NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**  President-elect Joe Biden announced **Miguel Cardona** as his choice for **secretary of education**.  [**Learn more.**](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2021/01/04/biden-selects-miguel-cardona-education-secretary) |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **Update:** As of January 1, 2021, the Washington state minimum wage is now **$13.69**. Therefore, the new volunteer rate for MS/HS student match you collect as of January 1, 2021 is $13.69. Questions? Contact [Buffy](mailto:buffyh@wsac.wa.gov).
* **Register:** [**January Virtual Workshop**.](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcOmopjspHtUUgMyyYmlw9ZCciJatD2j5) For WA State Program Cohort & Priority Schools. Required: GU-paid staff: All GEAR UP Directors, Coordinators, and Graduation Specialists (or similar roles). Jan.19, 9-noon.
* **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.](mailto:marcies@wsac.wa.gov)
* **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.
* **FYI:** [**You Can Go!**](https://councilofpresidents.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Principal-Admissions.pdf)From Washington’s public four-year institutions. Emphasizes the message students can go to college in Washington and here is how, identifies the necessary steps students/families should take, and provides resources including deadlines and contact information to assist students, families, counselors, principals and others.

# 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.

# OPTIONAL Funding & Opportunities

* **[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.
* **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:** [**A Simpler FAFSA, Expanded Pell, and More COVID Relief: Federal Policy Update**](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/693221602385305870). Hosted by NCAN. Free for members. $99 for non-members. Jan. 11, Noon.
* **Webinar**: [**Financial Education Public-Private Partnership (FEPPP) Online Resources Workshop.**](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6078119/FEPPP-Online-Resources-Workshop-1-12-2021) Jan. 12, 4:30 PM.
* **Webinar:** [**ASCA/IndieFlix Town Hall: Racism and Student Mental Health**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nWLRvJOySsWhW9HJa5g6Qw)**.** Jan. 13, Noon.
* **Webinar:** [**Supporting 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

* *Download January!* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/family-newsletters)**.** Monthly family newsletters with college readiness information for students by grade-level (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12). These newsletter templates come pre-loaded with info and areas to customize and add your events and contact information to personalize for your school! *Available in English, Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.*
* [**Upcoming First Time DACA & Renewal Preparation Sessions.**](https://unitedwedream.org/daca-is-back-help-for-first-time-daca-applicants-and-renewal)  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.
* [**EVERFI Free Standards-Aligned, Financial Literacy Resources For Remote Learning.**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HuvgECg8fwEI5hyCwkTQLhH2_Ezhk05D/view) EVERFI partners with local Washington and national organizations to provide no-cost instructional resources focused on real-world learning skills, determinant to students' financial wellness and success. Check out the [educator quick start guide](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDEyMTUuMzIwNzM1MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2RyaXZlLmdvb2dsZS5jb20vZmlsZS9kLzFuUnFwSTBDeGMweUNrUzFSSHNsZ240THhFZTV4ZTRSSC92aWV3In0.cW9tJzwojvSIpHCjUG7zmbX891TD2fkcQo1GhcSaLWk%2Fs%2F421506233%2Fbr%2F91924277056-l&data=04%7C01%7CBETHK%40WSAC.WA.GOV%7C168f9a2e8bb0483b7c3108d8a1320dbe%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637436583639816705%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QACWisKfxFQdAienj7CwzpqNOrZfoU0RUdoTAnVlcbw%3D&reserved=0).
* [**Lost in the Masked Shuffle & Virtual Void: Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Amidst the Pandemic**](https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/lost-in-the-masked-shuffle-and-virtual-void/)**.** This report is prepared by SchoolHouse Connection and Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan.
* [**Present, Engaged and Supported: A Guide to Planning Transitions to School**](https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/transition-guide/)**.** A new planning guide by Attendance Works is redefining student-centered learning through data-informed research and restorative practices.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Relief for Immigrants in Washington State.**](http://www.chronline.com/community/state-and-local-funds-provide-relief-for-immigrants-in-washington-state/article_c34700b2-479a-11eb-b921-2f95819ca0c6.html) Gov. Inslee announced additional funds to support immigrant communities.
* [**A Quiet And 'Unsettling' Pandemic Toll**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/57186/a-quiet-and-unsettling-pandemic-toll-students-whove-fallen-off-the-grid)**.** Students who've fallen off the grid.
* [**Homeless But Hidden, Some Americans Families Are Disqualified From Crucial Aid**](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/homeless-doubled-families-living-other-households-may-fall-aid-blind-n1251446)**.** Vital assistance may not be available to families that don’t meet HUD’s definition of homeless.
* [**States Renew Efforts to Track Student Attendance as Pandemic Stretches On**](https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/states-renew-efforts-to-track-student-attendance-as-pandemic-stretches-on/2020/12). States have offered a wide array of ways for districts to identify student engagement.
* [**Listening To Formerly Homeless Youth**](https://kappanonline.org/listening-to-formerly-homeless-youth-edwards)**.** Homelessness is a growing issue among high school students, yet many teachers have no idea how to support students experiencing it.
* [**Pell Grant Expansion Opens Doors To Higher Ed**](https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/pell-grant-expansion-opens-doors-to-higher-ed)**.** It dramatically simplifies the cumbersome aid application process.
* [**Financial Aid Is Restored for Prisoners as Part of the Stimulus Bill**](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/21/us/politics/stimulus-law-education.html). It is just one of several on equity provisions included.
* [**Rethinking Homework for This Year—and Beyond**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/rethinking-homework-year-and-beyond)**.** A schoolwide effort to reduce homework has led to a renewed focus on ensuring that all work assigned really aids students’ learning.
* [**What We've Learned About Virtual School.**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/57099/5-things-weve-learned-about-virtual-school-during-the-pandemic) Five lessons learned so far.
* [**How To Help Someone At Risk Of Suicide**](https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/04/20/707686101/how-to-help-someone-at-risk-of-suicide). Here are nine things you can do that can make a difference.
* [**How Can Virtual Tutoring Help Students?**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/57116/how-can-virtual-tutoring-help-students-during-distance-learning) Group tutoring is one of the most effective ways to boost student learning.
* [**Prioritizing Self-Care in Practice**](https://the-harvard-edcast.simplecast.com/episodes/prioritizing-self-care-in-practice-FxzPjD9X)**.** The importance of educator self-care and ideas on how educators can incorporate it.
* [**Big Drops Among Certain Majors**](https://www.ccdaily.com/2020/12/concerns-about-big-drops-among-certain-majors)**.** Will workers have the needed skills for key industries when the economy rebounds?
* [**Where the Promise of the American Dream Falls Short in Schools**](https://www.edutopia.org/video/where-promise-american-dream-falls-short-schools)**.** Pedro Noguera weighs in.
* [**Losing A Generation.**](https://www.npr.org/2020/12/17/925831720/losing-a-generation-fall-college-enrollment-plummets-for-first-year-students)Fall college enrollment plummets for first-year students.
* [**Pivot Out Loud**](https://hgse.me/3h6LKCN). What does education look like in a world turned sideways?

# 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)*.*

* [**Unigo Monthly Scholarships**.](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-type/monthly-scholarships) Sign up and get matched to scholarships that are personalized for you.
* [**Applications for 2021 National Youth Science Camp Delegates**](https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/bulletinsmemos/bulletins2020/B094-20.pdf)**.** The selected delegates must not only demonstrate academic achievement in science, but also show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership. Application materials are available on the NYS Camp website at http://apply.nysc.org and must be submitted by Feb. 28.

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [**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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