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Did You Know?

Employers in Washington are expected to create **373,000** net new jobs over the next **five years**. Many will be filled by people who earn a post-HS credential.

WA STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Reminder: February Coffee Break: 7-14-28 Presentation/Collaboration Time.** Feb. 1, 1:30-2:15 PM. Required for GU Staff. Missed the January webinar? [View the recording](#) under the Year 6: 2022-23 Professional Development tab in our [Educator section](#).
- **Download February:** [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*.
- **Now Available!** [College Success Learning Labs](#). Applications for the Spring cohort of NCCEP's College Success Learning Lab (CSLL) are officially open! The CSLL curriculum is focused on supporting professionals who are or will be helping college students. The Spring CSLL session will run from Mar.13 – May 24.
- **Open Lab:** [Coordinator Conversations](#). By NCCEP. Open Labs are an opportunity for networking and informal conversations within the GEAR UP community. **Jan. 19, 11 AM.**
- **Webinar:** [FAFSA Changes are Coming! Will You Be Ready?](#) NCAN is offering an additional webinar on **Jan. 19 at 11 AM.**

STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

- [Spring 2023 PNACAC College Fairs](#): 4/19: Spokane, 4/22: Seattle, 4/30: Portland.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Webinar: [CSCP Support in an MTSS \(Tiers 2 & 3\)](#). Jan. 17. 1 PM.
- Webinar: [National School Counseling Week \(NSCW\) as an Advocacy Opportunity](#). Leave with a plan for promoting the outcomes of your school counseling program! Jan. 19, 9 AM.
- Virtual Event: [NCCEP's Capacity-Building Workshop \(CBW\)](#). Feb. 13-15.
- Webinar: [Annual Review for CSCP + School Counselor Evaluation Options](#). Mar. 15, 9 AM.
- Save the Date: OSPI-WSAC Webinar about Apprenticeships. Mar. 22, 9 AM.
- [2023 SuperACAC Conference](#). Spokane, Apr. 17-19.
- [The Washington Passport Network Passport to Careers State Conference](#). SeaTac, May 23-24.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource:** [Activity Guide: Preparing Students for the Transition to 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 navigating common challenges.
- [Vulnerability and Prevention: Key Takeaways from Three New Homelessness Studies](#). This study identifies factors during adolescence that predict homelessness five years later. The study found that adverse childhood experiences and "academic orientation" (the highest level of school the youth planned to finish or academic performance) were the only significant predictors of homelessness and food insecurity and were relevant across all racial/ethnic groups.
- [A Quick Start Grant for EduGuide's Simple SEL Peer Mentoring Program](#). Within days of signing up, this quick start grant will enable your teachers to improve attendance, behavior, grades, and test scores by sharing EduGuide's link with students. Each week students learn one EduGuide skill and then choose a peer mentoring challenge to support one other student with that skill. It creates an engaged learning community that principals say is transformative- lightening the load for everyone. The in-kind matching grant covers the student license for schools to use EduGuide's SEL peer mentoring program schoolwide or in selected classes for a second-semester boost. [Wed, Jan 18, 8 AM.](#)
- [Get Schooled](#). A free, digital college and job advisor.
- [Unigo.com](#). An online resource that allows you to explore colleges, connect with current students and get expert advice on how to succeed in college and beyond.

IN THE NEWS

- [25 Books, Podcasts, Films, Articles, And Experiences That Made Us Smarter In 2022](#)
- [With Student Pool Shrinking, Some Predict a Grim Year of College Closings](#)

- [Seattle Nonprofit Helps Youth Find a Friend in A Mentor](#)
- [Students Of Color Disproportionately Suffer from Police Assaults at School, Says Report](#)
- [Key Takeaways on The Seattle Schools Lawsuit Against Big Tech](#)
- [Ninth Grade Success Team in Vancouver Works to Close Opportunity Gaps for Students](#)
- [“We Are Recovering. Period.” Superintendent Reykdal Shares Update On K–12 Education System](#)
- [Graduation Rates Remain Stable for Washington’s Class Of 2022](#)
- [A New Playbook to Recruit Tutors: Tap Teachers in Training](#)
- [What Is ChatGPT, and How Is It Used in Education?](#)
- [We Gave ChatGPT 5 Common Teaching Tasks. Here’s How Teachers Say It Did](#)
- [How TikTok and YouTube Made Me A Better Teacher](#)
- [How To Engage Students the Moment They Enter the Classroom](#)
- [Building Older Students’ Organizational Skills](#)
- [Strategies for Building Momentum in the Spring](#)

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.

Scholarship	Brief Description	Due
Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students	For HS seniors. No citizenship is 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 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 scholarship term. The scholarship may be renewed each year.	1/31
Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth	(\$2,000-\$4,000) – For youth 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	It aims to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high	1/31

	school students. Washington State will award \$5,000 in scholarships to the top 4 finishers.	
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
EngineerGirl Essay Contest	This essay contest is for K12 students – in grades 3 thru 12 (ages 8-18). To apply, applicants must write an original essay on an engineering topic.	2/1
John F. & Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education	(\$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
AXA Achievement Scholarship	(\$2,500-\$25,000) - This award is available for U.S. high school seniors who plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the upcoming school year. Students must submit a detailed essay that describes one outstanding, a non-academic achievement they have accomplished.	2/1
HACER® National Scholarship	For HS seniors who plan 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.	2/5
Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship	(\$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.	2/16
The Christophers' Poster Contest	Open to 9-12 graders. 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.	2/16
Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship	Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Vegetarian Resource Group each year will award \$20,000 in college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism 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 and two \$5,000 will be given. Entries may only be sent by students graduating from high school in SPRING 2023.	2/20
Indian Health Services Scholarships	Scholarships for qualified American Indian and Alaska Native students who plan to enter or are pursuing degrees in the health profession.	2/28

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