NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**  **Are you looking for scholarships?** Did you know you can search more than **8,000** scholarships, fellowships, grants, and other financial aid award opportunities on CareerOneStop's Scholarship Finder?  [Take a look](https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx). |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **WAGU Coordinators & Data Specialists**: Currently, all schools have students listed in the portal. Please ensure portal entries are up to date by Friday, November 13. If this is a concern, please follow up with [kellyk@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:kellyk@wsac.wa.gov).
* **School Counselors/WAGU Staff**: [ASCA Career Development Month Education](https://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors/professional-development/career-development-education). Get the latest on career development for your students with a month's worth of webinars and sessions. In addition to traditional webinars focused on career development topics, you also have access to a robust set of Careers Your Students Should Know About sessions, which will help you learn about different industries and fields that may be right for your students to consider. All sessions are free to members. NOTE: WAGU schools can use their GU pro-dev funds to pay for it for GU staff or counselors.
* **WAGU Staff:** Missed the 2020 GEAR UP West event or a session that you really wanted to attend? Good news! At <http://bit.ly/GUWest20>, you may view session recordings and materials for free at your convenience.

# Virtual Student Recruitment and Outreach Events

* [**2020 NACAC College Fairs.**](https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/attend-virtual-college-fairs/students/)Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents invited, too. NACAC Virtual College Fairs are designed from the ground up as mobile experiences that are intuitive, informative, interactive, and fun. Nov. 8.
* [**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.
* [**WA State GEAR UP: Virtual Campus Visit Series**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/4410). View recorded virtual visits!

# OPTIONAL Funding & Opportunities

* **[WA Equity Relief Fund for Nonprofits](https://www.commerce.wa.gov/news-releases/community-grants/2-million-in-covid-relief-grants-now-open-for-nonprofits/).** $2 million in COVID relief grants now open for nonprofits. Focus on organizations led by and serving communities of color seeks to address disproportionate pandemic impact. Due Nov. 6.
* [**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

* [**Rural College Access and Success Summit’s Conversations for Action.**](https://www.berea.edu/pfe/events/ruralsummit/) Partners for Education will host regular webinars focused on supporting rural students. Register for future webinars or view previous webinars.
* **Webinar Series:** [**Washington State Dual Credit Summit**](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5JXf6q9mROKxuGByGHxEnw). OSPI Virtual Series. Dates through November.
* **Webinar Series:** [**20-21 MTSS PLC Webinar Series**](https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/support-programs/multi-tiered-system-supports-mtss). OSPI Virtual Series. Dates through June.
* **Webinar:** [**Labor Market Relevance and Outcomes of Higher Ed in WA.**](https://wsac.wa.gov/pavetheway) Hosted by Pave the Way. Nov. 6, 9 AM.
* **OSPI WSAC Wednesday Webinar:** [Washington Student Loan Advocacy & Resources](https://www.pdenroller.org/ospi/catalog/event/108757). Dec. 2, 1 PM.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Fostering College Knowledge: Planning & Paying for Higher Education for Youth in Care**](http://gearup.wa.gov/file/fostering-college-knowledge-planning-paying-higher-education-youth-care). All of the resources listed in this guide are specific to youth who have been in foster care.
* [**How to Design a Culturally Responsive Bitmoji Classroom**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-design-culturally-responsive-bitmoji-classroom). Your virtual classroom can foster a sense of community by including items that represent both your and your students’ backgrounds.
* [**WSAC Financial Aid Toolkit**](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1XWkxJ_KDuPpglXrNptvBSFG7N_eJLUiS)**.** Downloadresources translated into multiple languages, including an overview of the new Washington College Grant program, Financial Aid Myths & Facts flyer and a WASFA promotional flyer.
* [**WA STEM’s Labor Market and Credential Data Dashboard**](https://washingtonstem.org/labor-market/). Enables students and their adult supporters to search for well-paying jobs that will be available in different regions across WA, and which credentials are needed to be competitive for those jobs. It combines data focused on future job projections, wage ranges, and other labor-related statistics. Share with students to help them plan for their career and education goals.
* [**Creative Ways to Reach Students Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19**](https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/creative-ways-to-reach-students-experiencing-homelessness-during-covid-19/)**.** How to find our students and make sure they are fully incorporated in our program and our schools
* [**In Their Own Words: Young People Describe the Impact Of COVID-19**](https://roadmapproject.org/resources/in-their-own-words-young-people-describe-the-impact-of-covid-19/). This new report from the Road Map Project highlights experiences of youth.
* [**How Learning Happens Messaging Framework**](https://www.americaspromise.org/hlhframework)**.** A tool for communicating about social, emotional, and cognitive learning.

[Register for their webinar](https://americaspromise.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEsfu2qqDwvGt3fVvHB_bx5O4gUQ3FfhZA1) to learn more. November 16, 11 AM.

[Click here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jcabIL8R3-zV1CNLaijRgN04o24RdYVmfdjqTpLtlTs/edit)for social media language and graphics.

* [**GradNation Messaging Framework.**](https://www.americaspromise.org/gradnation-messaging-framework) A tool for communicating about the high school experience and the graduation milestone. [Register for their webinar](https://americaspromise.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocuihpzIjHt1QSZr_g-IJnQw4ekK8nbEF?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Registration%3A%20GradNation%20Messaging%20Workshop&utm_campaign=Partner%20Email%20-%20Event%20alert) to learn more. November 18, 11 AM. [Click here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qMnBfGdJPfIMELClCe6D6wNrJbbxjdfepP2lcM-QBDk/edit)for social media language and graphics.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Native Leaders in Ed. Share Expertise**](https://sbe.wa.gov/news/native-leaders-ed-share-expertise). SBE hosted leaders in Native education for an in-depth panel discussion on compact schools, inclusivity, partnerships, and more.
* [**A Promise Worth Keeping**](https://edtrust.org/resource/a-promise-worth-keeping/)**.** An updated equity-driven framework for free college programs. Out of the 23 free college programs examined in our report, only one meets all of our criteria for an equity-focused program, the [Washington College Grant](https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg)!
* [**Letting Young People Lead With Their Identity**](https://www.edutopia.org/video/letting-young-people-lead-their-identity). By providing students with opportunities to let their identities shine, educators get to know them well and that is one of the first steps in culturally responsive teaching.
* [**Higher Ed’s Dirty Little Secrets**](https://insidehighered.com/blogs/higher-ed-gamma/higher-ed%E2%80%99s-dirty-little-secrets-0)**.** Five secrets too hot to share.
* [**Classroom Snapshot: ‘Character Is Just The Combination Of Your Choices.’**](https://readywa.org/classroom-snapshot-character-is-just-the-combination-of-your-choices)That’s how Ridgeline Middle School teacher Ryan Healy summarizes the content of the character development classes he teaches.
* [**With Stress in Schools Increasing, Simple Strategies to Stay Calm**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/stress-schools-increasing-simple-strategies-stay-calm). ‘Rapid resets’ to help teachers and students calm their minds and bodies and get back to learning.
* [**Restarting Amidst The Covid-19 Pandemic.**](https://www.waroundtable.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/P270_RestartingAmidstCovid_7.2020.pdf)Anoutline for how our state and schools can ensure education quality and rigor during the pandemic, address inequities, improve outcomes, and increase credential attainment.
* [**Everything About Learning Has Shifted**](https://roadmapproject.org/everything-about-learning-has-shifted/). One family engagement practitioner in the Road Map region, reflects on the complexities of online learning in this challenging year.

# 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** |
| [**NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing**](https://www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school) | Honors young women in HS for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for postsecondary education. | 11/5 |
| [**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**](https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply) | For young people who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. Max. award: $1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Eligibility: Students grades 5-12 who have conducted a volunteer service activity within the past year. | 11/10 |
| [**Washington Women in Need Education Grant**](http://www.wwin.org/what-we-do/apply-for-an-education-grant/) | General Education Grantees receive up to $5,000 over a one-year period to pay for tuition, mandatory fees, and required books and supplies at the approved Washington college or university of their choice. For females 18 and older. | 11/12 |
| [**Hagan Scholarship**](https://haganscholarships.org/) | Seeking to award graduating high school seniors with a scholarship to support their enrollment in a postsecondary institution. Eligible applicants must have a minimum 3.75 GPA and reside in a rural area (a county with less than 50,000 people). | 11/15 |
| [**Elks Most Valuable Student Competition**](http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/mvs.cfm) | ($4,000-$50,000) - The Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. | 11/15 |
| [**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/) | LEDA is looking for juniors in high school who are highly motivated, have the desire to be a leader, and have demonstrated compassion and care for their community. The LEDA Scholars program begins with an ALL EXPENSE PAID seven week residential program at Princeton University that includes academic preparation for college, leadership training, college guidance, SAT/ACT preparation, help with college applications and scholarships, and a chance to experience life on a college campus. LEDA is for life. After the Summer Institute, the LEDA team continues to work with Scholars intensively on all aspects of their college applications and their transition to college. | 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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