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Did You Know?

Juniors can get ready now.
Help them set up an FSA
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WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

- **GEAR UP West 2023: Call for Proposals.** [Submit a proposal by May 31.](#)
- **Reminder! Final Work Plan/Budget Revision.** Revisions are due Jun. 30. You must submit if you have deleted any activities, will not complete them by 8/31/23, added new activities, or moved funds.
- **Download May College Knowledge 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.*
- **New! Class of 2023 Campus Event Travel Guidance.** WSAC now has travel guidance for supporting student and family participation in college campus events (orientations, welcome days, or other campus events for admitted students).
- **New Summer Quarter Running Start Bulletin.** The 2023 summer quarter Running Start opportunity is available at all postsecondary institutions offering Running Start for 11th grade students who will be considered 12th- students in fall 2023 ("rising seniors") and non-graduating 12th-grade students with available AAFTE capacity under the existing 1.2 AAFTE limit.
- **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.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **MTSS Fest 2023 - Call for Presenters!** August 3-4, Tri-Cities. CFP due Jun. 2.
- **Register Now: Graduation Equity Webinars 2023-24.** Register for the series from OSPI.
- **On Demand: Supporting Student Access to Career Preparation and Apprenticeships.** Learn about apprenticeship opportunities, how to support students, how CTCs play a role, bust myths, and available financial resources.
- **On Demand: Financial Aid: 201 | Financial Aid: 101.** From PSCCN & WSAC.
- **AVID Ignite.** Live, facilitated virtual sessions—dates in June thru August.
- **2023 NCAN National Conference.** Dallas, Oct. 16-18.
- **GEAR UP West Conference.** Spokane, Oct. 22-24.
- **ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops.** In-person events, national webinars, and ACT product-specific webinars in October.
- **Washington SEL Network Exchange.** Highline Community College, Jun. 27.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: A Family Guide: Supporting Your Child After High School.** This document aims to support families as their child transitions to college. (Available in Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.)
- **WONWOO's Mindset Collection.** AAPI are among the least likely to seek help for mental health out of any racial or ethnic group, according to a [SAMHSA study](#). To reach more AAPI teens and young adults, JED partnered with Mindset, the self-care and wellness platform founded by K-pop and AAPI-focused media company DIVE Studios.
- **Prioritizing Wellbeing for College and Career Success.** Learn why students should prioritize their well-being and its relationship to mental health.
- **Attendance Playbook.** FutureEd and Attendance Works have created a comprehensive compendium of strategies to address the many different dimensions of the absenteeism dilemma.
- **Changemakers.** Is there a way to do what you love at the same time you try and change the world? How do you pair lasting impact with exciting new tech innovations? Roadtrip Nation's new documentary answers these questions and more!
- **Five Tips to Prepare for College Expenses.** Darrell Harris, director of the Student Money Management Center at Utah State University, shares ways students can prepare for college expenses, including financial aid, scholarships, budgeting, and more.
- **Summer Melt Tools.** The Strategic Data Project at Harvard University has compiled helpful resources for programs like GEAR UP to use or adapt to support students. Find research on summer melt strategies, handbooks, and checklists.

IN THE NEWS

- [Speaking to Be Remembered](#)
- [A Conversation With Students At Options HS In Bellingham](#)
- [Fires, Floods, Shootings: How Schools Can Help Students Thrive After Traumatic Events](#)
- [How Bad Was The Pandemic On WA Students? It Depends On Where You Live, Study Says](#)
- [School Librarians Face A New Penalty In The Banned-Book Wars: Prison](#)
- [Can AI Do Teacher Observations And Deliver PD? In Some Schools, It Already Does](#)
- [Lessons For The Education System From Youth Reengagement Programs](#)
- [Wahkiakum Team Places First At International Robotics Competition](#)
- [Student Voice: Ways To Strengthen The High School And Beyond Plan Experience](#)
- [These Factors Are Linked To High Student Attendance. Does Your School Have Them?](#)
- [Student Mental Health And Well-Being: A Review Of Evidence And Emerging Solutions](#)
- [Myths Schools Live By And Are Suffering From Related To Addressing Learning, Behavior, And Emotional Problems](#)
- [How Can I Make Studying A Daily Habit?](#)
- [Teachers Are Stressed And Disrespected, But Happier Than Last Year: 7 Takeaways From New Poll](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **BigFuture: Pledge Your #Collegiance Scholarship.** Celebrate your college decision by creating an Instagram Reel or a TikTok for a chance to win up to \$10,000. Enter to win by May 31.
- **ACF Visionary Scholarship.** \$5,000 scholarship for students who complete an essay on why college is important to them. Open to all high school students. Due Jun. 1.
- **American Indian Graduate Center Scholarships.** Scholarships for undergraduate students including AS, BA and BS degrees in all majors, with special scholarships for STEM majors. Due Jun. 1.
- **BigFuture: National Recognition Programs.** One application. Infinite possibilities. Help colleges recognize your hard work and accomplishments. Due Jun. 12.
- **Are you a Dual Credit or Running Start Student Experiencing Foster Care?** The ETV Dual Credit application is for students enrolled in an eligible program earning a high school diploma and taking college credits toward a degree at an accredited college or university. Students may be eligible to receive up to \$2,000 per academic year (fall, winter, spring) to help with expenses such as books, fees, supplies, and transportation.

College Scholarship	Brief Description	Due
AISES Intel Growing the Legacy Scholarship	The AISES Intel Scholarship will fund scholarship awards to American Indian/Alaska Native AISES members pursuing degrees in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, and Electrical Engineering. Chemical Engineering and Material Science.	5/31
Fifth Month Scholarship	(\$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 for being original." Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application.	5/31
College is Power Scholarship	(\$1,000) A scholarship to help you pay for college! The "College Is Power" scholarship is open to students aged 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 related to your education!	5/31
UW Young Executives of Color Program	YEOC is a nine-month college pipeline program hosted by the University of Washington Foster School of Business. The program serves 190 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from 75 schools in 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 UW Seattle.	5/31
American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship	For American Indian and Alaska Native college students seeking technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees at tribal colleges and other nonprofit, accredited schools. Open to any Native American U.S. citizen that 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
1-800-Wheelchair Scholarship Fund	(\$500) - Please submit a 'visual poem,' in your chosen style, on the theme of overcoming a personal challenge. Limit your 'visual poem' to an 8.5in x 11 piece of paper. You can choose to represent words, images, or both. It can be abstract or representational. Please include a personal statement that gives us an idea of who you are and how your poem relates to a challenge you've faced. The poem and essay (combined) should be between 500 and 1,000 words.	5/31
A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship	(\$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.	5/31

American Atheists Founders' Scholarship	The American Atheists awards the \$1,000 O'Hair Scholarship and four \$500 President's Scholarships to atheist students attending graduate, law, college, university, or vocational school in the United States; you do not have to be a U.S. citizen to be awarded the scholarship, but you do have to attend a U.S.-based institution	5/31
Accenture American Indian Scholarship	American Indian Graduate Center offers funding opportunities for undergraduate students, including AS, BA, and BS degrees in all majors, with special scholarships for STEM majors. Must be an enrolled member of a U.S. federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group.	6/1
Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program	For native students pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) or Veterinary Technology (Associate of Applied Science Degree).	6/1
Wells Fargo Scholarship for Undergraduates	(Up to \$5,000) - The Wells Fargo Scholarships for Undergraduate American Indian and Alaska Native Students will fund full-time and degree-seeking first-year college students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who hold a current GPA of 2.7 or higher with up to \$5,000 for one year of study in any chosen major at any accredited institution in the United States.	6/1
Stuck At Prom Scholarship Contest	(\$10,000) - This is the coolest scholarship contest around! Students are challenged to create and wear prom outfits made entirely from Duct Tape to win scholarship cash!	6/7
Navigate Your Future Scholarship	A \$2,500 scholarship is offered to an HS graduate continuing their education in the aviation industry.	6/29
Geoscience IDEA Scholarship (formerly AWG Minority Scholarship)	The Geoscience Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, and Accessibility (IDEA) Scholarship program encourages women from under-served communities to pursue an education and career in the Geosciences or Earth Sciences. The scholarship annually provides up to \$5000 in awards, typically split between two or more undergraduate students, and matches them with AWG mentors to enhance their careers. It also includes a one-year, sponsored AWG student membership.	6/30
Do-Over Scholarship	(\$1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "If you could get one 'do-over' in life, what would it be and why?"	6/30
Scholarship Poetry Contest - Fall Issue	Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to \$500.	6/30



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