NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**   Job posting data point to employers’ use of certifications in hiring – with **50** certifications commonly mentioned on **two-thirds** of job postings across a range of occupations.  **Source:** [Lumina](https://www.luminafoundation.org/news-and-views/industry-certifications-offer-clear-path-to-jobs-during-the-covid-recovery-and-beyond) |
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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, Nov. 13. If this is a concern, please follow up with [kellyk@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:kellyk@wsac.wa.gov).
* **New Resource!** [**WA’s Public Four-Year College & Universities: Dual Credit Tool.**](https://councilofpresidents.org/dual-credit-tool/)Information that students and families should know.

# 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.
* **Today! Webinar:** [**The Impact of the Election.**](https://harvard.zoom.us/webinar/register/4416008765770/WN_bcgCyaDLStWAr1ftzwyJaw)Hosted by Harvard GSE. Nov. 10, Noon.
* **Webinar:** [**Facilitate Compassionate Conversations.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_S5BDL2n9Qu-KfFTUzihTnQ) Hosted by ASCA. Nov. 11, 9 AM.
* **Webinar:** [**Get Schooled's Resource Packages: Supporting HS College-Going From a Distance.**](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3580599608583975695) Nov. 11, 11 AM.
* **Webinar:** [**Where We Stand Post-2020 Election: NCAN Federal Update**](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3453049662625837324). Nov. 12, 1 PM.
* **Webinar:** [**Engagement 101: Foundations of Tribal Sovereignty.**](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqce2hrT8uHtGirAduvVQDoITOEuRFWQQm) Hosted by OSPI GATE. Nov. 12, 10 AM.
* **Webinar:** [**Engagement 201: Promising Practices in Native Education**](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtcu2opjksHt2Jnk9AOGhf7E59aAl9JjPB). Hosted by OSPI GATE. Nov. 12, 3 PM.
* **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:** [**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.
* [**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

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**Supporting Transgender and Nonbinary Students: College Admissions & Financial Aid**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/supporting-transgender-and-nonbinary-students-college-admissions-financial-aid-resource-guide). A resource guide for college access professionals.
* [**What's Working.**](https://www.ncan.org/news/537951/Whats-Working-Stories-of-College-Access-and-Success-Efforts-During-the-Pandemic.htm) Stories of college access and success efforts during the pandemic.
* [**Learning Management Systems (LMS) Resource Guides**](http://cstp-wa.org/teacher-tech-project-ttp/lms-resource-guides/). Teacher-Curators have reviewed and culled information, resources and supports that are most relevant to teachers who are unfamiliar with their Learning Management System and its features in one place that is free, available and, most importantly, easily accessible.
* [**Identifying Stress and Trauma**](https://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/identifying-stress-and-trauma.html)**.** Here are questions schools can use to screen for students and families in need of help.
* [**Resources for Families Coping with Mental and Substance Use Disorders**](https://www.samhsa.gov/families)**.** Every family is unique, but all families share a bond that can be used to support one another during trying times.
* [**PD That Helps Teachers Improve the Quality of Their Video Instruction.**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/pd-helps-teachers-improve-quality-their-video-instruction) Tips for planning professional development that supports teachers’ growing skills in using video to enhance students’ learning.
* [**Flexibility, Compassion, and Intentionality: Making the Pivot to Virtual Programming**](https://mcusercontent.com/a0d96cacbd72776b465181daf/files/12bd38da-0b2f-470a-884b-2155481b4e27/Virtual_Services_Paper.pdf)**.** Learn what methods KS GEAR UP used to engage students and families in a virtual environment.
* [**Resources to Maintain Strong Communities in Polarized Classrooms**](https://www.tolerance.org/the-moment/november-9-2020-maintaining-strong-communities-in-polarized-classrooms)**.** It remains critical that educators work to maintain strong, inclusive communities in their classrooms.
* [**Mosaic by ACT**](https://www.act.org/content/act/en/learning-solutions.html). A comprehensive learning solution featuring an adaptive academic learning platform, robust SEL resources, and learning and professional services for districts and schools.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**In A Troubled Time, School Counselors Find Ways To Serve**](https://ed.unc.edu/2020/11/05/in-a-troubled-time-school-counselors-find-ways-to-serve/). The new executive director of the American School Counselor Association talks about the field’s challenges.
* [**Relationships in Education with Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond**](https://www.sbe.wa.gov/news/relationships-education-dr-linda-darling-hammond)**.** President of the CA State Board of Education and CEO of the Learning Policy Institute shares the importance of relationships between educators and their students.
* [**How Can Teachers Nurture Meaningful Student Agency?**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/56946/how-can-teachers-nurture-meaningful-student-agency)Student agency is about empowering students to know themselves better, determine who they want to be and identifying steps to make this goal become a reality.
* [**You Will Have Obstacles**](https://equityinlearning.act.org/equity-in-action/guest-blog-you-will-have-obstacles-do-it-anyway). Do it anyway.
* [**How To Equitably Support Parents As Co-Teachers In Digital Learning**](https://learningforward.org/2020/10/how-to-equitably-support-parents-as-co-teachers-in-digital-learning)**.** If used within a redesigned equity-focused, student-centered, and parent-engaged educational system, digital learning can be instrumental in reducing inequities.
* [**With Stress in Schools Increasing, Simple Strategies to Stay Calm**](https://www.edutopia.org/article/stress-schools-increasing-simple-strategies-stay-calm). Rapid resets help teachers and students calm their minds and bodies and get back to learning.
* [**Self-care Can Be Social Justice**](https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/selfcare-can-be-social-justice). Self-care is critical for all educators. But for BIPOC educators, it can be a first step toward self-sustaining, anti-racist practices in schools.
* [**WA to Spend $24 Million In COVID Relief Funds For Remote Learning Devices**](https://www.king5.com/article/news/education/governor-jay-inslee-allocates-24-million-in-covid-relief-for-remote-learning-devices-internet-washington/281-9877b79b-0a47-4454-8af7-147587351caf)**.** The state will purchase approximately 64,000 computing devices for students across Washington who are remote learning due to the pandemic.
* [**Waiting for the Seniors to Apply**](https://insidehighered.com/admissions/article/2020/11/09/nearly-half-high-school-seniors-havent-started-applying-college-survey). Forty-seven percent of all students, and 56 percent of low-income students, have not started applying to colleges yet, says survey of high school seniors.
* [**You Want Systemic Change?**](https://www.ccdaily.com/2020/11/you-want-systemic-change-community-colleges-have-some-tools-to-consider/) Community colleges have some tools to consider.
* [**States Are Building Better Connections Between Education and Work**](https://medium.com/todays-students-tomorrow-s-talent/new-study-offers-a-map-for-navigating-the-chaotic-labor-market-ce53dffb089d). Learn how.
* [**Conversations Across Differences**](https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/20/11/conversations-across-differences)**.** How educators can confront polarization and create space for open conversations about the election and beyond?

# 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** |
| [**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 |
| [**Advancement of Women in Sports & Entertainment Scholarship**](http://tfmjf.org/scholarships/?mc_cid=7b4f605204&mc_eid=a2f060beda) | The Floyd Mayweather Jr. Foundation is offering a $1,000 scholarship open to undergraduate or graduate students who are majoring in Public Relations, Communication, Media Studies, Marketing, or Journalism. Applicants must have a desire to work in the entertainment or sports industry and a minimum 2.75 GPA. | 11/17 |
| [**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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