NEWS & RESOURCES

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| IN THIS ISSUE: | **Did You Know?**  **More than half** of college students have faced housing or food insecurity during the pandemic.  Source: [Hope Center](https://hope4college.com/) |
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# WASHINGTON STATE GEAR UP UPDATES

* **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! View at any or the entire event at your leisure.
* **Reminder: Financial Aid Advising Days** are coming to WA high schools this fall. Help students get ready with videos and resources from the [12th Year Campaign](https://wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign). See the Support Modules section.
* **FYI:** [**College Bound Scholarship Deadline Exception**](https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/college/CBS-Resources)**.** A reminder that a special exception to the sign-up-deadlines will be made for students required to sign a pledge to establish eligibility during eighth or ninth grade in the 2019-20 school year. Below is information that outlines the deadlines for various cohorts of students. Class of:
  + 2023 (10th graders) - 11/30/2020 - Existing app from limited 9th grade sign-up.
  + 2024 (9th graders) - 11/30/2020 - Existing app from middle school
  + 2024 (9th graders) - 8/31/2021 - New app from limited 9th grade sign-up (available later in October)
  + 2025 (8th graders) - 8/31/2021 - New or existing
  + 2026 (7th graders) - 8/31/2022 - New this year

# 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.

# OPTIONAL Funding & Opportunities

* **[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.
* **Grant Funding:** [**Adapting Botvin LifeSkills Curriculum to be Taught Virtually Grant**](https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/(S(dyoyvi45dpportqrjbynt255))/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.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* **Webinar:** [**Adapting Early Warning Systems for a Virtual World**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsc-yvqDwrGdNC22Vw32gUPZ5X5ei9upT-). Hosted by OSPI. Oct. 28, 10:30 AM.
* **Webinar:** [**What Students Need Now**](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RsKyoPsER6mAgWFs6vBMjA). Hosted by LEV. Oct. 28, 12:30 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.
* **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.
* [**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.

# RESOURCES

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**ACT/SAT Test-Optional 101**](https://gearup.wa.gov/node/4393). Should you still take the ACT or SAT?
* **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.
* [**Affirming Black Lives Without Inducing Trauma**](https://www.tolerance.org/the-moment/may-8-2020-affirming-black-lives-without-inducing-trauma)**.** Find resources to help.
* [**College Knowledge: Student Lessons and Family Workshops**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FfIlXEpvDf94D3i3UhZZ3SDRym8ejbkl)**.** Lesson plans support [College Knowledge workbook content](https://www.wcan.org/college-knowledge/). Choose from these ready-to-use Google Slides or check out a suggested [scope and sequence](http://email.psesdorg.myenotice.com/c/eJw1UctugzAQ_Bo4Wt71-8ABCKhqlUMbtWpPFcGGoIQ4Ck5R_r6GtJK1ntm1Z0ZamzUOOtmkQ4YUKTUIIIUSQICYUqMuVV6gZjSXkHB6mdxk_bUn492dfRhaR1o_podMaUBrnNDMSNYhBeaMs0pzK6C1SNNTdgjhkrA8wTqeeZ7JKkaiWuRt970KdvdITsP52Pnr3FwtabsxYfXYDKf-dk7YBhKU660iuEXABJcRugiVXKbWTSGSxW5KUCyOYvGMxfp2aWHVe9-f3Apj_v_ZbXTn8CBrhfLpfes_3Wz3b7SMLVHPt6_hObw-yPJoQ0sWzB7p7uO-1S87XpZ0_ezsEP7SHN09BkLkTBpZGZ1zJiosi4orruqK6wKoEUzXFDjLodpIYKowogCUm1xVNBd1QdNrtnfhcIxrmKemJXNDev-T_u1hsBmoXysvg_Q).
* [**Social, Emotional, and Academic Development Through an Equity Lens**](https://edtrust.org/social-emotional-and-academic-development-through-an-equity-lens)**.** How to address beliefs, mindsets, and policies.
* [**MENTOR Virtual Mentoring Portal**.](https://www.mentoring.org/virtual-mentoring-portals) This free tool provides safe and monitored mentoring platforms.
* [**myOptions**](https://myoptions.org/)**.** Free college and career planning tools for students. Educators can access their free technology platform with progress-monitoring dashboards and research to empower you to guide your students to college and career success.
* [**WA Listens**](https://www.walistens.org/). A new program that provides nonclinical support to people experiencing elevated stress due to COVID-19.

* **<http://driveinwifi.wa.gov/>** free temporary, emergency internet access for Washingtonians.
* **New! Core Plus Aerospace Curriculum.** 10 units of curriculum have been adapted for [remote or hybrid instruction](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcoreplusaerospace.org%2Fremotelearning%2F&data=02%7C01%7Cingrid%40partnership4learning.org%7Ce32509e1e46045d6a35208d85a9345a6%7C0dbc1d08fd0349d38124f764757179a4%7C0%7C0%7C637358935863253476&sdata=cmMnKy8EMRU3W%2BS9lgANq68ANd9VHFtTAF%2F186TEjf8%3D&reserved=0), and are available to Washington schools.
* [**Washington State Financial Aid Calculator.**](https://portal.wsac.wa.gov/a/aid-calculator/) Debunk students’ and families’ misconceptions about not qualifying for aid and help them estimate an award with this tool.

# IN THE NEWS

* [**Upward Transfers Increase**](https://www.ccdaily.com/2020/10/upward-transfers-increase)**.** More community college students this fall have transferred to 4-year institutions than last year.
* [**Finding a Way Forward.**](https://www.americaspromise.org/finding-way-forward-young-peoples-experiences-navigating-world-work) Young people’s experiences navigating the world of work.
* [**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
* [**In-Person Learning Expands, Student Absences Up, Teachers Work Longer.**](https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2020/10/15/in-person-learning-expands-student-absences-up-teachers.html) Those are just some of the key findings of the EdWeek Research Center’s monthly coronavirus survey.
* [**Staying in Touch.**](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/55595/staying-in-touch-why-kids-need-teachers-during-coronavirus-school-closings)Why kids need teachers during coronavirus school closings.
* [**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, which is one of the first steps in culturally responsive teaching.
* [**Outbreak Snaps Bond with Welding Student’s Future – For Now**](https://imprintnews.org/child-welfare-2/covid-19-outbreak-snaps-bond-with-welding-students-future-for-now/48332). Former California foster youth: ‘I was born into a pandemic. I know how crisis feels.’
* [**It Pays to Be an Apprentice: 63% More**](https://www.npr.org/2020/10/20/925530452/it-pays-to-be-an-apprentice-63-more)**.** An apprenticeship program that matches employers with community colleges has launched graduates into middle class careers and could be a way to address the flagging fortunes of Americans lacking four-year degrees.
* [**Missing in the Margins.**](https://bellwethereducation.org/publication/missing-margins-estimating-scale-covid-19-attendance-crisis) Estimating the scale of the COVID-19 attendance crisis.

# 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** |
| [**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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