NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: |  **Did You Know?****37% fewer students** from low-income high schools **enrolled in community colleges** this fall according to [preliminary data](https://nscresearchcenter.org/high-school-benchmarks/) from the [National Student Clearinghouse Research Center](https://nscresearchcenter.org/). |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **Update:** [**Program Staff Contact Information**](http://gearup.wa.gov/file/program-staff-contact-information)**.** Many GEAR UP team members at WSAC recently changed phone numbers. Please see the contact list in the Coordinator’s manual or our email signature blocks for the new numbers.
* **Deadline for WAGU Coordinators**: If you have TBD funds in your Year 4 Work Plan/Budget, you have until Feb.1 to reassign those funds, rather than Dec. 31. To reassign funds, please submit a [Plan and Budget Revision Request](http://www.gearup.wa.gov/file/form-plan-and-budget-revision-request) form. Questions? Contact Marcie.
* **FYI:** [**College Bound Scholarship– Emergency Proclamation Key Takeaways**.](https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/sites/default/files/cbs.proclamation.key.takeaways.pdf) Key pieces of information from WSAC.

# Virtual Student Recruitment and Outreach Events

* [**WA State GEAR UP: Virtual Campus Visit Series**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/4410). View recorded virtual visits.
* [**Virtual Speaker Series: For High School Students**](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWg-9DmEamIL785e8tz6YZul9dVf1Fpcp)**.** Includes a GEAR UP-hosted college application panel.
* [**Welcome to the Season of Student Self-Care!**](https://getschooled.com/article/5704-season-of-self-care-2020/) All this week, Get Schooled will be talking about taking care of ourselves and the many ways we can do that. Giveaways are happening M-F with self-care journals and $50 Amazon gift cards!

# OPTIONAL Funding & Opportunities

* **[Building Equitable, Sustainable Dual Credit Expansion Grant.](https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/dualcredit/pubdocs/iGrant103EquitableSustainableDualCredit.pdf)** Districts can apply for funding to cover student costs and invest in sustainable expansion of dual credit programming. Due Dec. 31.
* [**Racial Discipline Gap Program Now Open!**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/student-discipline/student-discipline-training) State funds are available to support your district in identifying, implementing, and evaluating best practices to address racial discipline gaps. Due Feb. 4.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* **On-Demand Webinars:** [**GEAR UP West 2020**](http://bit.ly/GUWest20). View session recordings and materials for free at your convenience.
* [**Health Support Team: Disaster Behavioral Health Training & Response**](http://healthsupportteam.org/). DOH-developed team training for educators.
* **Webinar Series:** [**20-21 MTSS PLC**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/multi-tiered-system-supports-mtss). Hosted by OSPI. Dates through June.
* **Webinar Series:** [**Virtual Speaker Series**](https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-mhttc/smart-center-2021-virtual-speaker-series)**.** Focused on mental health. Hosted by UW SMART Center/Northwest MHTTC.
* **Book Study:** [**WERD (WA Educators Read and Discuss)**](https://cstp-wa.org/cstp2013/book-study)**.** Hosted by OSPI/CSTP. Open to educators in WA. Runs Jan.-Mar. 10 clock hours.
* **Webinar:** [**Engaging Students in a Digital Learning Environment: Strategies and Resources**](https://pages2.act.org/engaging-students-in-a-digital-learning-environment.html). Hosted by ACT. Jan. 6, 1 PM.
* **Webinar:** [**Supporting Students’ Transitions: Aligning HSBP’s & IEP Transition Plans.**](https://www.pdenroller.org/ospi/catalog/event/110739) Hosted by OSPI/WSAC. Jan. 27, 1 PM.
* **Virtual Event:** [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Capacity-Building Workshop.**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/cbw-2021) Feb. 8–10.
* **Virtual Event:** [**2021 A Virtual Rural Summit**](https://www.berea.edu/pfe/events/ruralsummit/)**.** Hosted by Partners for Education/Campus Compact NH. Apr. 26-30.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Considering A Gap Year Due To COVID-19?**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/considering-gap-year-due-covid-19)For current high school seniors, here is what you need to know about taking a gap year or deferring enrollment before making a decision.
* [**Build Your Own App.**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/build-your-own-app) This week is Computer Science Education Week. CSEdWeek, Hour of Code, and Mad-Learn created a fun DIY app development challenge for students to participate in. Anyone can participate for free!
* [**The College Knowledge Project**](https://www.wcan.org/college-knowledge/). 23 student-tested and approved digital handouts compiled into a workbook designed to support college and career education planning. Full workbooks can be ordered through the 12th Year Campaign and digital copies can be found online. [Lesson plans](https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign) are also available for each chapter. Includes recently updated Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese versions.
* [**Upcoming First Time DACA & Renewal Preparation Sessions.**](https://unitedwedream.org/daca-is-back-help-for-first-time-daca-applicants-and-renewal) For those individuals who think they may qualify for first time DACA or renewal application. United We Dream is offering a 3-part series. Not able to attend all the sessions? Individual may sign up to receive the recordings as well.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Listen and Connect.**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/57108/listen-and-connect-how-parents-can-support-teens-mental-health-right-now)How parents can support teens’ mental health right now.
* [**Rethink the classroom with MBL**](https://www.sbe.wa.gov/news/rethink-classroom-mbl)**.** Teacher of the Year, Mandy Manning, on mastery-based education in Washington.
* [**What Educators Are Learning During the Pandemic**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/what-educators-are-learning-during-pandemic). What seems likely to grow in prominence in the future?
* [**Fewer Grads Attended College This Fall**](https://www.ccdaily.com/2020/12/fewer-new-high-school-grads-attended-college-this-fall). Community college enrollment was hit the hardest.
* [**College Applications Down as Recruitment Process Goes Virtual**](https://www.npr.org/2020/12/13/946098431/college-applications-down-as-recruitment-process-goes-virtual)**.** Admissions and athletic recruitment amid a pandemic.
* [**Arizona Teachers Protest by Calling in Sick**](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/11/us/coronavirus-schools-arizona-sickout.html)**.** The sickout reflects growing discord over in-person instruction.
* [**Why Is Enrollment Down, Especially Among BIPOC Students?**](https://www.ccdaily.com/2020/12/why-is-enrollment-down-especially-among-students-of-color) It is down nearly 30%.
* [**A New Call for Humane Treatment of Washington Foster Youth Sleeping in Hotels and Offices**](https://imprintnews.org/youth-homelessness/call-end-washington-foster-youth-sleeping-hotels-offices/50224)**.** The number of nights that hundreds of Washington’s foster youth are left essentially homeless has skyrocketed in the last year to 1,863.
* [**How 2-Year Colleges Can Mitigate Student Enrollment Declines**](https://diverseeducation.com/article/198628). Since community colleges predominantly serve low-income and underrepresented populations, students face financial barriers.
* [**Research on The Adolescent Brain**](https://bold.expert/levelling-up-research-on-the-adolescent-brain). Smartphone games have the potential to reveal how our brains reach decisions.
* [**Linking SEL to Long-Term Success**](https://www.educationnext.org/linking-social-emotional-learning-long-term-success-student-survey-responses-effects-high-school)**.** Student survey responses show effects in high school and beyond.
* [**The Empty Gradebook.**](https://www.chalkbeat.org/2020/12/7/22160183/students-struggle-with-remote-learning-teachers-grapple-with-failing-grades)  As students struggle with remote learning, teachers grapple with Fs.
* [**Using Microsoft Teams in a Hybrid Classroom**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/using-microsoft-teams-hybrid-classroom). Strategies that foster student collaboration and a sense of community.
* [**Schools Confront ‘Off the Rails’ Numbers of Failing Grades**](https://apnews.com/article/distance-learning-coronavirus-pandemic-oregon-7fde612c3dbfd2e21fab9673ca49ad89). They have revealed growing equity gaps in the system.
* [**Brené on The Queen's Gambit, Revisiting FFTs, and Resting Our Tired Brains**](https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-on-the-queens-gambit-revisiting-ffts-and-resting-our-tired-brains)**.** Strategies for recovering.
* [**Doubts About Going to College**](https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2020/12/07/more-third-prospective-college-students-are-reconsidering-higher)**.** More than a third of prospective college students are reconsidering higher education.
* [**The Class Of 2020 Was Full of Hope. Then the Pandemic Hit.**](https://www.vox.com/the-goods/22158622/youth-unemployment-rate) Young adults are failing to launch their careers.
* [**Kids Are Behind in Math. What Research Says**](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/kids-are-behind-in-math-because-of-covid-19-heres-what-research-says-could-help/2020/12)**.** The slide may mirror natural disasters more than summer slumps.

# SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Find more opportunities at:* [*https://gearup.wa.gov/resources/scholarships*](https://gearup.wa.gov/resources/scholarships) *and* [*our list of scholarship search engines and databases*](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/3239)*.*

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [**Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship**](https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.html) | Full tuition, fees, and stipend. | 12/31 |
| [**Unigo $10K Scholarship**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship) | In 140 characters or less submit a response to the question: "Surprise! You just got elected president. What’s your first tweet?" | 12/31 |
| [**College is Power Scholarship**](http://www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm) | Open to students currently in college or plan to start college within the next year. | 12/31 |
| [**Community College Scholarship**](https://www.sreducationgroup.org/scholarships/community-college-scholarship)  | Open to students enrolled at a public community college, technical college, junior college, or city college. Must provide short essay responses to provided topics. | 12/31 |
| [**Courage to Grow Scholarship**](https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/) | Please explain in 250 words or less why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship. | 12/31 |
| [**NASA Student Art Contest**](https://artcontest.larc.nasa.gov/) | Open to K12 students. | 12/31 |
| [**Scholarship Poetry Contest - Spring Issue**](http://www.justpoetry.org/submissions) | Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less.  | 12/31 |
| [**Top Ten List Scholarship**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship) | 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 |
| [**GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship**](https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/ge-reagan-foundation-scholarship-program/)  | Available to HS seniors who demonstrate a strong sense of leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship at school, at the workplace, and in the community. Must also demonstrate financial need.  | 1/5 |
| [**JKCF Transfer Scholarships**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fedpartnerships.us2.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Da0d96cacbd72776b465181daf%26id%3Df23291e626%26e%3Da2f060beda&data=04%7C01%7CBethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Ce9167b6f863249593dee08d896cad67b%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637425146692426266%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=v2MgrBBTRUp0%2BGbkG0RRQEBAIiWb5kcL07rzR%2BTmw4A%3D&reserved=0) | The Jack Kent Cook Foundation is seeking to award scholarships for students intending to transfer to complete their bachelor's degree.  | 1/6 |
| [**Foot Locker Scholar Athletes**](https://footlockerscholarathletes.com/) | Honors student athletes who demonstrate excellence in school, on their sports teams, & in their communities. | 1/8 |
| [**GSBA Scholarship Fund**](http://www.thegsba.org/scholarship-home) | For WA LGBTQ and allied students who exhibit leadership potential, demonstrate strong academic abilities, and are actively involved in school and community. | 1/8 |
| [**Ron Brown Scholar Program**](https://www.ronbrown.org/) | Applicants must be African American HS seniors who exhibit exceptional leadership potential & excel academically. | 1/9 |
| [**Bezos Scholars Program**](http://www.bezosfamilyfoundation.org/scholars) | A year-long leadership development program for public HS juniors and educators to put their education into action. | 1/11 |
| [**APIASF Scholarship Program**](http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html) | For Asian and/or Pacific Islander 12th grade students. Citizenship/legal residency required. Have a min. cum. GPA of 2.7 or a GED. Must apply for FAFSA & submit letter of recommendation. | 1/14 |
| [**FFA Scholarships**](https://www.ffa.org/scholarships) | Over 1,000 scholarships w/ just one application available to FFA members. | 1/14 |
| [**Defense Against Distracted Driving Scholarship**](https://jnylaw.com/distracted-driving-scholarship) | Open to incoming and current college students with at least a 3.0 GPA. Must submit a 500- to 1,000-word essay on a topic related to distracted driving. | 1/15 |
| [**John Lennon Scholarship**](http://www.bmifoundation.org/program/john_lennon_scholarships) | Open only to U.S. college students between the ages of 17 and 24. Three scholarships with prizes totaling $20,000 will be awarded to the best original songs submitted to the competition. | 1/22 |
| [**Point Foundation: College Scholarships for LGBT Students**](https://www.pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/) | 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. | 1/25 |
| [**The Hamilton Award**](https://www.hamiltonscholars.org/apply/) | 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. | 1/27 |
| [**The UW DO-IT Scholars Program**](http://www.washington.edu/doit/Programs/scholar.html) | Prepares HS students with disabilities for college, careers, leadership, and independent living. For HS sophomore/ junior w/a disability. | 1/30 |
| [**Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth**](https://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wagovernors) | For alum of foster care. | 1/31 |
| [**Leadership 1000 Scholarship**](https://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/scholarships/leadership-1000) | Renewable. Scholars receive guidance regarding career, financial aid, and networking opportunities with CSF alumni and scholarship donors to ensure students graduate with a four-year degree and achieve success in life. | 1/31 |
| [**Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship**](https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Apply/) | Full tuition, fees, and stipend. | 1/31 |
| [**The American Legion National HS Oratorical Contest Scholarship**](http://www.waconstitutionalspeechcontest.org/) | Scholarships totaling $5,000 will be awarded to students taking part in the state contest. | 1/31 |
| [**The USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program**](https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1994-program) | Provides full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to 4 years to selected students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in agriculture, food science, natural resource science, or a related academic discipline at one of 35 federally recognized tribal colleges and universities.  | 1/31 |
| [**USDA/1890 National Scholars Program**](https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars) | HS senior who plans to attend an 1890 Historically Black Land Grant Institutions to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or another related discipline.  | 1/31 |
| [**The DAR American Indian Scholarship**](https://dar.academicworks.com/opportunities/252) | For Native American students of any age, any tribe, and in any state striving to get an education at the undergraduate or graduate levels. A one-time scholarship is awarded to Native American college and technical students of any age, any tribe and in any state, who have financial need and a minimum GPA of 3.25. | 1/31 |

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