Text

Description automatically generated

|  |
| --- |
| Issue: March 17-21, 2025 |

## WA State GEAR UP Program Updates

* **Customizable** [**Quarterly Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/1433). These templates provide college and 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**: Are You Including Benefits for School Staff? When you fill in the “Salary and Benefits per Hour” column on the In-Kind Match Form - School Staff, the rate should be the actual salary and benefits for the person who contributed the time. It should not be an estimate, standard rate, or a best guess. You must obtain the person’s actual hourly rate, plus salary, from your HR or personnel department.
* **Now Hiring:** Do you know former students now at Grays Harbor College, Wenatchee Valley College, or Centralia College? WSAC is hiring part-time GEAR UP Peer Mentors at those locations. See link for details: [Peer Mentor Position Description | 2025 WAGU Grad Services | GEAR UP](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgearup.wa.gov%2Ffile%2Fpeer-mentor-position-description-2025-wagu-grad-services&data=05%7C02%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7C256aa0ddca6a410f419a08dd6577ce83%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638778287427875906%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NNa5ugX5%2BC3nILO7BEbl7o%2BP9pncg5fm1NFB0kapHXU%3D&reserved=0)

## FAFSA Updates and Resources

* [**12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Information & Filing Events.**](https://wsac.wa.gov/financial-aid-events) 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 has released a guide to help mixed-immigration-status families understand whether filing the FAFSA could increase their risk of deportation.
* [**Undocumented Students and Mixed-Status Families: 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)
* [**Spring 2025 PNACAC College Fairs**](https://connect.pnacac.org/register/spring2025fairs)**.** Apr. 12 - Boise State University, Apr. 24 - Edmonds-Woodway HS, Apr. 26 - Seattle University, and Apr. 27- University of Portland.

## Optional Professional Development

* **Webinar:** [**Inspiring Best Practices for Improving Attendance of Students Experiencing Homelessness.**](https://schoolhouseconnection.org/webinar/inspiring-best-practices-for-improving-attendance-of-students-experiencing-homelessness-series) From SchoolHouse Connection and Attendance Works. Mar. 18, 10:00 AM. Missed Part 1? Find the replay on their page.
* [**Motivation Science and College Going**](https://www.ncan.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1929638&group=)**.** Dr. Savi**t**z-Romer will highlight how practitioners can help students connect their current efforts to long-term goals, from intrinsic motivation to external incentives. Attendees will gain tools to better inspire and sustain students’ drive for postsecondary success, even in the face of challenges. This live webinar is free and open to the public, *but the recording will only be available to NCAN members. Mar. 26, 11 AM.*
* [**Know Your Rights Training**](https://sowa.my.salesforce-sites.com/sowaevents/event/home/knowyourrights20250401)**.** From School's Out WA**.** This interactive session is designed to address the unique challenges faced by individuals and professionals working with immigrant communities, providing the knowledge and tools needed to navigate legal matters with confidence. Apr. 1, 10 AM. [Read OSPI's Guidance on Protections for Immigrant Students in Washington’s K–12 Public Schools](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fospi.k12.wa.us%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2025-01%2Fprotections-immigrant-students-washington-public-schools.pdf/1/01000195a4bb9b85-782df47c-bbd6-4141-852c-5783ca329a43-000000/MgnNWfbfc7gUJhnADjfN1eWr300XNwdRr0cJsj1xr_w=396)
* [**WA State Indian Education Association's 40th Annual Conference**](https://wsiea.org/2025-conference/)**.** Apr. 1-3, Spokane.
* [**2025 Washington Mental Health Summit**](https://www.wamhsummit.org/). This series brings together participants from the mental and behavioral healthcare community to drive innovation and improve systems. May 13.
* [**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:** [**Activity Guide: Preparing Students for the Transition to College**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/activity-guide-preparing-students-transition-college). College access professionals can use this activity guide to help prepare students and families for the first year after high school, including what to expect and how to navigate everyday challenges.
* [**State Superintendent Chris Reykdal's Updates on Federal Authority and Actions**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IrJK1RpawU)**.** In the video, Superintendent Reykdal provides an overview of the differences between state and federal law, the limits of federal authority, and what the U.S. Constitution states regarding all three.

* **[2025 Graduation Toolkit Now Posted](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/graduation).** OSPI's Graduation webpage has been updated with the Class of 2025 Graduation Toolkit, Class of 2025 Graduation Toolkit Frequently Asked Questions and Answers, and Class of 2025 Graduation Pathways Quick Reference.
* [**The Ready WA School District Toolkit**](https://readywa.org/resource/school-district-toolkit/)**.** This new tool provides ready-to-use materials to spark conversations about college and career readiness, including posters, family activities, and social media graphics.
* [**Introducing Apprenticeships Lesson Plan**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foregongoestocollege.us5.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D2f8d5fa6686219d36cc349dfd%26id%3Ddfc7ff4c84%26e%3Dc4902e16a9&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cca278d388e5d42c6934e08dd5c093ad9%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638767916900228395%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=S%2FEr0WQhNBsn4%2F7GDs4XoNPB%2FB028S9fbwOrAwCLz%2Bw%3D&reserved=0)**.** From Accessing Union Apprenticeships. Download a free lesson plan to teach your students to apprenticeship information.
* [**Online Volunteer Opportunities for Students**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Foregongoestocollege.us5.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D2f8d5fa6686219d36cc349dfd%26id%3Dc985cfaba2%26e%3Dc4902e16a9&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cca278d388e5d42c6934e08dd5c093ad9%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638767916900240246%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xTlTwBuG5IODZlkkaNvGbQosedtTXBh2CwhnSCWTzXE%3D&reserved=0)**.** From Get Schooled. Help students enhance their resumes, strengthen their college applications, and gain practical experience by collaborating with teams and leading projects through these virtual volunteer opportunities.

* **[WA Teen Health Hub](https://doh.wa.gov/teenhealthhub).** Vetted by a public health team and youth leaders from across the state, Teen Health Hub WA offers information on health topics important to youth!

## In The News

* [College In The High School Soars In Popularity Across WA](https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/college-in-the-high-school-soars-in-popularity-across-wa-and-its-free/)
* [Immigration Arrests At School: How Likely Are They? We Asked Experts What To Expect.](https://www.chalkbeat.org/2025/03/07/what-to-know-about-trump-deportation-immigration-enforcement-and-schools/)
* [Trump’s Demands To Columbia Reflect Assault On Higher Ed, Experts Say](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/politics-elections/2025/03/14/trump-escalates-attack-columbia-his-latest-demands)
* [Washington's Top School Official On Protections For Trans Students And Access To Federal Funds](https://www.knkx.org/politics/2025-03-07/washington-superintendent-public-instruction-chris-reykdal-school-tumwater-trump-federal-funds-trans-athletes-education-dept)
* [Trump Has Teased Disbanding The Department Of Education. Here’s How Its Funding Touches Washington Schools](https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2025/mar/03/trump-has-teased-disbanding-the-department-of-educ)
* [Office For Civil Rights Commences Title VI Investigations Against 45 Universities](https://www.diverseeducation.com/leadership-policy/article/15740038/office-for-civil-rights-commences-title-vi-investigations-against-45-universities)
* [The Evolving Landscape Of Higher Education In America](https://www.diverseeducation.com/demographics/article/15738261/the-evolving-landscape-of-higher-education-in-america)
* [Ed. Dept. Says SEL Can ‘Veil’ Discrimination. What Does This Mean For Schools?](https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/ed-dept-says-sel-can-veil-discrimination-what-does-this-mean-for-schools/2025/03)
* [4 Steps To Combat Politicization And Win Buy-In For SEL](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flink.edweek.org%2Fs%2Fc%2F42haahfH3PI6gARVQxF9oQvcaaU31tQz5XtemluqjJjyVLQtuqTAF78Ovg0A_ur8SAgmNmyS-LwQou-1m6RqlB5njtqZfrOBGI5RZlD2VXer98kIq404B0f71UUqI7rYXvEo79HwRUSkM_NX5IxcuELCYEgfRI0SKinIlrJ5hc4TSlPSfbpdAGvSHrlSysjwDEFOp5fccHLpbrtJOQadHz1FlhhVYghOdtskQe0IiBgOBsrmwiPtTJNRgn_lPhGxuGy2A7eqvZUfZnIwkA8tFMjeYgll6at8RrPZAa8nsMp8v80BbQenrtBojbo-fBTBlbOD21Gi_iICc8a-HfizME9XQpvj8BTYAN9WwwULPhYWMvnZiFNjaZ4pNR2fe0rDBRAJttsE2LeXglDzs77O1x3ozt3xJBLKbZrlTM7PBGE00vImFtYt_3P3yhHwXrJIlX0btl5PzjyRHjyeVJ6EeWwSusbAr3OoZ1A9-Zi-VIZpj3xyFt3o94O9qsH6yiA5VIix1oJUInUtFgop198XBLqP5UkCY7Ri7SkLy_t6xc5AY-bruyNlacf8b4SsLIrGONnEB-7Ocj0rPOL--iBjHdCVj0udoDfkvii-LNFSExzPFgEZUfEWDWrFb-QZvyoNBPIgGveb_Peddvqrtlklfv2xuRCnMqRl2tuoN7kwe2BWrOJmBQyctCAFOfrh3TVa_4n3O_dYm0i3MihA0Re95tiXbrpRQcAexY663sViZPNzvaL9B2Ouhrq_qprQo-fQaQ6YyafMrOjRRrd33w174j-9BjTj6b9bZM9c_ONu-weCTpgr9sI2nJyucJbIpoXyRsz8CnPbXHOLXgiSd_8ULuTtZqja%2FYhb9fquY52ZfAjVFIFWNw6MilLG6GAa-%2F7&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cbe15b934d0ec4726e8f108dd65320e82%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638777987876088554%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mnOKmEl0pANRHqEzi28DmR7Q0JUH1CsnQdNt49Iv%2FrQ%3D&reserved=0)
* [Education Leaders Share Their Ideas For Handling Political Uncertainty](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/opinion-education-leaders-share-their-ideas-for-handling-political-uncertainty/2025/03)
* [College Application Surge: Underrepresented Students Lead Growth In 2024-25 Admissions Cycle](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fapp.go.diverseeducation.com%2Fe%2Fer%3Futm_campaign%3DDIV25%2520DAILY%2520MAR.%252010%2520%2520-%2520MAR.%252014%2520FINAL%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3DEloqua%26s%3D130353703%26lid%3D36146%26elqTrackId%3D9ba01d40f5e34d38930790357547292f%26elq%3D3d164ae89e81473cb5b3a2c144a7b3a6%26elqaid%3D11444%26elqat%3D1%26elqak%3D8AF55D1A4D03E98EC25C89945DEFB0FCC6CBD73531227ED343F283D53BA209201529&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Ce9ac96ad04aa4ab2f98108dd62d6bcb2%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638775396606371650%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vU2m6JUgsOxovEatt2XcKq%2Fjc1UoVstg5Vd0sU1jM5w%3D&reserved=0)
* [Study: College Mental Health And Financial Concerns Reach Critical Levels](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fapp.go.diverseeducation.com%2Fe%2Fer%3Futm_campaign%3DDIV25%2520DAILY%2520MAR.%252010%2520%2520-%2520MAR.%252014%2520FINAL%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_source%3DEloqua%26s%3D130353703%26lid%3D36141%26elqTrackId%3D630cb6f5aed64101b07e172c0435a02b%26elq%3D3d164ae89e81473cb5b3a2c144a7b3a6%26elqaid%3D11444%26elqat%3D1%26elqak%3D8AF5E24A7AF1CB9AFD3A7AA0058ABB9529C8D73531227ED343F283D53BA209201529&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Ce9ac96ad04aa4ab2f98108dd62d6bcb2%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638775396606414442%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oku5BXMv5IExDMDN%2FCbMXTeFrVfaYkhaQef8bV0ozBI%3D&reserved=0)
* [The Further Gutting Of The Department Of Education](https://edtrust.org/blog/the-further-gutting-of-the-department-of-education)

## 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.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [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 in high school or college with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher. U.S. citizens only, please. | 3/31 |
| [Getlin's Corner Scholarship](https://getlinscorner.org/apply). | $1,500 to $7,500 scholarships for children of enlisted Marines or Navy Corpsmen who have served in Marine units. | 3/31 |
| [Houzz Scholarships](https://www.houzz.com/scholarships) | $2,500 scholarships for students 17 years of age or older currently enrolled or planning to enroll in interior design, architecture, landscape architecture, or architectural engineering programs in the U.S. | 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 perform academic work at the college or university level, are enrolled in a trade or technical program, and are actively involved 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 independently to lead their service projects. | 4/15 |
| [Incight Scholarship](https://www.incight.org/scholarship) | ($500-$2,500) - 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. It is only open to students who are residents of Oregon, Washington, or California. | 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 |
| [Washington Opportunity Scholarship-Career & Tech (CTS)](https://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/students/applicants/) | The Career and Technical Scholarship (CTS) supports Washington students on their path to high-demand careers in trade, STEM, and healthcare fields. To be eligible, Scholars must enroll in an approved program, such as welding, manufacturing, or IT, at one of Washington’s 34 community and technical colleges. Scholars are eligible to receive up to $1,500 each quarter for the duration of their associate degree, certificate, or apprenticeship program. These scholarship funds are flexible and can be used to cover tuition, fees, and other expenses associated with attendance, such as housing, transportation, food, and more. Scholars who intend to earn their bachelor's degree after the completion of their program are not eligible for CTS and are instead encouraged to review the Baccalaureate Scholarship. | 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 their undergraduate career at an approved Washington college or university of their 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 degrees in the sciences, engineering, medicine, natural resources, mathematics, and technology. Students are required to submit three essays (prompts provided), each up to 1,000 words in length. | 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 students in a baccalaureate, associate, or vocational/technical certification program. | 4/30 |
| [The Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.dcyf.wa.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fpubs%2FAP_0006.pdf/2/01000195811beadb-ddd0deda-3392-4845-87db-dae937ecd853-000000/V_AUn5RXO2wuAsqr1bbCwTyxzJe2QAjU_HaSV9ezJ2w=395) | For foster youth/alums. Provides financial assistance to eligible youth, up to $5,000 per academic year. Students must apply for FAFSA and receive the Pell Grant. High school students taking dual credit classes can receive up to $2,000 per academic year. They must register for at least six credits and one 100-level class or higher each quarter. To learn more about the program, eligibility, and the application process for the 2025–2026 school year, please visit the ETV webpage or email ETVWash@dcyf.wa.gov with any questions. To meet the priority deadline, you must apply by April. 30, 2025. All applications received after April 30 will be awarded on a funds-available basis. | 4/30 |
| [AISES Scholarships: Scholarships for Native Students in STEM fields](https://www.aises.org/scholarships/intel-growing-legacy-scholarship-2022-2023) | Multiple Scholarships - See Site for Details. Award Amounts vary: Must be a current AISES member (membership is free for students). Must be in a STEM field and be a full-time student. Must be an enrolled citizen or a descendant of an enrolled citizen of a federal or state-recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native Village; or Native Hawaiian or descendant from a Native Hawaiian; or Pacific Islander or descendant from Pacific Islander; or an Indigenous person of Canada. Enrollment documents and/or a copy of birth certificate(s) showing descendancy from an enrolled citizen, Indigenous group of Canada, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander are acceptable. Applicants may also, instead, provide a copy of their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or Certificate of Degree of Alaska Native Blood (CDIB) card. Please note that AISES may not always offer scholarships to non-citizens of the United States. | 4/30 |
| [All About Education Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/all-about-education-scholarship) | ($3,000) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "How will a $3,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?" | 4/30 |
| [Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/) | The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th-grade students with financial need. It provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. | 4/30 |
| [E-waste Scholarship](http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/ewaste-scholarship/) | ($1,000) - Complete the application form, including a 140-character message about e-waste. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full-length essay of 500 to 1,000 words on the topic of e-waste. | 4/30 |
| [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 degrees in the sciences, engineering, medicine, natural resources, math & technology. Students are required to submit three essays (prompts provided), each up to 1,000 words in length. | 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 students in a baccalaureate degree, associate degree, or vocational/technical certification program. | 4/30 |
| [The Paradigm Challenge](http://www.projectparadigm.org/) | ($200 - $100,000) The Paradigm Challenge is an annual competition that invites students aged 4 to 18 from around the world to utilize kindness, creativity, and collaboration in solving real-life problems and making a positive difference in the world. | 5/1 |
| [STEM Stars Actuarial Scholarship Program](https://www.actuarialfoundation.org/scholarships/) | $20,000 (distributed over four years at $5,000 annually) The Actuarial Diversity Scholarship Has Merged With STEM Stars. The STEM Stars Actuarial Scholars Program was established to promote diversity in the actuarial profession. | 5/7 |
| [Puget Sound Scholarships (PRSA): Horace and Susie Revels Cayton Scholarship](https://www.prsafoundation.org/scholarships-awards/prsa-puget-sound-scholarships/) | Award: $4,000 - This scholarship was established in 1992 in memory of Horace and Susie Revels Cayton. At the beginning of the 20th century, the Caytons were editors of a popular political newspaper, The Seattle Republican. Later in life, after publishing Cayton's Weekly, the couple turned their publishing expertise into a business and were likely Seattle's first Black public relations practitioners. Each year, the Chapter seeks to recognize a student from a systemically underrepresented racial or ethnic background attending a school in Washington State who demonstrates academic achievement and a desire to pursue a career in public relations. | 5/29 |
| [Puget Sound Scholarships (PRSA): Sally Heet Memorial Scholarship](https://www.prsafoundation.org/scholarships-awards/) | Award: $4,000 - The Sally Heet Memorial Scholarship was established in 1986 in memory of a former member and good friend of Puget Sound PRSA. Sally Heet was a longtime Seattle-area PR practitioner and graduate of the University of Washington School of Communications. At the time of her death, April 16, 1986, she was working in Washington, D.C., as press secretary to U.S. Sen. Dan Evans. Those who knew her referred to her as self-possessed, confident, and professional. She was the victim of a senseless act of violence at her residence in D.C. This annual award is presented to an outstanding public relations student from a college or university in Washington State. | 5/29 |
| [Ann Gallagher Memorial Scholarship](https://www.wabuildingtrades.org/scholarship.html) | ($1,000) This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors whose parent or guardian is a member of an affiliated union. | 5/30 |
| [Humane Education Network: A Voice for Animals HS Essay Contest](http://www.hennet.org/contest.php) | For HS students (ages 14-19). $150-$650. Rules & requirements may vary from year to year. For 2025, a special topic category, "Protecting Marine Life from Human Impact," is available, which can be applied across all eligible age groups and submission types. This option is in addition to the standard categories: Companion Animals, Farm Animals, Wildlife on Land, and Wildlife in the Oceans. | 5/31 |
| [Jayme Biendl Working Womxn's Scholarship](https://www.teamsters117.org/biendl) | Teamsters Local 117 has established a new scholarship fund intended to support working Teamster women and their dependents. The Jayme Biendl Working Womxn's scholarship was established in memory of Officer Jayme Biendl of the Monroe Correctional Complex, who was killed in the line of duty in 2011. | 5/31 |
| [American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship](http://collegefund.org/student-resources/scholarships/scholarship-programs/) | Full Circle Scholarship: The American Indian College Fund supports American Indian and Alaska Native college students seeking technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees at tribal colleges and other nonprofit, accredited schools. Any Native American U.S. citizen who is a member or descendant of a state or federally recognized tribe with at least a 2.0 grade point average and enrolled as a full-time student can apply for a scholarship. | 5/31 |
| [College is Power Scholarship](http://www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm) | ($1,000) A scholarship to help you pay for college! The "College Is Power" scholarship is open to students age 17 and older who are currently in college or plan to start college within the next 12 months. Use the scholarship to pay for tuition, books, room and board, computers, or anything else related to your education! | 5/31 |
| [Fifth Month Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships) | ($1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "May is the fifth month of the year. Write a letter to the number five explaining why five is important. Be serious or be funny. Either way, here's a high five to you for being original." Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application. | 5/31 |
| [We the Future Contest](http://constitutingamerica.org/downloads.php) | Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate school students, adults 25 years of age and older, and seniors 65 years of age and older. Each age group has different requirements, so applicants are advised to visit the website for detailed information. Amount varies. | 5/31 |
| [UW Young Executives of Color Program](http://foster.uw.edu/academics/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/diversity-services/young-executives-of-color-yeoc/) | YEOC is a nine-month college pipeline program hosted by the University of Washington Foster School of Business. The program currently serves 170 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from 73 schools in the state of Washington. Students attend sessions on the UW campus one Saturday every month for college preparation, business lectures, professional development, and powerful mentorship. YEOC is a FREE nine-month program. The only cost to students is transportation to the University of Washington Seattle. | 5/31 |
| [cid:image003.jpg@01D341AB.22959DC0](http://www.facebook.com/gearupwa)[cid:image005.jpg@01D341AB.22959DC0](http://www.instagram.com/gearupwa)[cid:image015.jpg@01D341AF.8987B190](http://bit.ly/gearupwa) | | |
| The opinions expressed in these articles do not necessarily represent those of Washington State GEAR UP, the Washington Student Achievement Council, or the Department of Education. You should not assume endorsement by these entities. | | |