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Did You Know?

It's **National Apprenticeship Week!**

An apprenticeship can help you obtain paid, relevant work experience while acquiring skills and credentials. >>[Learn more.](#)

WA STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Reminder:** To ensure reimbursement, [receipts must be itemized/detailed.](#) Non-itemized receipts will not be accepted. Questions? Contact [Buffy.](#)
- **Reminder:** Please document all GEAR UP activities and participation related to college and financial aid applications in the portal. Questions? Contact [Kelly K.](#)
- **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.*
- **Now Accepting Proposals: 2023 NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference.** Review the how-to guide to submitting a successful proposal. Due Dec. 15.
- **ICYMI:** Miss the November Coffee Break? View [the recording.](#) See today's email for materials.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS

- **BigFuture Scholarships Week: Find Your Passion. Win Big.** Find a career that matches your interests and passions! Connect with professionals. Learn how exploring careers on BigFuture can qualify you for \$500-\$40,000 scholarships. Dec. 5, 4 PM.
- **BigFuture Scholarships Week: Your College. Your Way.** Your dream school is out there. We want to help you find it. Join to connect with college reps who are ready to answer your questions. Learn how searching for colleges on BigFuture can qualify you for \$500-\$40,000 scholarships. Dec. 6, 4 PM.
- **BigFuture Scholarships Week: Securing the Bag.** You've got questions about scholarships. Get answers directly from the experts. Secure the bag and don't let money hold you back. Dec. 8, 4 PM.

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: 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.
- **Virtual Event: NCCEP's Capacity-Building Workshop (CBW).** Feb. 13-15.
- **2023 SuperACAC Conference.** *Now offering scholarships for counselors and college admission professionals.* [Apply by Dec. 1.](#) Spokane, Apr. 17-19.
- **The Washington Passport Network Passport to Careers State Conference.** SeaTac, May 23-24.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource: How to Become an Apprentice.** This handout accompanies the 12th Year Campaign Junior/Senior Student Workbook, which guides students through navigating college admissions and financial aid.
- **Apprenticeships Lesson Plan.** From Accessing Union Apprenticeships. Use this free lesson plan and downloadable worksheets and posters to introduce students to apprenticeships.
- **The ACT Apprenticeship Toolkit.** Includes on-demand webinars, a framework for building apprenticeship programs, and other tools to help build key partnerships to benefit your local workforce.
- **Take the Fear out of Applying for Financial Aid.** Read more about financial aid applications – the FAFSA or WASFA – and find resources to ease the process.
- **CareerOneStop's Training Tools.** Find training, financial aid, and professional development resources.
- **Simple, Low-Cost Ways to Promote Student Self-Care.** From communal coloring to collaborative puzzles, these accessible activities offer moments in the school day for kids to pause and focus on their well-being.

- [A First-In-The-Nation 988 Line For Native People Goes Live In WA](#). Tailored for Native people, run by an all-Native team.
- **On-Demand Webinars:** [Help Students and Families Navigate College and Career Planning](#). These sessions offer advice from a diverse panel of current college students and support and information on college applications and planning from national college admissions leaders. [Watch on Demand](#) | [What We Learned from Attendees](#)

IN THE NEWS

- [Strategies to Tackle Chronic Absenteeism](#). How states and districts are closing gaps.
- [Plan Ahead to Make College Affordable](#). Here is some proactive advice to consider before January.
- [‘Huge’ Increase in Children Going to the Emergency Room with Suicidal Thoughts](#). If you or someone you know is struggling, please call the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, or visit the hotline’s website.
- [It’s Time to Expand Our Thinking About What Works in Education Reform](#). When it comes to identifying policies to improve education, evidence proving effectiveness is not enough.
- [Spokane’s Native Education Program Hopes to Build on Success](#). Last spring, 87% graduated, up from 73% in 2019.
- [Edtech Tools To Connect Students to A Global Community](#). Broaden students’ understanding of their place in the world.
- [College Mental Health Centers Are Swamped](#). Here’s what parents can do.
- [Incarcerated Americans Left Out of Loan Forgiveness](#). Borrowers in prison or jail have little access to the application.
- [Judge Calls Student Loan Relief Unlawful, Deepening Limbo for Borrowers](#). The federal government quickly appealed.
- [‘Channeling the Mama Bear’: How Covid Closures Became Today’s Curriculum Wars](#). One issue is especially divisive: teaching about LGTBQ+ rights and gender identity.
- [Teaching Students to Manage Their Digital Assignments](#). Predictable routines can teach students how to use organizational tools and help them develop their executive function skills.
- [A Third of Children Were Chronically Absent After Classrooms Re-Opened](#). While COVID explained some of the extra absences, many children and teens skipped additional days, as social connections frayed.

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.
- [National Honor Society Scholarship](#). Up to \$25,000 for high school seniors who are members in good standing of an affiliated National Honor Society chapter. Due Nov. 30.
- [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
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	11/30

	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.	
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 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.	12/10
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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