NEWS & RESOURCES

October 19-23, 2020

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| IN THIS ISSUE: |  **Did You Know?**Undergraduate enrollment is **4% lower** this year compared with last year, according to October 2020 data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. [>>Keep Reading.](https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/loans/student-loans/why-are-fewer-students-seeking-college-aid-theyre-not-going) |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **Updated:**[**Expenditure Guidance for Remote Learning Conditions**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/expenditure-guidance-remote-learning-conditions)**.** Find this updated form in the Coordinator’s Manual.
* **College Bound Webinar:** [**Counselor Signature Form Webinar**](https://us02web.zoom.us/s/84305180488?pwd=dU1xaU9MNmFZOUxWM2dHOUhuTTlMQT09#success). Learn more about how to use and complete the form. Ask questions about best practices and connect with CBS staff. Oct. 27, 10:30 AM.
* **New!** [**Updated College Bound Scholarship Resources**](https://www.wcan.org/college-bound-scholarship-sign-up/). Find a step-by-step framework to plan your school’s strategy for College Bound Scholarship sign-ups and activities.

# Virtual Student Recruitment and Outreach Events

* [**WA State GEAR UP: Virtual Campus Visit Series**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/4410). View recorded virtual visits!
* [**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.
* [**2020 PNACAC College Fairs**](https://www.pnacac.org/fall-fairs#Fairdates). FREE to students, families and counselors. WA College Week: Oct. 19 – 23, and AK & ID College Week: Oct. 26 – 30.

# OPTIONAL Funding & Opportunities

* **Grant Funding:** [**Adapting Botvin LifeSkills Curriculum to be Taught Virtually Grant**](https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/%28S%28dyoyvi45dpportqrjbynt255%29%29/WebPages/HomePages/FormPackageInventory/Profile.aspx?printable=true&FpId=3384&Fp=20). iGrants #991. The purpose of this grant is to allow teachers/counselors to take the implementation of the Botvin LifeSkills Middle School Program to a different level in their school. With grant funds they will adjust the curriculum to be taught virtually. Due Nov. 19.
* **Pilot Program: Summer Running Start.** In partnership with SBCTC, OSPI is now accepting [Letters of Interest](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzMyMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwOi8vd3d3LmsxMi53YS51cy9zaXRlcy9kZWZhdWx0L2ZpbGVzL3B1YmxpYy9kdWFsY3JlZGl0L3B1YmRvY3MvU3VtbWVyJTIwUnVubmluZyUyMFN0YXJ0JTIwTE9JJTIwRmluYWwucGRmIn0.6NK-KWhDRzTzvzye0qQf6qQpRwen07Bs712ZrqcLFGI%2Fs%2F421506233%2Fbr%2F86050410788-l&data=02%7C01%7CBETHK%40WSAC.WA.GOV%7Ca6ecbb4872c54760447a08d863bf7383%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637369022242277715&sdata=zeFuljL%2FpV8737GqZ2F1EQZWBI%2FN1%2BzJ7BpZ%2BCFmN9A%3D&reserved=0) to participate in the Summer Running Start 2021 pilot program ([HB 2864](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA5MjguMjc4MzMyMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2FwcC5sZWcud2EuZ292L2JpbGxzdW1tYXJ5P0JpbGxOdW1iZXI9Mjg2NCZZZWFyPTIwMTkifQ.jGLtWFT5dcy8kuWIE-yIQ2aOlUZAQzkVouX_GqLs8Lg%2Fs%2F421506233%2Fbr%2F86050410788-l&data=02%7C01%7CBETHK%40WSAC.WA.GOV%7Ca6ecbb4872c54760447a08d863bf7383%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C637369022242277715&sdata=SPxzCQE7XtrAUbF8fdnAyIXeONf5zYf4XDW5kXfTyuQ%3D&reserved=0)). Three selected colleges will collaborate with their partner districts to offer Running Start courses (limited to 5 credits per summer) to incoming 11th and 12th grade students in Summer '21 and Summer '22. Additionally, seniors who are one class short of receiving their AA may take 5 credits. You are encouraged to reach out to your partner colleges now so they can submit by the Oct. 27 deadline. LOI’s will be submitted by colleges only. For questions or more information please contact Jason Boatwright.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* **Webinar:** [**FAFSA 101 for Liaisons and Providers.**](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8888342457933667595) Oct. 22, 10 AM.
* **Pave the Way Virtual:** [**FAFSA/WASFA as a Key Strategy During the COVID-19 Crisis**](https://wsac.wa.gov/pavetheway). Oct. 22, 1 PM.
* **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.

# RESOURCES

* *Download November!* **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.*
* [**The FIVE Network.**](https://thefivenetwork.com/) This mentoring operating system uses smart nudges, curated text messaging, and asynchronous and synchronous video chats that are seamlessly integrated into a mobile experience.
* [**Buyer Beware: First-Year Earnings and Debt for 37,000 College Majors at 4,400 Institutions.**](https://cew.georgetown.edu/cew-reports/CollegeMajorROI/) Georgetown released new research that demonstrates the vastly different outcomes in expected earnings and debt payments for graduates across programs, degrees, and institutions. 1st-year earnings for the same degree and major can vary as much as $80,000 at different colleges. Check out the report to learn more.
* [**Reopening Washington Schools 2020: District Planning Guide**](https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/workgroups/Reopening%20Washington%20Schools%202020%20Planning%20Guide.pdf)**.** Students and staff must attest they are healthy and free of COVID-19 symptoms before they enter the building each day.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**How Ready Are We to Support Kids Through This Trauma?**](https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/09/16/how-ready-are-we-to-support-kids.html)School counselors on what they need during this pandemic.
* [**Eligible Families Strongly Encouraged to Apply for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Programs**](https://medium.com/waospi/eligible-families-strongly-encouraged-to-apply-for-free-and-reduced-price-meal-programs-ea8d33fa8a8a)**.** While all students may be provided free meals through the end of December, it is still critical that eligible families complete the application this fall.
* [**6 Things Students Need to Know During COVID-19**](https://blog.ed.gov/2020/09/6-things-students-need-know-coronavirus-covid-19). Can you get additional financial aid? Learn more in ED’s blog.
* [**Teacher's Viral Chromebook Hack Is A Must for Remote Learning**](https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/family/story/teachers-viral-chromebook-hack-remote-learning-73584590). It turns out with the touch of a few keys, your kid's Chromebook can have a split screen, allowing them to be on a meeting and look at their work at the same time.
* [**Parents Want Rules About Screen Time**.](https://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/parents-want-rules-about-screen-time-pediatricians-say-off-screen-interactions-matter-more/) Experts say off-screen interactions matter more.
* [**Homeless Families Struggle with Impossible Choices as School Closures Continue**](https://www.npr.org/2020/10/07/920320592/an-impossible-choice-for-homeless-parents-a-job-or-their-childs-education)**.** A job or their child’s education?
* [**How to Make This Winter Better, According to Psychologists**](https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2020/10/14/21508422/winter-dread-covid-19-pandemic-happiness-psychology). This idea may help you conquer the pandemic winter.
* [**For Many Queer Youths, COVID-19 Has Complicated Coming Out**](https://www.refinery29.com/en-us/2020/10/10085208/covid-lgbtq-college-students)**.** Especially if home isn’t safe.
* [**Life as an Essential Worker.**](https://imprintnews.org/child-welfare-2/life-as-essential-worker-former-foster-youth-dominique-ross/48086) From former foster youth Dominique Ross.
* [**Anxiety and Isolation Among College Students**](https://insidehighered.com/audio/2020/10/13/ep-25-anxiety-and-isolation-among-college-students)**.** Mental health issues have become primary concerns for college students.
* [**Hybrid School Might Be the Worst of Both Worlds**](https://www.vox.com/21515864/covid-hybrid-school-learning-remote-plan-pandemic). Part-time school might create as many problems as it solves.
* [**How Some Districts Deal with Students Absent from Virtual Classrooms**](https://edsource.org/2020/how-some-california-school-districts-deal-with-absent-students/641504)**.** Two districts boost outreach to vulnerable students including those who are homeless, foster youth.
* [**How to Manage Feelings of Uncertainty About the Future**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/56773/how-to-manage-feelings-of-uncertainty-about-the-future)**.** Tips from people who've been there.

# 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** |
| [**Horatio Alger Scholarship - National Scholarships**](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/national-scholarships/) | ($25,000) - The Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is one of the major scholarship programs nationally that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. | 10/25 |
| [**Horatio Alger Scholarship - State Scholarships**](https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/state-scholarships/) | ($10,000) - State scholarships are awarded to eligible students in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The program specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. | 10/25 |
| [**Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program**](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/) | For high-performing HS seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation’s best four-year colleges and universities. Scholars receive up to $40,000 per year, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to network with the larger JKCF Scholar community. Up to 40 College Scholars are selected for this program each year. | 10/30 |
| [**Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship**](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/#programs) | ($20,000) - High school seniors with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this $20,000 scholarship. | 10/31 |
| [**Voice of Democracy Scholarship.**](https://www.vfw.org/VOD/) | Provided by the VFW, students in grades 9-12 are eligible for up to $30,000.  | 10/31 |
| [**ZipRecruiter Scholarship**](https://www.ziprecruiter.com/scholarship) | ($3,000) To enter, please write a 500-800-word essay that addresses a job you previously held and your ideal post-grad job.  | 10/31 |
| [**Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship**](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship) | ($2,000) - In 250 words or less submit a response to the question: "Imagine that your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies, and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you’d hide and the top-five things you’d bring to stay alive." | 10/31 |
| [**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 |
| [**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 |
| [**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 |
| [**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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