NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**  **Absenteeism** is the first indicator of larger issues, whether online or in a hybrid model.  [Learn how to foster a welcoming (virtual or in-person) school environment and identify students in crisis.](https://www.sia-us.com/register?fbclid=IwAR0YSK8FJUK2ue9XMHhfID11NqEbSHFwv_9c7zx88ZXqH1AGzC3pQ4msaVc) |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **New Opportunity:** [**WSAC Wednesdays**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkceyrrj4iGtI-HYOrRpF2J7SqNW0rT4_7). WSAC’s College Access and Support division will host drop-in Zoom sessions to get any of your questions answered related to general financial aid, financial aid advising day, or CBS.
* **Match Update:** As of Jan. 1, 2021, the state minimum wage is $13.69. Grant management documents now reflect this as the new volunteer rate for MS/HS student match. 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 School 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. To reassign funds, please submit a [Plan and Budget Revision Request](http://www.gearup.wa.gov/file/form-plan-and-budget-revision-request) form.

# Virtual Student Recruitment and Outreach Events

* [**WA State GEAR UP: Virtual Campus Visit Series**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/4410). View recorded virtual visits.
* [**Learn About the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship**](https://www.crowdcast.io/e/greenlight-amazon-scholarship/register). Join College Greenlight and Amazon to learn more about the Future Engineer Scholarship, a $40,000 scholarship for high school seniors planning to attain a bachelor's degree in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering or other computer science related field. Jan. 13, 3 PM.

# 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.
* **Free Webinar Series:** [**Excellence In College Counseling.**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/excellence-in-college-counseling-webinar-series-tickets-135694896087) Hosted by Reach Higher and Collegewise. For counselors. Covers admissions trends, college affordability, teen trauma, and college counseling best practices. Jan. thru Feb.
* **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:** [**Relationships 101: Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Maximizing Roles and Relationships to Serve Students**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/reengaging-reducing-dropouts/gate-equity-webinar-series). Hosted by OSPI GATE. Jan. 13, 10 AM.
* **Webinar:** [**ASCA/IndieFlix Town Hall: Racism and Student Mental Health**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nWLRvJOySsWhW9HJa5g6Qw)**.** Jan. 13, Noon.
* **Webinar:** [**Relationships 201: Building Hope Through Social Emotional Learning & Motivational Interviewing**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/reengaging-reducing-dropouts/gate-equity-webinar-series). Hosted by OSPI GATE. Jan. 13, 3 PM.
* **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

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Virtual Speaker Series: For High School Students**](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWg-9DmEamIL785e8tz6YZul9dVf1Fpcp)**.** Includes a GEAR UP-hosted college application panel.
* [**E Pluribus Unum**.](https://medium.com/waospi/e-pluribus-unum-resources-for-talking-to-students-about-the-attack-on-the-u-s-capitol-c23a5c0ad1b) From OSPI. Resources for talking to students about the attack on the U.S. Capitol.
* [**Free College Admissions Resources**](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/college-admissions-assistance-how-to-find-free-resources). No-cost resources (From NCAN member organizations) for college admissions assistance extend to advising, test prep, finding scholarships and more.
* [**Plan Your Future**](https://wsac.wa.gov/actionplan)**.** Find a wealth of information about financial aid, college, and career education in WA.
* [**College & Career Compass.**](https://compass.wsac.wa.gov/) Help students explore post high school options in WA.
* [**Education Resource Equity in 2020-21**](https://www.educationresourceequity.org/2020-21-school-year). Find Equity Guides, support with COVID-19 planning, and view additional materials from [Education Resource Strategies](https://www.erstrategies.org/toolkits/district_responses_to_covid-19) and [The Education Trust](https://edtrust.org/covid-19-impact-on-education-equity-resources-responding/).

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Washington Grads For Washington Businesses**](https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/washington-grads-for-washington-businesses/?fbclid=IwAR2mydYS2r5yu7VPDn-7KSF3GXMJWykOMZJnZycRd_-ZfD0mBGMvrYO6a2A). Why is the state known for STEM not known for creating the best talent?
* [**I Was Up All Night.**](https://www.kqed.org/news/11854615/i-was-up-all-night-pandemic-racial-justice-insurrection-and-the-teachers-and-students-working-through-it-all) Pandemic, racial justice, insurrection and the teachers and students working through it all.
* [**Making Space for Difficult Discussions**](https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/21/01/making-space-difficult-discussions). Guidance for educators and families around traumatic events.
* [**Caring for Students in the Wake of a Traumatic News Event**](https://www.edweek.org/leadership/teaching-in-the-wake-of-a-traumatic-news-event-like-the-storming-of-the-u-s-capitol/2021/01). How to unpack the emotions.
* [**How To Talk To Kids About The Riots.**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/57205/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-the-riots-at-the-u-s-capitol) Talking about helpers can make a difference in how kids see their world.
* [**A Failure to Educate**](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2021/01/08/capitol-riots-failure-educate)**.** Many academics are thinking about the humanities.
* [**Citizen Science Is Booming During The Pandemic**](https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/22177247/citizen-science-amateur-backyard-birding-astronomy-covid-pandemic). From backyard astronomy to birding, amateurs have been busy.
* [**A Daily Ritual That Builds Trust and Community Among Students**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/daily-ritual-builds-trust-and-community-among-students). This activity encourages students to open up.
* [**DeVos Resigns As Education Secretary.**](https://www.npr.org/2021/01/07/954725906/devos-resigns-as-education-secretary-says-impressionable-children-are-watching) Says, 'impressionable children are watching'.
* [**Education Beyond High School Is Essential For Economic Recovery.**](https://www.wenatcheeworld.com/opinion/opinion-gene-sharratt-and-sue-kane-education-beyond-high-school-is-essential-for-economic-recovery/article_fd477a82-44a5-11eb-af33-7b56d3d3775d.html)From Gene Sharratt and Sue Kane.
* [**Has the Pandemic Ushered in New Norms in Education?**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/has-pandemic-ushered-new-norms-education) Less reliance on high-stakes testing could be here to stay.
* [**The Elephant in the Room for the New Education Secretary**](https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2021/01/04/educations-racial-and-wealth-inequality-should-be-priority-new-education-secretary)**.** Inequality should be at the forefront.
* [**Once You Are Vaccinated, Can You Quit Social Distancing?**](https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/22219362/end-of-covid-19-pandemic-social-distancing-masking) Expect life to return to normal in 3 stages — not all at once.

# 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.
* [**Largest Scholarships You Can Find for College**](https://getschooled.com/article/5227-find-scholarships-for-college)**.** From Get Schooled.
* [**10 Scholarships for 2021 Native Students**](https://unityinc.org/10-scholarships-for-native-students-for-2021)**.** Open to students nationwide, are available to those in historically underrepresented groups, including those who are pursuing healthcare careers.

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [**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 |
| [**EngineerGirl Essay Contest**](http://www.engineergirl.org/10209.aspx) | This essay contest is for HS students – men & women – in grades 3 thru 12 (ages 8-18). To apply, applicants must write an original essay on a given topic related to engineering. Winners in each grade category will receive the prizes listed below:  First-place winners will be awarded $500. Second-place entries will be awarded $250. Third-place entries will be awarded $100. | 2/1 |
| [**Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship Award**](http://www.jackierobinson.org/) | ($28,000) - 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. Additional fellowships are given to JRF Scholars to pursue opportunities to work and study abroad, and for post-graduate education. | 2/1 |
| [**John F. & Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education**](http://www.nationalcowboymuseum.org/education/staceyfund/) | ($500-$5,000) - For students ages 18 -35, pursuing a profession in visual arts & be skilled & devoted to the classical or conservative tradition. | 2/1 |
| [**Naomi Winston Scholarship in Art**](https://www.nsalwashington.org/the-winston-scholarships-in-voice-and-art/naomi-winston-scholarship-in-art/) | For visual artists ages 16-22. $10,000. | 2/1 |
| [**HACER® National Scholarship**](https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community/hacer/eligibility-and-requirements.html) | For HS seniors who plan to go to a 2- or 4-year college or university. Must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage, have a min. 3.0 GPA, and be a legal resident. | 2/5 |
| [**Washington Opportunity Scholarship- Baccalaureate**](http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/) | For low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand majors in STEM or health care and encourages recipients to work in WA once they complete their degrees. | 2/11 |
| [**Washington Opportunity Scholarship-CTE**](http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/) | To be eligible, scholars must enroll in an approved program, such as welding, manufacturing or IT, at one of Washington’s 34 community and technical colleges. Scholars are eligible to receive up to $1,500 each quarter for the duration of their associate degree, certificate or apprenticeship program. Scholars that intend to earn their bachelor's degree after the completion of their program are not eligible for CTS and are instead encouraged to review the Baccalaureate Scholarship. These scholarship funds are flexible and can be used to cover tuition, fees and other costs of attendance such as housing, transportation, food and more. | 2/11 |
| [**AFA Teens Scholarship**](https://alzfdn.org/young-leaders-of-afa/scholarship-contest/) | Scholarships for essays on the impact that Alzheimer’s disease has had on their own lives & others in their family & community. | 2/15 |
| [**Nicholas A. Virgilio Memorial Haiku Competition**](http://www.hsa-haiku.org/hsa-contests.htm#virgilio) | For 7-12 graders. Must submit up to 3 haiku poems. All haiku must be previously unpublished, original work, & not entered in any other contest or submitted elsewhere for publication. $50. | 2/15 |
| [**The Christophers’ Poster Contest**](https://www.christophers.org/poster-contest) | Open to 9-12 graders. Must create an original poster that interprets the theme “One Person Can Make a Difference,” & illustrates the idea that one person can change the world for the better. $100-$1,000. | 2/18 |
| [**Gordon A. Rich Memorial Scholarship**](http://www.gordonrich.org/html/index.html) | ($12,500) - The recipients of GAR scholarships are exceptionally qualified high school students with demonstrated financial need whose parents or guardians have, or had, a career in the financial services industry. | 2/20 |
| [**Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship**](http://www.vrg.org/student/scholar.htm) | One award of $10,000 and two awards of $5,000 will be given to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities. | 2/20 |
| [**Doodle for Google**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/high-school-students/scholarships-for-high-school-seniors/doodle-4-google) | The national winner will receive $30,000 scholarship & $50,000 tech package for your school/nonprofit & your artwork will be displayed on Google's homepage. | 2/26 |
| [**National Youth Science Camp**](http://www.nysf.com/w/programs/nyscamp/) | (Camp) - The National Youth Science Camp is a residential science education program for young STEM enthusiasts the summer after they graduate from high school. Students from around the country (two are selected to represent each state and Washington, D.C.) are challenged academically in exciting lectures and hands-on studies, and have voluntary opportunities to participate in an outdoor adventure program, gain a new and deep appreciation for the great outdoors, and establish friendships that last a lifetime. | 2/28 |

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