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Did You Know?

When 9th graders pass all their classes, they are 4x more likely to graduate from high school within 4 years. Learn more: <https://ow.ly/sWwi50OKCkG>

WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Cohort Schools Update:** In the **Year 7 Work Plan and Budget Template**, lines 39 and 42 are duplicate items. Please use Line 39; we'll delete Line 42 in your Work Plan Review Session.
- **Deadline: Senior Information Release Forms** are due after your last school day. Please send Attn: Annie Pocklington, WA Student Achievement Council, PO BOX 43430 Olympia WA, 98504.
- **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 Summer: 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.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **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.
- **Webinar: Homeless Youth at Risk: Lessons from the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.** Jun. 21, 11 AM.
- **Washington SEL Network Exchange.** Highline Community College, Jun. 27.
- **AVID Ignite.** Live, facilitated virtual sessions—dates in June thru August.
- **MTSS Fest 2023.** August 3-4, Tri-Cities.
- **Save the Date: Comprehensive School Counseling Programs Back to School Webinar.** Aug. 16, 9– 11 AM.
- **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.
- **WCHSCR Fall Counselor Workshop.** Register before the school year ends. Space is limited. 9/11-EWU, 9/12-CBC, 9/13-UWB, 9/14-CPT, 9/15-BTC, 9/19-Virtual.
- **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.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: Supporting Transgender and Nonbinary Students: College Admissions & Financial Aid.** Designed to assist college access professionals who work with high school students. The information provided emphasizes supporting transgender and non-binary youth who plan to continue their education at a postsecondary institution.
- **Advancing Pre-Apprenticeship Programming Through National Service.** Jobs for the Future, Next100, and Service Year Alliance partnered to create this report to elevate strategies and promising practices to support national service programs interested in aligning their models with pre-apprenticeship training.
- **Supporting LGBTQ+ Students: Scholarships & Resources.** As we celebrate Pride Month, it's important to recognize the many challenges LGBTQ+ individuals face, including the financial burden of paying for college. This article outlines scholarships and resources that can not only alleviate the financial pressure LGBTQ+ students experience but also methods and guides that can best support them as they conquer their academic aspirations.
- **#WhyApply Day** is coming up on Sept. 22. Find free resources to help your school celebrate.

IN THE NEWS

- [Prospective College Students Increasingly Say They Feel Unprepared For Higher Education](#)
- [How Students Reengage And Achieve Their Goals Through Open Doors](#)
- [Born In Jail To Her Incarcerated Mother, Teen Is Now Harvard-Bound](#)
- [Non-Traditional Students Among Those Graduating From Spokane Area Colleges This Week](#)
- [In This School District's 'Test Kitchen,' Teens Go Beyond The Classroom To Build Drones, Research Cancer & Try Out Careers](#)
- [Meet The High School Student Helping Her City Study Reparations For Black Residents](#)

- [WA Tribes Celebrate As Supreme Court Upholds Native Child Welfare Law](#)
- [Washington Mental Health Lifeline Made For And By Native People](#)
- [Juneteenth, Jim Crow And How The Fight Of One Black Texas Family To Make Freedom Real Offers Lessons For Texas Lawmakers](#)
- [Trying To Erase History From The Classroom](#)
- [UT Austin Program Brings Virtual Therapy To Middle And High School Students](#)
- [Using Student Awards To Promote Self-Reflection](#)
- [Quilcene: Expanding Opportunities In A Rural District](#)
- [Tears, Sleepless Nights And Small Victories: How First-Year Teachers Are Weathering The Crisis](#)
- [Many Flagship Universities Don't Reflect Their State's Black Or Latino High School Graduates](#)
- [The Coming Supreme Court Ruling On Affirmative Action Could Widen Those Racial Gaps](#)
- [School Health Staff Wonder: How Do You Help LGBTQ+ Students In A 'Don't Say Gay' Era?](#)
- [Youth, Young Adults Are Dying From Suicide And Homicide At Highest Rates In Decades, CDC Report Says](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

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

- **[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, and spring) to help with expenses such as books, fees, supplies, and transportation.
- **[Empowered Voices Scholarship](#)**. \$1000 scholarships for students of color and first-generation college students who are interested in learning about communications majors or careers. Due Jun. 30.

College Scholarship	Brief Description	Due
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
ERCA Community Contribution Scholarship	(\$1,500-\$7,000) - The community contribution scholarship is open to all high school students who have recognized a need or problem in their community and have determined how to address it.	7/26
The 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, while 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	(\$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
American Fire Sprinkler Association Second Chance Scholarship Contest	Open to anyone who has graduated high school or equivalency and wants to pursue a college degree or trade school education. Enter for the chance to win 1 of 5 \$1,000 College Scholarships.	9/1
NAEHCY Scholarship Fund	NAEHCY Eligibility - To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must be under the age of 21 • Applicant be actively pursuing post-secondary education • Applicant must be eligible for McKinney-Vento assistance or have experienced homelessness while in school within the last six years • Undocumented students who meet these criteria are eligible • The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act defines parameters on homeless status. 	9/16
We the Future Contest	Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate students, adults 25 years and older, and seniors 65 years and older. Each age group has different requirements, so applicants should visit the website for details. Amount varies.	9/17
QuestBridge National College Match	An online platform that helps outstanding low-income HS seniors gain admission and full 4-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.	9/27

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship	(\$1,000) - Complete the application form, including a 140-character message about texting while driving. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists. The finalists will be asked to write a full-length 500- to 1,000-word essay about texting while driving.	9/30
Scholarship Poetry Contest - Winter Issue	(\$100-\$500) - Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less.	9/30
Shout It Out Scholarship	(\$1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit an online response to the question: "If you could say one thing to the entire world at once, what would it be and why?"	9/30
Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship	(\$20,000) - High school seniors with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply on our website in August of their senior year until the October 31 deadline. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.	10/2



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