#apply) | ($32,000) - Applicants must be of Cuban descent and have min. 3.5 GPA, & be financially needy.  | 1/31 |
| [NSF Game Maker Awards](https://new.nsf.gov/75years/game-maker-awards)  | The NSF Game Maker Awards is a video game design competition for K-12 students to showcase their creativity, technical skills, and passion for game design. Individual students or teams may apply. Prizes range from $1,000 to $5,000.  | 1/31 |
| [Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship](https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply/) | Selected Navy ROTC Scholarship Program applicants are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process and receive full tuition, book stipend, educational fees, and other financial benefits at many of the country's leading colleges and universities. Upon graduation, midshipmen are commissioned as officers in the unrestricted line Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve. | 1/31 |
| [EngineerGirl Essay Contest](http://www.engineergirl.org/10209.aspx) | This essay contest is for K-12 students – in grades 3 through 12 (ages 8-18). To apply, applicants must write an original essay on a given topic related to engineering.  | 2/1 |
| [John F. & Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education](http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org/education/staceyfund/) | ($500-$5,000) - For students ages 18 -35 pursuing a profession in visual arts & be skilled & devoted to the classical or conservative tradition. | 2/1 |
| [Naomi Winston Scholarship in Art](https://www.nsalwashington.org/the-winston-scholarships-in-voice-and-art/naomi-winston-scholarship-in-art/) | The National Society of Arts and Letters bestows the scholarship on young visual artists aged 16 to 22. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success. | 2/1 |
| [The American Legion National HS Oratorical Contest Scholarship](http://www.waconstitutionalspeechcontest.org/) | The American Legion’s National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program – “A Constitutional Speech Contest,” aims to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, the preparation for accepting duties and responsibilities, and the rights and privileges of American citizenship. | 2/4 |
| [HACER® National Scholarship](https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer.html) | For HS seniors planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university. Must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage, have a min. 3.0 GPA, and be a legal resident. | 2/6 |
| [WSECU Scholarship](https://wsecu.org/scholarships) | WSECU members of all ages are welcome to apply. $2,000 is awarded for two-year colleges and vocational schools. $3,000 is awarded for four-year undergraduate programs and graduate programs. | 2/10 |
| [The Christophers’ Poster Contest](https://www.christophers.org/highschoolpostercontest) | Open to 9-12 graders. Must create an original poster that interprets the theme "You Can Make a Difference" & illustrates the idea that one person can change the world for the better. $100-$1,000. | 2/13 |
| [Washington State PTA Scholarship](https://wastatepta.org/events-programs/scholarship-program/) | Washington State PTA offers four $2,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from WA public high schools with an active PTA starting college (two-year or four-year) in the fall. | 2/13 |
| [Princeton Summer Journalism Program](https://psjp.princeton.edu/about-program/apply) | Free residential journalism and college preparatory program for high-achieving current juniors from low-income backgrounds interested in journalism. All program expenses, including meals, housing, and transportation, are covered. | 2/15 |
| [Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship](http://www.gordonrich.org/html/index.html) | ($12,500) - The recipients of GAR scholarships are exceptionally qualified high school students with demonstrated financial need whose parents or guardians have, or had, a career in the financial services industry. | 2/20 |
| [Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship](http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm) | For graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted veganism in their schools and/or communities. Vegetarians do not eat meat, fish, or fowl. Vegans are vegetarians who do not use other animal products such as dairy or eggs. One award of $10,000, six awards of $5,000, and additional runner-up prizes will be given.  | 2/20 |
| [Washington Opportunity Scholarship- Baccalaureate](https://waopportunityscholarship.org/applicants/baccalaureate/) | WSOS supports low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand STEM majors or health care. It encourages recipients to work in WA once they complete their degrees. | 2/26 |
| [Indian Health Services Scholarships](https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/apply/) | Scholarships are available for qualified American Indian and Alaska Native students who plan to enter or are pursuing degrees in the health profession. | 2/28 |
| [CORE's Que Llueva Café Scholarship](https://ca-core.org/scholarship/) | The “Que Llueva Café” Scholarship aims to support the dreams, hopes, and aspirations of college-bound undocumented students so that they can earn their college education and allow for all of their hard work and sacrifice to persevere. $500-1,000. | 3/1 |
| [Tall Clubs International Scholarship](https://tallclubfoundation.org/scholarship/scholarship/) | Up to $1,000 for tall students under 21 attending their first year of college the following fall. Request an application by March 1. | 3/1 |
| [USDA/1890 National Scholars Program](https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars) | Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at one of the 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities. Each award provides full tuition and room and board for the scholarship term. The scholarship may be renewed each year, contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and normal progress toward the bachelor's degree. | 3/1 |
| [Sound Credit Union Scholarship](https://www.soundcu.com/community-impact/scholarships/) | $1,000 individual scholarships. Must be a graduating HS senior who plans to attend a 2- or 4-year college, w/ a min. 3.0 GPS, & be a member of Sound Credit Union on or before January 31, 2021. | 3/2 |
| [Microsoft DisAbility Scholarship](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/microsoftdisabilityscholarship.aspx) | Eight (8) $20,000 scholarships distributed over 4 years ($5,000 per year, renewable). Awards are renewable for up to three years or until a bachelor’s degree is earned, whichever occurs first, based on satisfactory academic performance, maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, full-time or half-time enrollment, and continued enrollment in the eligible major. | 3/13 |
| [Courage to Grow Scholarship](https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/) | ($500) - Please explain in 250 words or less why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship. You must be a junior or senior high school or college student with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better. U.S. citizens only, please. | 3/31 |
| [Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund](http://www.davisputter.org/apply/apply-for-scholarships/) | (Up to $15,000 per Year) - These need-based scholarships are awarded to students who can do academic work at the college or university level, are enrolled in a trade or technical program, and are active in the progressive movement. | 4/1 |
| [10 Words or Less Scholarship](https://www.studentscholarships.org/easy.php#sthash.2vdhoRcz.dpbs) | ($500) - In 10 words or less, say why you deserve the scholarship. | 4/15 |
| [Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](http://www.barronprize.org/) | ($10,000) - Honoring outstanding young leaders (ages 8-18) currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so within the past 12 months. Students need to work as individuals to lead their service work.  | 4/15 |
| [Incight Scholarship](https://www.incight.org/scholarship) | ($500-$2,500) - Incight awards up to one hundred scholarships to students with disabilities, who have demonstrated outstanding merit in giving back to the community and overcoming obstacles to pursue higher education. These scholarships range in value from $500 to $2,500. The INCIGHT Scholarship is only open to students who are Oregon, Washington or California residents. | 4/15 |
| [LEAP Rise Above (aka LEAP1%) Scholarship Fund](https://seamar.org/scholarship-leap1.html) | The Latino/a Educational Achievement Project Scholarship Fund provides financial support for students who demonstrate a history of advocacy, responsibility, accountability, and perseverance, are go-getters, and have shown or have a strong potential to contribute to their community. | 4/15 |
| [Sea Mar Farmworker High School & College Scholarships](https://www.seamar.org/scholarship-farmworker.html) | For those who currently work or have worked in agriculture, or whose parent or legal guardian is or has worked as a farm worker. They should demonstrate a commitment to their education, exhibit leadership skills, show concern for their community, and show financial need due to individual or family hardships. | 4/15 |
| [WWIN Star Scholar (Formerly - Washington Women in Need Education Grant)](https://wwin.org/star-scholars/) | Each WWIN Star Scholar receives up to $5,000 per academic year and up to $20,000 over her undergraduate career at the approved Washington college or university of her choice. For females 18 and older. | 4/17 |
| [A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship](http://www.aises.org/students/scholarships) | ($1,000) - This scholarship is awarded to American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian AISES members pursuing the sciences, engineering, medicine, natural resources, math & technology degrees. Students are required to submit three essays (prompts provided), up to 1,000 words each.  | 4/30 |
| [Washington Association of County Officials](http://www.countyofficials.org/247/How-to-Apply) | ($3,000) - The fund awards up to three $3,000 scholarships to eligible children of county employees and county elected officials in the following offices: assessors, auditors, clerks, coroners, medical examiners, prosecutors, sheriffs, and treasurers. Recipients must be full-time baccalaureate, associate, or vocational/technical certification program students. | 4/30 |
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