WEEKLY BULLETIN

**June 3-7, 2024**

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **DID YOU KNOW?****Call for Proposals is Open!**[**GEAR UP West**](https://airtable.com/app7jdN8h1uHg1qhT/shr54I5G3Xrqcfyyv).Oct. 27 – 29, Albuquerque, NM. |
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# WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

* **Deadline: Final Work Plan & Budget Revisions** are due June 30. Please send to featherw@wsac.wa.gov
* [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/family-newsletters). Monthly newsletters for students by grade level. Pre-loaded with info and areas to personalize! Available in English, Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
* **2024-25 FAFSA Updates**: Stay up-to-date on [FAFSA changes](https://wsac.wa.gov/2024-25-FAFSA-Updates).

**STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS**

* [**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.
* **Apply by June 8th!** [**QuickStart to College**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRqkvvTWqZJj-JmjQHk3ffII_kOKk600IrgduhB99sFQxyrA/viewform?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2m5w-k0xJQmZNolQ0TdTvDSeR8KPGzBF9eBODXEitDBITN2AN4A5XvC3I_aem_AebZdwZNQ-Z_gv8BP9SBmTyNaEjwOSvLoc54iA8OKz7cmUxS4DLPh9cPc0nvTE5lZDl_3JRB58GuzqjoG8GHua_J). This FREE summer camp program is designed to help soon-to-be seniors prepare for college! Participants receive the full college experience by spending 3 nights and 4 days on WWU’s campus in college dorms! For the Class of 2025. At Western Washington University. Aug 3-6.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* **View Recording:** [**Orientation Practices to Boost Connection**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgVrkg0Lu_s). Did You Miss OSPI’s Last Graduation Equity Webinar? *1.5 Equity Clock Hours available for watching and completing the Feedback Survey. Be sure your name and email are included on the survey to receive the clock hours.*
* **Webinar:** [**How to Review Financial Aid Offers.**](https://uaspire.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpce6spz0pGNyCPecFRGYCVJE9UAk-8NhY?mc_cid=9cbd8501c9&mc_eid=a2f060beda#/registration) By NCCEP and uAspire. Exclusively for GEAR UP. June 6, 11 AM.
* [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/annual)**.** July 21-24, Washington, DC.
* [**MTSS Fest 2024**](https://wasa-oly.org/WASA/WASA/5_0_Professional_Development/Events/WASA_Events/MTSS/2024%20Integrated%20MTSS%20Conference#gsc.tab=0). July 31 - August 2, Pullman.
* [**National GEAR UP Week**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nguw)**.** September 23–27, 2024
* [**GEAR UP West**.](https://airtable.com/app7jdN8h1uHg1qhT/shr54I5G3Xrqcfyyv) Oct. 27 – 29, Albuquerque, NM.
* OSPI-WSAC [Webinar Series Returns](https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/graduation/career-and-college-readiness), 10/2 9:00-10:30 Zoom and clock hour registration links are coming soon and will be posted on the [OSPI Career and College Readiness page](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vb3NwaS5rMTIud2EudXMvc3R1ZGVudC1zdWNjZXNzL2dyYWR1YXRpb24vY2FyZWVyLWFuZC1jb2xsZWdlLXJlYWRpbmVzcyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA1MzAuOTU1Mjg2MDEifQ.OzP2meCq6dyOIEtR1Np-Z7D7Jt-6Y4qW7tN744aGmbY/s/421506233/br/243322325898-l).

# Resources

* [**Common App Recommender Resource Linktree**](https://linkpages.pro/gGZB4X). Your one-stop hub for all things student support. Dive into application guides, stay updated with research briefs, request a Common App map, access tutorial videos, and more.

* **[CSCP Resources on the OER Hub](https://oercommons.org/)**[.](https://oercommons.org/) Join OSPI’s "WA School Counseling Resources" Group! It’s part of the [OER Commons](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vb2VyY29tbW9ucy5vcmcvIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDUzMC45NTUyODYwMSJ9.zb23IyvcSKnJkpZ6H7KW9j6bCLsijmRkFIFLn3k2PtE/s/421506233/br/243322325898-l), which provides a single access point to search, browse, and evaluate high-quality Open Educational Resources. These resources are free to use and reuse at no cost and without permission.
* [**12th Year Campaign Padlet: Financial Aid Resources for Students**](https://padlet.com/christinaw12/t6jfitu7m8in10xc)**.** Find a list of resources to navigate the financial aid and admissions processes.
* **Revamped!** [**The College Knowledge Project Materials.**](https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign#the-college-knowledge-project) From CSF, CCER, PSCCN, & WSAC. 23 student-tested and approved digital handouts compiled into a workbook designed to support college and career education planning. Lesson plans are available for each chapter. Order hardcopies via the 12th Year Campaign. Find digital copies on the [WCAN website](https://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/our-approach/partnerships-initiatives/washington-college-access-network-wcan/#college-knowledge-materials).

**IN THE NEWS**

* [Congress Extends In-State Tuition For Pacific Islanders](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/2024/05/29/congress-requires-state-tuition-some-pacific-islanders)
* [Educating The Next Generation](https://www.diverseeducation.com/demographics/asian-american-pacific-islander/article/15670734/educating-the-next-generation)
* [Nonacademic Factors To Consider When Choosing A College](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/applying/articles/nonacademic-factors-to-consider-when-choosing-a-college)
* [A Last-Minute Sprint To The FAFSA Finish Line](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/admissions/traditional-age/2024/05/16/education-departments-50-million-fafsa-completion-push)
* [On The Washington-Idaho Border, A High School For Pregnant And Parenting Teens](https://washingtonstatestandard.com/2024/05/28/on-the-washington-idaho-border-a-high-school-for-pregnant-and-parenting-teens)
* [How To Care For People In Your Life With Intellectual Disabilities](https://www.vox.com/even-better/352245/caregiving-intellectual-disability-developmental-adult-autism-down-syndrome)
* [The FAFSA Isn’t Fixed For Everyone](https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-fafsa-isnt-fixed-for-everyone)
* [Her Freshman Year Was Spent Online. Now, She’s Graduating With Plans For The Great Outdoors.](https://www.chalkbeat.org/colorado/2024/05/29/denver-student-graduates-as-class-of-2024-after-learning-during-covid/)
* [Turning Students’ College Intentions Into Enrollments](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/admissions/traditional-age/2024/06/03/reaching-those-who-start-college-applications-dont)
* [‘First Aid Kit’ For Tough Classes](https://hechingerreport.org/first-aid-kit-for-tough-classes)
* [An Affordable Higher Education Option](https://www.ccdaily.com/2024/05/an-affordable-higher-education-option)
* [Aha!: How Mentoring Can Spark New Ideas And Connections](https://www.evidencebasedmentoring.org/aha-how-mentoring-can-spark-new-ideas-and-connections/)
* [Team Teaching: A Boost To Teacher Retention](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/team-teaching-a-boost-to-teacher-retention/2024/05)
* [How One School Fosters Belonging For Students With Disabilities](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/how-one-school-fosters-belonging-for-students-with-disabilities/2024/05)
* [How 9 Leaders Think About Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Their Schools](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/how-9-leaders-think-about-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-in-their-schools/2024/05)

**SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES**

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

* **[Scholarship Junkies’ Free Scholarship Bank](https://www.scholarshipjunkies.org/scholarship-search)**. Scholarship Junkies has launched their brand-new Scholarship Bank! This organization is a reputable and safe source to search for scholarships.
* [**Washington State Youth Arts Leadership (WAYAL) program**](https://www.arts.wa.gov/youth-arts-leadership-program/)**.** Do you know a creative young person, ready to grow as a leader? Apply or nominate now. WAYAL is an annual cohort of youth and young adults (ages 16-19) from across Washington State. WAYAL leaders work with the Arts in Education (AIE) team at [ArtsWA](https://www.arts.wa.gov/) to explore and amplify the role of arts engagement in their communities. Young artists build community among their peers, gain leadership and communication skills, and explore arts careers with mentors in the field. Youth leaders receive a stipend for their participation. Due July 11.

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [Stuck At Prom Scholarship Contest](http://stuckatprom.com/) | ($10,000) - This is the coolest scholarship contest around! Students are challenged to create and wear their prom outfits made entirely from Duck Tape to win scholarship cash! | 6/5 |
| [National First-Generation Recognition Program](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/communities-events/national-recognition-programs) | From College Board. For HS students whose parent(s) does not have a bachelor’s degree or has some education that is less than a bachelor’s degree.  | 6/14 |
| [2024 Breakthrough Junior Challenge](https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/) | Win a life-changing $250,000 college scholarship! For 13–18-year-olds who are good at explaining math or science. To enter, they must create a minimum of less than 2 minutes. Video explaining a key concept in math, physics, or life sciences for a chance to win a prize for them, their teacher, and their school. | 6/25 |
| [Navigate Your Future Scholarship](http://www.nata.aero/Scholarships/Navigate-Your-Future-Scholarship.aspx) | A $2,500 scholarship is offered to an HS graduate continuing their education in the aviation industry. | 6/28 |
| [Geoscience IDEA Scholarship (formerly AWG Minority Scholarship)](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.awg.org/resource/resmgr/awards/student_awards/geoscienceideascholarship22.pdf) | The scholarship provides up to $5000 in awards annually, 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](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/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](http://www.justpoetry.org/submissions) | Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to $500. | 6/30 |
| [Flavor of the Month Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/flavor-of-the-month-scholarship) | ($1,500) -Summer and ice cream go hand-in-hand. July is National Ice Cream Month, and that's the inspiration behind this award. People are very similar to ice cream; some are nutty, others a little exotic, and some are very comforting. If you were an ice cream flavor, which would you be and why?" (250 words or less) | 7/31 |
| [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 |
| [Beauty & Wellness Professionals Scholarship](https://www.beautyschoolsdirectory.com/cosmetology-school-scholarships) | ($2,500) This is for students currently enrolled in an eligible program and prospective students planning to enroll in an eligible program before the scholarship deadline.  | 9/1 |
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