NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: |  **Did You Know?**The College Board will no longer offer SAT Subject Tests. They will also discontinue the optional SAT Essay after the June 2021 administration.[Find additional details here.](https://blog.collegeboard.org/January-2021-sat-subject-test-and-essay-faq)  |
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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.
* **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.
* [**BigFuture Days**](https://pages.collegeboard.org/big-future-days)**.** College Board is hosting virtual events for high school students to connect directly with college admissions representatives and take action on the most important steps for college. Register for any of the four free events to chat with schools that interest you, hear from current students, get application tips, and more.

# 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:** [**The Fugitive Life of Black Teaching: A History of Pedagogy and Power**](https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2021-jarvis-r-givens-fellow-presentation-virtual). Jan. 27, 9 AM.
* **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:** [**GEAR UP College Knowledge Games & Activities.**](http://gearup.wa.gov/file/gear-college-knowledge-games-activities-students-and-families) Use this collection of college knowledge and cooperative learning games with students or during family events.
* [**Harvard EdCast: Prioritizing Self-Care in Practice**](https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/20/12/harvard-edcast-prioritizing-self-care-practice)**.** The importance of educator self-care and ideas on how educators can incorporate it in their professional lives.
* [**School Counselors Matter.**](https://s3-us-east-2.amazonaws.com/edtrustmain/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/30161630/School-Counselors_2019_V7.pdf) From the Ed Trust. School counselors are just one part — but an important part — of a system that ensures students have excellent educational experiences.
* [**A Model for Setting Up Group Work in High School Math**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/model-setting-group-work-high-school-math)**.** Collaboration is beneficial for student learning, and a strategy designed for distance learning makes it manageable and engaging.
* [**Promoting Equity for Students Experiencing Homelessness**](https://www.facebook.com/SchoolHouseConnection/videos/437412410779258)**.** Students of color are much more likely to experience homelessness than their White peers. How can schools make sure students of color experiencing homelessness feel valued and respected? Features WA students.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Federal Funding Could Provide a Billion Dollar Boost to Tribal Broadband Infrastructure**](https://www.mtpr.org/post/federal-funding-could-provide-billion-dollar-boost-tribal-broadband-infrastructure). The federal fund was set up by the latest COVID relief bill late last year.
* [**Biden Calls for $130 Billion in New K-12 Relief**.](https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/biden-call-for-130-billion-in-new-k-12-relief-scaled-up-testing-vaccination-efforts/2021/01) It includes scaled up testing, vaccination efforts.
* [**Career and Tech Support Gives Rural Students the Tools to Fuel Economic Recovery**](https://www.seattletimes.com/sponsored/career-and-tech-support-gives-rural-students-the-tools-to-fuel-economic-recovery)**.** The Rural Jobs Initiative, a program of WSOS that gives financial aid to support rural students pursuing high-demand fields at community and technical colleges across the state.
* [**Avoiding the Groans, Sighs and Eye Rolls**](https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2021/01/13/how-prepare-students-success-group-work-opinion). Lessons for any class you teach, whether online or in person, requiring group work among students.
* [**How Long-Term Online Learning in Pandemic May Affect College Students’ Well-Being**](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/education/how-long-term-online-learning-in-pandemic-may-affect-college-students-well-being)**.** experts say the mental, emotional and academic impacts of that shift are likely to be challenging.
* [**Amid Surges, Teachers and School Staff Line Up for Their Vaccines**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/57221/amid-surges-teachers-and-school-staff-line-up-for-their-vaccines)**.** The CDC has classed school staff as frontline essential workers.
* [**AmeriCorps Member Changes Career Aspiration After Moving Gap Year In VISTA**](https://nationalservice.gov/blogs/2021-01-11/americorps-member-changes-career-aspiration-after-moving-gap-year-vista)*.* After graduating from Baylor University with a bachelor’s degree in biology, Christian Soto came across an AmeriCorps position.
* [**Schools and Pandemic Resilience**](https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/21/01/schools-and-pandemic-resilience)**.** Updated guidelines on the measures that should be taken — and by whom — to safely resume in-person learning.

# 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** |
| [**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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