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Did You Know?

The most economically disadvantaged recipients of need-based financial aid surpass their parents' income within 3 years of college graduation. [Learn more and view the report.](#)

WA STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Download November:** [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*.
- **Update:** [2022–23 Test Fee Program for Dual Credit Program Exams](#). Learn how the Test Fee Program provides funds to cover the cost of annual Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International (CI), and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams taken by students who qualify as low-income in public and private schools.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

- [BigFuture Live](#). Virtual community events, career experts, and college reps will answer your questions. Dates thru Dec.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- [PNACAC Webinar Series: College Counseling 101](#). FREE to PNACAC members. Dates thru April.
- [PESB Virtual Interactive Social Emotional Learning \(SEL\) Series](#). Open to all educators. Free clock hours. See link for dates.
- **Open Lab:** [Family Engagement](#). Hosted by NCCEP. Nov. 10, 11 AM.
- **Open Lab:** [Mobilize Your Community \(Part 2\)](#). Hosted by NCCEP. Nov. 15, Noon.
- **Webinar:** [What's New with EVERFI!](#) For Middle and High School Educators. Nov. 17, 4 PM.
- **Virtual Event:** [Federal Student Aid Training Conference](#). Free and open to all. Read NCAN's session recommendations including FAFSA changes that college access and success program personnel could benefit from. Nov. 29-Dec. 2.
- **Open Lab:** [Serving Rural Communities](#). Hosted by NCCEP. Dec. 8, 10 AM.
- [AVID National Conference](#). Dec. 8–10, Orlando, FL.
- **Webinar:** [Debt Slapped - Spanish](#). Hosted by CENTS. Learn about the Debt Slapped curriculum, how to use it, and how to have a representative present to your students (remotely or in-person). For Middle and High School Educators. Dec. 8, 4 PM.
- **Webinar:** [Making Sense of Your NSC Student Tracker for High Schools Report: What do I do Now?](#) NCAN webinars are free for NCAN members | \$99 for non-members. Dec. 14 | 11 AM.
- **Virtual Event:** [NCCEP's Capacity-Building Workshop \(CBW\)](#). Feb. 13-15.
- **2023 SuperACAC Conference.** *Now offering scholarships for HS counselors and college admission professionals.* [Appy by Dec. 1](#). Spokane, Apr. 17-19.
- [The Washington Passport Network Passport to Careers State Conference](#). SeaTac, May 23-24.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource:** [Virtual Career & Tech Programs](#). View videos from our guest speaker series. Includes Cosmetology with Walla Walla Community College, WSP Fire Academy, Dental Assistant programs, Walla Walla CC Energy Systems Technology, and Everett CC Aviation Trim.
- [NCCEP "On The Ground" Podcast Episode: It's All About College Application Fee Waivers From Common App & NACAC](#). The Common App and NACAC offer college application fee waivers as a resource for students and families with limited financial resources. GU students are automatically eligible for these fee waivers. Learn about the benefit of fee waivers and how to market them. Access the [Educator Fee Waiver Resource Guide](#) and the [Fee Waiver GU Student Flyer](#).
- [Pandemic Class of 2022](#). A group of researchers at San Diego State University listened to HS seniors as they described their transition point to postsecondary plans to understand what is causing this decline in college applications.
- **ICYMI:** [2023 WA State Teacher of The Year: League of Education Voters 2022 Virtual Event](#). Dana Miles gave an inspirational talk at last month's event, The Power of Student Voice. View at the link.
- [Washington OER Hub](#). This online library of free, high-quality K-12 resources was created by and curated for WA educators. Materials are aligned with learning standards and may be downloaded, adapted, and shared. Search by content area, grade level, or learning standard. Materials include unit or robust lesson-level supplemental instructional materials, educator guidance documents, and professional learning materials. Content is added regularly. [Introduction to the OER Hub](#) (5 min. video), [WA OER Hub Information](#) (one-page informational flyer).

IN THE NEWS

- [An Indigenous Teen Was Mocked For Having Long Hair](#). Now he's helping his bullied peers.
- [Parents & Students Need More Information About Post-HS Pathways](#). Sharing data would open up choices.
- [A 3-Step Process for Evaluating Costly Investments](#). The pandemic led schools to buy technology and other resources to support students. Do those solutions still fit your school's needs?
- [Institutions Come Together to Support Students](#). Helping students by meeting Maslow's hierarchy of needs.
- [Many Schools Are Buying On-Demand Tutoring](#). But a study finds that few students are using it.
- [WA Students Have Big Aspirations](#). Nearly [88%](#) aspire to pursue some type of postsecondary education.
- [This 15-Minute Exercise Can Help You Find Your Purpose](#). How people can navigate this phase of uncertainty.
- [Project AAPI Thrive](#). A \$2-million federal grant will expand supports and services for AAPI and low-income students.
- [Prevention & Resilience](#). Supporting young people through polarizing times.
- [Keep Those Diaries](#). Strategies for centering student voices and improving reflection habits.
- [Strategies To Help Neurodiverse Students Fully Engage in Class](#). Tips to help them feel focused and ready to learn.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

- [BigFuture 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.
- [Cooke College Scholarship Program](#). Students can access the application [here](#). The deadline is Nov. 17. Juniors can [sign up here](#) to receive notifications about the application for next year.
- [Michelle Obama Award for Memoir](#). This award will grant one young, promising writer a college scholarship of \$10,000 and the opportunity to learn more about the publishing industry! For current high school seniors who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college.
- [2023 Community Health Professions Academy Program \(CHPA\)](#). For 8th-12th graders. Due Dec. 4.

Scholarship	Brief Description	Due
Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS)	The TSS Program awards up to \$1,000 to undergraduate and graduate students to help defray the cost of attending the nation's largest gathering of traffic safety professionals on April 2-4, 2023, in Seattle. This is an opportunity for students to meet with and learn from highway safety professionals across the US, expand their network and explore career opportunities that could change their life!	11/13
Elks Most Valuable Student Competition	Ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) in a US college or university. All scholarships are in the form of award certificates conditional upon the winner's full-time enrollment in an accredited US college or university.	11/14
Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship	(\$500) Must submit two small essays, one related to travel & the other on why they deserve a scholarship. Must be 16-25, w/ 2.5 GPA or greater. US citizenship is required.	11/15
ACT SIX - Portland	(Full Tuition) - Act Six will award 14 of Portland-Salem's most promising community leaders full scholarships worth up to \$200,000 to two partner colleges: George Fox University and Warner Pacific College. Act Six scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans four months.	11/15
ACT SIX - Tacoma-Seattle	(Full Tuition) - Act Six will award 30 of Tacoma-Seattle's most promising urban leaders full scholarships worth up to \$245,000 to five partner colleges: Gonzaga University, Northwest University, Pacific Lutheran University, St. Martin's University, and Whitworth University. Act Six scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans four months.	11/15
ACT SIX - Yakima Valley	(Full Tuition) - Act Six will award 11 of Yakima Valley's most promising community leaders full scholarships worth up to \$240,000 to two partner colleges: Heritage University and Pacific Lutheran University. Act Six scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans four months.	11/15
10 Words or Less Scholarship	(\$500) - In 10 words or less, say why you deserve the scholarship.	11/15
Education Matters	(\$5,000) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter or that college is a waste of time and money?" This award is for US students. Must be 14 years of age or older to apply. Must be a legal US resident. Must reside in the 50 United States or the District of Columbia.	11/30
Dell Scholars Program	(\$20,000) - The Dell Scholars Program emphasizes a student's determination to succeed more than just academic record and test scores. Our GPA requirement is Grit, Potential, and Ambition. We reward low-income, highly motivated students who are better than their numbers indicate and demonstrate the drive to succeed despite personal obstacles. Our scholars have shown grit, potential, and ambition in their quest for a college education.	12/1
Generation Google Scholarship	The Generation Google Scholarship was established to help aspiring students pursuing computer science degrees excel in technology and become leaders in the field. Selected	12/10

	students will receive \$10,000. Google Scholarship will be awarded based on the strength of each candidate's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, demonstrated leadership, and academic performance.	
Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship	\$1,000 - The Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship is an award for any current or soon-to-be undergraduate student in the United States who has had their life altered due to an injury from a car or truck accident, be it their injury that of a loved one, or an influential individual. The Dirk Derrick Scholarship has a quick submission process. Applicants will be judged on their ability to convey an auto accident's lasting effect on their life and their journey to overcome those challenges.	12/15
Apply for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest.	Public school teachers nationwide can help their school win a share of \$2M* in Samsung technology by entering the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. Developing projects that apply STEAM subjects to improve your local community can empower your students to learn creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills.	12/21
Scholarship Poetry Contest - Spring Issue	Open to all US HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to \$500.	12/31
Top Ten List Scholarship	(\$1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship."	12/31
Unigo \$10K Scholarship	(\$10,000) - Submit an online written response to the question: "Would you rather be smart, funny, or rich? Why?" (250 words or less)	12/31
NASA Student Art Contest	Theme differs each year - Open to K12 students.	12/31
Wells Fargo Scholarship for Undergraduates	(Up to \$5,000) - For American Indian and Alaska Native students with 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.	12/31
GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship	For college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education. \$10,000 in renewable scholarships - up to \$40,000 total - for tuition, school fees, books, supplies, and on-campus room and board.	1/5
Pride Foundation Scholarship	For LGBTQ+ student and allies. Applicants must be pursuing postsecondary education in the coming 2022-2023 school year (including community college, four-year public or private college or university, certificate programs, vocational/technical/trade programs, law school, medical/dental/veterinary school, or graduate education).	1/6
Ron Brown Scholar Program	The Ron Brown Scholar Program annually awards 20 or more college scholarships for \$40,000 to extraordinary African American high school seniors. Students must attend a four-year accredited college or university within the United States.	1/9
Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Award	(\$35,000) - The JRF scholarship is awarded to outstanding high school graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college or university.	1/11
Bezos Scholars Program	Successful applicants are public high school juniors and a staff person from their school that serves as their educator and participates fully in the program. Successful applicants have a strong drive and commitment to their education and demonstrate maturity, curiosity, resilience, and leadership.	1/12
FFA Scholarships	Over 1,000 scholarships w/ just one application available to FFA members.	1/12
GSBA Scholarship Fund	(\$8,000) - The average annual award amount for each scholar is \$8,000. In addition, GSBA invests in our scholars' leadership development through annual programs and workshops.	1/13
Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students	For HS seniors. No citizenship required. History of leadership &/or allyship in issues that affect the LGBT/Queer community. Must plan to continue this leadership/allyship in the future. No specific GPA but seeking candidates w/ high academic performance.	1/18
APIASF Scholarship Program	(\$2,500-\$20,000) - APIA Scholars provides scholarships to underserved APIA students with a particular focus on those who: Live at or below the poverty level or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status; Are the first in their families to attend college; Are representative of the APIA community's diversity (geographically and ethnically), especially those ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity; and have placed a strong emphasis on community service, leadership, and solid academic achievement.	1/19
The Hamilton Award	The Hamilton Award recognizes outstanding HS juniors for their academic, personal, and service achievements. It selects students for the Hamilton Leaders Academy – a three-year, no-student-cost program that helps students get into college, transition to college, succeed while in college, and transition to the post-college world.	1/25
The UW DO-IT Scholars Program	DO-IT Scholars are Washington State HS 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. Open to HS sophomores or juniors.	1/30

USDA/1890 National Scholars Program	Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at one of 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities. Each award provides full tuition and room and board for the term of the scholarship. The scholarship may be renewed each year.	1/31
Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth	(\$2,000-\$4,000) – For youth who have been in foster care to continue their education and earn a college degree.	1/31
Leadership 1000 Scholarship	For HS seniors attending eligible high schools and planning to enroll in a WA state college or university. The scholarship is renewable, and it is available in amounts up to \$5,000 per academic year. In addition to the scholarship, scholars receive guidance regarding career, financial aid, and networking opportunities with CSF alums and scholarship donors to ensure students graduate with a four-year degree and succeed in life.	1/31
The American Legion National HS Oratorical Contest Scholarship	Aims to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Washington State will award \$5,000 in scholarships to the top 4 finishers.	1/31
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship	Selected applicants for the Navy ROTC Scholarship Program are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process and receive full tuition, books 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

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