WEEKLY BULLETIN

**November 27-December 1, 2023**

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **DID YOU KNOW?**Many two-year students don’t know about services provided at their college to help them transfer or don’t use them.This lack of knowledge makes it difficult to navigate especially determining which prerequisites or credits will be accepted. >>[Learn more.](https://www.ccdaily.com/2023/11/missing-out-on-transfer-guidance) |
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# WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

* **Job Opening:** [**GEAR UP Alumni Association**](https://mcusercontent.com/a0d96cacbd72776b465181daf/files/2f35cb9a-0ef5-aca5-cb68-f62151a45807/GUAA_Executive_Director_Job_Description.pdf?mc_cid=c8e8774dbd&mc_eid=a2f060beda)**.** Due Nov. 30.
* **Job Opening:** [**WAGU Fiscal and Administrative Specialist**](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/4267974/fiscal-and-administrative-specialist). Due Dec. 12.
* **Deadline:** [**Work Plan And Budget Revisions**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/form-plan-and-budget-revision-request) are due December 31 if you have any changes. Please review your work plan for the next few months to see if anything needs to be updated.
* **Call for Proposals:** [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/annual). What do you and your team do well? Review the How-To Guide to write a stellar proposal. Due by Dec. 15.
* [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/family-newsletters)**.** Monthly newsletters 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.*
* **[NCAN College and Career Readiness Awareness Survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwGPYf_RejCJpPY3oUJ1umUpVjs2gFnFe8oeK0s8xY2hTCHQ/viewform).** Help NCAN get a better understanding of how comfortable practitioners across the country are with some of these key topics. The results are anonymous and will be used to drive the development of new professional development opportunities and other resources.

# STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

* **View Video Series:** [**WAGU Career & Technical Programs**](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWg-9DmEamIJTFoNC8vnMQjscI2nkC9st) | [**WAGU Campus Visits**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/washington-state-gear-resources/campus-visits/virtual-campus-visit-series) | [**WAGU Speaker Series**](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWg-9DmEamIL785e8tz6YZul9dVf1Fpcp)
* [**12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Information and Filing Events.**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxoI/edit#heading=h.42fu3w63mb46) Join one of the events listed below to learn more and get help.  Please note, that most events are offered virtually. Spanish events are available. Dates vary throughout fall/winter.
* [**NACAC Spring 2024 National College Fair**](https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs)**.** 2/18-Virtual, 3/24-Virtual, 4/21-Virtual.
* [**PNACAC Spring College Fair**](https://www.pnacac.org/spring-college-fairs). 4/19-Spokane, 4/22-Seattle, 4/30-Portland.
* [**Virtual Financial Aid Help Events**](https://www.uaspire.org/FinAidEvents). uAspire hosts free virtual events to walk students and families through the financial aid process and applications, provide resources and guidance, and answer questions. Each session is one hour. Topics include CCS profile, FAFSA Walkthrough, Next Steps Post-FAFSA, Financial Aid Offer Review, and Summer Financial Aid Steps.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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* **Webinar:** [**Changes to the Financial Aid Applications.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wpx7sGYESgqG7gpbNsa5Qw#/registration) By OSPI/WSAC. ([PDEnroller Link for Clock Hours](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBkZW5yb2xsZXIub3JnL2NhdGFsb2cvZXZlbnQvMTY0MjQ4IiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTEyMC44NTkxNTQ1MSJ9.bKc7m6a4GJuW-epSRDzLKaEVAtS-BRAJTEaWn_nBuGI/s/421506233/br/231228810276-l%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)). Dec. 6, 11 AM.
* **Discussion Lab:** [**FAFSA Completion Strategies for 2024**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdu6srTsjHtTkiiREWx1DY4zEOfzu_ydo?mc_cid=8f8a621040&mc_eid=a2f060beda#/registration). By NCCEP. Join your GEAR UP colleagues on December 7 at 11 AM for a discussion on what’s worked in the past and new ideas to help students and families navigate the new form in a shortened application window.
	+ - * **Virtual:** [**MAD-learn Student Showcase**](https://tinyurl.com/MAD-StudentShowcaseAttendee)**.** Dec. 7, Noon.
			* **Virtual:** [**National GEAR UP Academy**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nccep-events/2024ngua)**.** By NCCEP. Feb 12- 15.
* [**2024 WSCA Conference.**](https://wscaconference.org/) Mar. 6-8, SeaTac.
* [**PNACAC Conference: Where It All Began**](https://www.pnacac.org/annual-conference). May 22 - 24, Salem, OR.
* [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/annual)**.** July 21-24, Washington, DC.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Considering A Gap Year?**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/considering-gap-year)For current high school seniors, here is what you need to know about taking a gap year or deferring enrollment before making a decision.
* [**Spotlight: Women in Construction**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Gym3EPHG9M)**.** The construction field has endless opportunities for women! Learn more from three women working in these careers in a new Spotlight on Women in STEM video from NW Washington STEM Network.
* [**Passport to Careers**](https://wsac.wa.gov/passport/guide)**.** This program helps who have been homeless or in foster care prepare for careers. View the online Passport Guide to learn about eligibility, how to apply, FAQs, and additional resources.
* [**College Scorecard.**](https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/) ED updated this tool with new information on costs, graduation rates, post-college earnings, and other metrics to help students make informed decisions about their postsecondary education plans.

**IN THE NEWS**

* [Often Overwhelmed On Big Campuses, Rural College Students Push For Support](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-11-20/often-overwhelmed-on-big-campuses-rural-college-students-push-for-support)
* [Tribe Members Discuss Cultural Appropriation](https://www.dailyrecordnews.com/ellensburg/tribe-members-discuss-cultural-appropriation/article_592affe6-87f0-11ee-a540-13a125f17591.html)
* [Technical Educators In Spokane Are Working To Entice A New Generation To Join Vital Careers In The Trades](https://www.inlander.com/news/technical-educators-in-spokane-are-working-to-entice-a-new-generation-to-join-vital-careers-in-the-trades-26972385)
* [WA Students Flock To Computer Science, And AI Adds To The Allure](https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/wa-students-flock-to-computer-science-and-ai-adds-to-the-allure/)
* [Online Schooling For Washington [State’s] Youngest Students Is On The Rise](https://www.the74million.org/article/online-schooling-for-washingtons-youngest-students-is-on-the-rise/)
* [Crafting A School Policy On AI? Here’s What Experts Recommend](https://www.edweek.org/technology/crafting-a-school-policy-on-ai-heres-what-experts-recommend/2023/11)
* [Disparities, Bullying, And Corporal Punishment: The Latest Federal Discipline Data](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/disparities-bullying-and-corporal-punishment-the-latest-federal-discipline-data/2023/11)
* [Student School Board Members Want More Meaningful Roles. Here's How They're Working For Them](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/student-school-board-members-want-more-meaningful-roles-heres-how-theyre-working-for-them/2023/11)
* [The Startling Evidence On Learning Loss Is In](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/18/opinion/pandemic-school-learning-loss.html)
* [Students Are Missing School At An Alarming Rate](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/17/us/chronic-absenteeism-pandemic-recovery.html)
* [Challenging Stereotypes Through Conversation: Human Library Comes To Ellensburg](https://www.dailyrecordnews.com/ellensburg/challenging-stereotypes-through-conversation-human-library-comes-to-ellensburg/article_3bba4574-8a3f-11ee-8316-2b2fee829fe6.html)
* [Kelso High School Alumni Awarded $108m Contract With NASA](https://tdn.com/news/local/business/kelso-high-school-alumni-awarded-108m-contract-with-nasa/article_64da4e12-8aef-11ee-9686-2f717992354c.html%22%20%5Cl%20%22tracking-source%3Dmp-homepage)
* [Indigenous Students Put Language And Culture First In Early-Childhood Education Program](https://magazine.washington.edu/feature/indigenous-students-put-language-and-culture-first-in-early-childhood-education-program/)
* [Helping Students, Families Navigate College](https://www.masoncounty.com/story/2023/11/23/news/helping-students-families-navigate-college/3403.html)
* [Principals Share 3 Tips For Centering Mental Health In Schools](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/principals-share-3-tips-for-centering-mental-health-in-schools/2023/11)

**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.
* [**Get Schooled Essay Review**](https://getschooled.com/college-review)**.** Get Schooled helps you with your essays for college applications and scholarships. Submit your personal statement, supplemental college application essays, and scholarship essays for feedback. They will provide actionable suggestions and feedback within one week.
* [**WSECU Scholarships**](https://wsecu.org/scholarships)**.** For members of all ages. $2,000 is awarded for two-year colleges and vocational schools. $3,000 is awarded for four-year undergraduate programs and graduate programs. Applications are accepted from Dec. 11-Feb. 12.

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| **College Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [ACT SIX - Portland](http://www.actsix.org/nw/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. | 11/28 |
| [ACT SIX - Tacoma-Seattle](http://www.actsix.org/nw/tacsea/) | (Full Tuition) - Act Six will award 18 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. | 11/28 |
| [ACT SIX - Yakima Valley](http://www.actsix.org/nw/yakima/#toggle-id-1) | (Full Tuition) - Act Six will award 15 of Yakima Valley’s most promising community leaders full scholarships worth up to $240,000 to three partner colleges. ACT Six scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans four months. | 11/28 |
| [Education Matters](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship) | ($5,000) - In 250 words or less respond 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?" Must be 14 years of age or older. | 11/30 |
| [National Honor Society Scholarship](https://www.nationalhonorsociety.org/advisers/the-nhs-scholarship/) | Up to $25,000 for HS seniors who are members in good standing of an affiliated NHS chapter.  | 11/30 |
| [Dell Scholars Program](https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/) | ($20,000) – For low-income, highly motivated students who are better than their numbers indicate and demonstrate the drive to succeed despite personal obstacles. Winners have demonstrated grit, potential, and ambition in their quest for a college education. | 12/1 |
| [National Space Club Keynote Scholarship](https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html) | $15,000 scholarship and an opportunity to give a keynote address for students who are interested in STEM fields.  | 12/4 |
| [Point Foundation: The Point Flagship Scholarship](https://www.pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/) | Empower LGBTQ students who are earning their undergraduate, graduate, & doctoral degrees at accredited colleges in the US.  | 12/5 |
| [Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Scholarships](https://www.artandwriting.org/scholarships/) | Teens in grades 7–12 (ages 13 and up) can apply in 28 categories of art and writing.  | 12/7 |
| [Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship](https://www.derricklawfirm.com/library/scholarship.cfm) | $1,000 – For any current or soon-to-be undergraduate student 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.  | 12/15 |
| [Washington State Volunteer Service Awards.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vc2VydmV3YXNoaW5ndG9uLndhLmdvdi9zaXRlcy9kZWZhdWx0L2ZpbGVzL3B1YmxpYy8yMDIzX25vbWluYXRpb25ndWlkZWxpbmVzX3dzdnNhX2ZpbmFsLnBkZj91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMDAyLjgzNDg4MjYxIn0.YjLDma0vDSvnxD-ZUPbAQ78S9Y5-hqOA_iF4xpys7EA/s/860227171/br/227262893579-l) | Honor the many acts of kindness individuals, families, service groups and organizations perform in communities across the state of Washington.  | 12/22 |
| [NASA Student Art Contest](https://artcontest.larc.nasa.gov/) | For students in grades K-12 to participate in the 2024 NASA Langley Art Contest, using the theme “Connect the Dots.”  | 12/31 |
| [Top Ten List Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/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 |
| [Reach For Your Peak](https://getschooled.com/peak-scholarship/) | A $2000 scholarship for a HS junior or senior living in OR or WA.  | 12/31 |
| [First-Gen Trailblazers Scholarship](https://getschooled.com/first-gen-trailblazers-scholarship)  | Awarded exclusively to high school juniors and seniors who are the first in their generation to go to college. | 12/31 |
| [Rise to Legacy HBCU Scholarship](https://getschooled.com/rise-to-legacy-hbcu-scholarship/)  |  Awarded exclusively to high school juniors and seniors who are planning to apply to a Historically Black College or University. | 12/31 |
| [Unigo $10K Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/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 |
| [Pride Foundation Scholarship](http://www.pridefoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/) | For current and future leaders LGBTQIA and straight ally community from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.  | 1/6 |
| [Ron Brown Scholar Program](https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/) | Awards 20 or more scholarships annually for $40,000 to extraordinary African American students must attend a four-year accredited college or university within the United States. | 1/9 |
| [APIASF Scholarship Program](http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html) | ($2,500-$20,000) - Provides scholarships to underserved APIA students with a special 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.  | 1/9 |
| [Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship](https://jackierobinson.org/scholarship/)  | ($35,000) - Awarded to outstanding HS graduates who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college or university.  | 1/10 |
| [FFA Scholarships](https://www.ffa.org/scholarships) | Over 1,000 scholarships with/ just one application available to FFA members. | 1/11 |
| [GSBA Scholarship Fund](http://www.thegsba.org/scholarship-home) | ($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. | 1/12 |
| [Bezos Scholars Program](https://www.bezosscholars.org/apply) | For HS juniors. Successful applicants have a strong drive and commitment to their education and demonstrate maturity, curiosity, resilience, and leadership.  | 1/24 |
| [The Hamilton Award](https://www.hamiltonscholars.org/apply/) | For HS juniors for their academic, personal, and service achievements. This three-year, no-student-cost program helps students get into college, transition to college, succeed while in college, and transition to the post-college world. | 1/26 |
| [Truman D. Picard Scholarship for Native Students](http://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html) | Dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. | 1/26 |
| [The UW DO-IT Scholars Program](http://www.washington.edu/doit/Programs/scholar.html) | For WA State HS students with disabilities planning to continue their education after they graduate. Scholars prepare for their transition to college—which includes exploring careers, independence, self-advocacy, and leadership. Is open to high school sophomores or juniors. | 1/30 |
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