NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**  The College Board is awarding nearly **$5 MILLION** in Opportunity Scholarships to this year’s seniors. Over $2 MILLION will be designated to students whose families earn $60k or less**. No GPA or application is required.**  Get started at <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org> |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **Save the Dates:** [**2020-21 Working Calendar**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/2020-21-working-calendar)**.** The calendar has been updated to include virtual professional development events for WAGU-Paid school staff.
* **Reminder:** **FAFSA/WASFA support is available for free**. Students and families should never be asked to pay for this help. The 12th Year Campaign provides sites with free financial aid training, free print and digital materials for students and families, and helps host [virtual statewide financial aid completion events.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxoI/edit) Find [12th Year Campaign and Partner Materials](https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign). Ensure students and families know where to look for proper support and avoid costly scams.

# 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 Community and Technical College Fair**](https://everettcc.radiusbycampusmgmt.com/ssc/eform/BaEE4c708670x6700tKB3.ssc?_ga=2.23859898.1435488931.1603124491-311190999.1591821528&fbclid=IwAR10pjySWFrYqRvp7x1EvjHevPnhgWnQYF5ROFw2slgU6WfiriRRzXkoxQU). Skagit Valley College is proud to team up with Admissions representatives from Cascadia College, Edmonds College, Everett Community College, Lake Washington Institute of Technology, and Shoreline Community College. Learn more about these colleges and the programs offered! Nov. 19, 3 PM.

# OPTIONAL Funding & Opportunities

* **[Adapting Botvin LifeSkills Curriculum Grant](https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/(S(dyoyvi45dpportqrjbynt255))/WebPages/HomePages/FormPackageInventory/Profile.aspx?printable=true&FpId=3384&Fp=20)**. iGrants #991. Funds allow teachers/counselors to adjust the curriculum to be taught virtually. Due Nov. 19.
* [**Readiness to Implement Lifeskills Grant**](https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/(S(njbjstbupw1utfe2wglpianf))/WebPages/HomePages/FormPackageInventory/Profile.aspx?printable=true&FpId=3373&Fp=20). iGrants #962. Funds to assist schools and districts in examining their Healthy Youth Survey data to assess the need for substance use prevention and intervention. Due Nov. 19.
* [**Lifeskills Substance Abuse Prevention Grant.**](https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/(S(zdcscr55icq1qd5543fjlzmx))/WebPages/HomePages/FormPackageInventory/Profile.aspx?printable=true&FpId=3291&Fp=20) iGrants #761. Funds to implement the evidence-based Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) Middle School Program. Due Nov. 19.
* [**The Upswing Fund for Adolescent Mental Health**](https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-collaborative-fund-launches-to-accelerate-mental-health-services-for-adolescents-of-color-and-lgbtq-adolescents-301155262.html)**.** Funds to expand access to mental health services for youth of color and LGBTQ youth. Mental health providers and youth-serving organizations focusing on youth well-being. Due Dec. 4.
* [**WA COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund**](https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org/)**.** This Washington State fund is for undocumented immigrants who are not eligible to receive federal stimulus dollars or unemployment insurance money. Apply to receive a $1,000 one-time direct payment (up to $3,000 per household) by Dec. 6.
* [**The Power of Hope Award**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16YLrrtph2uBFAhRU6IcoqNkGrOPuNWhh/view). Recognizes school districts that engage school counselors in leadership roles that effectively organize and implement college/career postsecondary enrollment strategies. Due Dec. 15.

# 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:** [**How to Keep More Money in Your Pocket.**](https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5986363/FEPPP-How-to-Keep-More-Money-in-Your-Pocket-11-19-2020) Hosted by FEPPP. Nov. 19, 4 PM.
* **Webinar:** [**Intro to myOptions Encourage: Resources to Support the College and Career Planning Process.**](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8330329312168489488) Dec. 1, Noon.
* **Webinar:** [**Washington Student Loan Advocacy & Resources**](https://www.pdenroller.org/ospi/catalog/event/108757). Hosted by OSPI/WSAC. Dec. 2, 1 PM.
* **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.
* **Book Study:** [**WERD (WA Educators Read and Discuss)**](https://cstp-wa.org/cstp2013/book-study)**.** Hosted by OSPI and CSTP. Open to all educators in WA including teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, administrators, and ESAs. Runs Jan.-Mar. No cost to join. Must obtain own book. 10 clock hours available.
* **Webinar Series:** [**Washington State LASER.**](https://lght.ly/gab67co) Features experts and open-access tools and resources. For STEM classroom teachers, coaches, Teachers-On-Special-Assignment, regional STEM leaders, school/district specialists and admin, and CBO staff. Runs Dec.- Mar. No cost.
* [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Capacity-Building Workshop**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/cbw-2021-save-the-date)**.** Feb. 7 – 10.
* [**2021 A Virtual Rural Summit**](https://www.berea.edu/pfe/events/ruralsummit/)**.** Hosted by Partners for Education and Campus Compact New Hampshire. Apr. 26-30.

# RESOURCES

* *Download December!* **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.*
* **New Resource!** [**WA’s Public Four-Year College & Universities: Dual Credit Tool.**](https://councilofpresidents.org/dual-credit-tool/)Information for students and families.
* [**Right Fit Quiz**](http://www.settogo.org/the-right-fit-worksheet/)**.** From Set to Go: A JED program.
* [**New State of Mind: Youth Mental Health Guide**](https://unityinc.org/new-state-of-mind-youth-mental-health-guide)**.** A first-of-its kind mental health guide created for students, by students.
* [**Beating the Odds**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IazOAoNCL_U&list=PLzb2FcahKSbOr0QFpM5IAu9T4zAqgJ7RL&mc_cid=683179a035&mc_eid=751c58a6ec)**.** Reach Higher released seven episodes of their Summit on YouTube, each focusing on a different theme on how to support students post-high school.
* [**Discovery Center Education Programs**](https://www.discovergates.org/exhibition/education-programs). Explore new virtual offerings for educators and students from the Gates Foundation. Sign up for FREE virtual school programming. Interactive programs for all students of all ages.
* [**Native American Heritage Month: The Stories We Tell**](https://educationnorthwest.org/news/native-american-heritage-month-stories-we-tell)**.** Educators and education leaders have the responsibility to teach authentic, varied stories of Indigenous experiences and to recognize the individuality of the Native students and communities we serve.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Native History Is WA History.**](https://crosscut.com/equity/2020/11/native-history-wa-history-and-tribes-are-helping-schools-teach-it) Tribes are helping schools teach it.
* [**The Pandemic Is Raging**](https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/11/13/the-pandemic-is-raging-heres-how-to.html). How to support grieving students.
* [**A College Student Is Coming Home**.](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/56974/a-college-student-is-coming-home-should-the-whole-family-wear-masks) Should the whole family wear masks?
* [**Biden Plans Series of Reversals on Education.**](https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/education/out-with-betsy-devos-biden-plans-series-of-reversals-on-education/)New education spending, from preschool through college.
* [**Stop Expecting Normal from Kids (and Teachers)**](https://www.weareteachers.com/stop-expecting-normal-from-kids-and-teachers)**.** There’s nothing normal about teaching and learning in 2020.
* [**Reasons to Be Optimistic About Teaching, Even in 2020**](https://www.weareteachers.com/optimistic-teaching-in-2020)**.** It’s not all terrible.
* [**Who Cares 2020: Executive Summary**](https://imprintnews.org/child-welfare-2/who-cares-2020-executive-summary/49243)**.** The number of foster youth and foster homes are declining.
* [**What It’s Like to Learn in The Pandemic**](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/podcasts/special-series/two-middle-schoolers-their-mom-and-their-teacher-on-what-its-like-to-learn-in-the-pandemic). How not knowing what comes next affects life at home and at school.
* [**Extracurriculars Play a Vital Role During the Pandemic**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/extracurriculars-play-vital-role-during-pandemic)**.** It provides a sense of normalcy and social connection.
* [**Exercises to Get to Know Your Students Better—and Increase Their Engagement**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/6-exercises-get-know-your-students-better-and-increase-their-engagement). Celebrating your middle and high school students' unique identities can bolster connections and improve performance in school.
* [**Teachers Take on Challenge of Special Education**](https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/nov/13/teachers-take-on-challenge-of-special-education-du). They are perhaps most affected by closures.
* [**Procrastinating? Still?**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/51765/procrastinating-still-how-a-tomato-timer-can-help-you-stop-putting-things-off)How a tomato timer can help you stop putting things off.
* [**Ways to Infuse Your Curriculum with Hope**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/7-ways-infuse-your-curriculum-hope)**.** Young people dealing with the effects of the pandemic can be encouraged through lessons that inspire resilience.
* [**Steps to Developing an Asset-Based Approach to Teaching**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/3-steps-developing-asset-based-approach-teaching). Plan instruction that promotes a growth mindset.
* [**How Do You Retain Community-College Students?**](https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-do-you-retain-community-college-students-jill-biden-has-a-dissertation-for-that) Jill Biden has a dissertation for that.
* [**Student Debt Relief Part of Economic Recovery Plan**](https://insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2020/11/17/biden-student-debt-relief-part-economic-recovery-plan). Canceling at least a portion of the nation’s $1.5 trillion in student debt is an element of Biden’s economic recovery plan.
* [**Teaching Across a Political Divide**](https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/20/11/harvard-edcast-teaching-across-political-divide). How educators can help a younger generation move past polarization.
* [**Announcing the Retirement of NEFE's Educational Programs**](https://hsfpp.org/about/hsfpp-retirement/fbclid/iwar18v3keiqy2e2iswd8wthf7sgd26nhfky25q3kkvsplmx7wrqjqqqiobgu.aspx)**.** The High School Financial Planning Program retires at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year.
* [**College Students on COVID Gap Years Take Big Financial Risks**.](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-07/u-s-college-students-on-covid-gap-years-are-taking-big-financial-risks) The long-term costs are piling up.

# 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)*.*

* [**USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program**](https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1994-program). For American Indian and Alaska Native students studying agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, and related disciplines. The 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. Due Jan.31.

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [**10 Words or Less Scholarship**](https://www.studentscholarships.org/easy.php#sthash.2vdhoRcz.dpbs) | ($500) - In 10 words or less, say why you deserve the scholarship. | 11/30 |
| [**Education Matters**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship) | ($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 money?" | 11/30 |
| [**ACT SIX - Tacoma-Seattle**](http://www.actsix.org/nw/tacsea/) | (Full Tuition) - Will select approximately 22 of Tacoma-Seattle’s most promising urban leaders for scholarships to four partner colleges: Gonzaga University, Northwest University, Pacific Lutheran University, and Whitworth University. Scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans 4 months. | 12/1 |
| [**ACT SIX - Portland**](http://www.actsix.org/nw/portland/) | (Full Tuition) - Will select approximately 17 of the Portland area's most promising community leaders for scholarships to George Fox University and Warner Pacific College. Scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans 4 months. | 12/1 |
| [**ACT SIX - Spokane**](http://www.actsix.org/nw/spokane/) | (Full Tuition) - Will select approximately 8 of Spokane's most promising community leaders for scholarships to Gonzaga University and Whitworth University. Scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans 4 months. | 12/1 |
| [**ACT SIX - Yakima Valley**](http://www.actsix.org/nw/yakima/#toggle-id-1) | (Full Tuition) - Will select approximately 10 of the Yakima Valley’s most promising community leaders for scholarships to Heritage University. Scholars are chosen through a rigorous, highly competitive, three-phase selection process that spans 4 months. | 12/1 |
| [**Dell Scholars Program**](http://www.dellscholars.org/) | ($20,000) – For students who have demonstrated grit, potential and ambition in their quest for a college education. | 12/1 |
| [**Scholastic Art & Writing Scholarships - Art Award**](http://www.artandwriting.org/Affiliate/WA002A) | For 7-12th graders. Submit an original piece of art or writing. $500-1,000. | 12/4 |
| [**Scholastic Art & Writing Scholarships - Writing Award**](http://www.artandwriting.org/Affiliate/WA002W) | For 7-12th graders. Submit an original piece of art or writing. $500-1,000. | 12/4 |
| [**Community Health Professions Academy (CHPA) 2021 Application**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcuOo0MINJjdBPX6_M8mO-J7BZynVbCxEK_3oXywYVx6UJaQ/viewform) | This program is aimed towards high school, junior high and middle school students from minority or underrepresented communities interested in dentistry, medicine, public health and other healthcare related careers. Get insight into these fields with virtual hands-on activities, public speaking skills, and receiving mentorship from current health professional students and providers. Due to the pandemic, all sessions will take place on Zoom, but students will receive hands on materials via mail. [>>Learn more.](https://www.facebook.com/UWOEPD') | 12/6 |
| [**Apply for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest**](http://www.samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow/home.html) | 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. | 12/13 |
| [**Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America**](https://ledascholars.org/) | For juniors who are highly motivated, have the desire to be a leader, and have demonstrated compassion and care for their community. | 12/14 |
| [**Mas Family Scholarship**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/minority/other-ethnic-scholarships/mas-family-scholarship-program) | ($32,000) - Applicants must be of Cuban descent, have min. 3.5 GPA, & be financially needy. | 12/15 |
| [**AXA Achievement Scholarship.**](http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html) | ($2,500-$25,000) – For students who are ethnically and economically diverse and share these qualities: Ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, ability to succeed in college. | 12/15 |
| [**Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship**](https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.html) | Full tuition, fees, and stipend. | 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. Up to $500. | 12/31 |
| [**Top Ten List Scholarship**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/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**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship) | ($10,000) - In 140 characters or less submit a response to the question: "Surprise! You just got elected president. What’s your first tweet?" | 12/31 |
| [**Courage to Grow Scholarship**](https://couragetogrowscholarship.com/) | ($500) - Please explain in 250 words or less why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship. | 12/31 |

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