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Hello Financial Aid Administrators,

We are happy to provide you with the official (final) 2022-23 Washington College Grant (WCG) and College Bound Scholarship (CBS) award charts. The award charts will also be available in the 2022-2023 Washington College Grant (WCG) and College Bound Scholarship (CBS) program manual. The program manual and award charts will be posted shortly on the Washington Student Achievement Council web site at <https://www.wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources>. We will send another email when it is posted.

The primary 2022-23 WCG changes include and *are only effective through 2022-23 AY*:

- Expansion of the maximum WCG grant Median Family Income (MFI) range from 0-55% to 0-60% MFI. The attached charts reflect that change.
- A “Bridge Grant” award of \$500 for *some* WCG recipients. More guidance below.

Please be aware these changes were not through statutory changes to the Washington College Grant (RCW 28B.92). Instead, they were passed through the legislative budget process and are included in the budget bill (ESSB 5693, Section 610(15) – Bridge Grant and Section 949 (2) – MFI level). At this time, *it is implemented for 2022-23 AY*. The legislature would need to take action for it to be effective beyond this year.

Updated Guidance for Bridge Grants

Beginning with the 2022-23 academic year, WCG recipients who are receiving a maximum WCG award (0-60% MFI), but are **not** CBS eligible, and who have enrolled in at least 3 credits, are also entitled to receive a \$500 Bridge Grant.

CBS students are not eligible for the Bridge Grant.

The Bridge Grant is an annual stipend awarded in addition to WCG to provide supplementary financial support to low-income students to cover higher education expenses beyond tuition and fees, such as books, lab fees, supplies, technology, transportation, housing, and childcare.

Student directive requirements apply to Bridge Grant awards

The award amount is a flat rate, lump sum payment for the year, limited to need, issued in the first term, and is not prorated by enrollment level.

WSAC will be convening the financial aid advisory workgroup to work through the technical details of implementation. In the meantime, please send any questions you might have to WCG@wsac.wa.gov.

Eligible students are students who:

- are enrolled in at least three credits at an eligible institution;
- receive a maximum Washington College Grant award and still have need remaining;
- meets satisfactory academic progress;
- are **NOT** College Bound Scholarship eligible.

- To be CBS eligible does not mean a student is receiving CBS funding. Please refer to “CBS eligibility Cruncher” to determine eligibility.
 - Some examples of CBS students who might be eligible for a Bridge Grant include students who signed up for CBS but did not meet the high school graduation requirement, did not meet the enrollment deadline, and those who are past the 5-year eligibility.
- Also keep in mind Passport students who are also CBS eligible but who do not receive CBS funding. In this case, the student would not be eligible for a Bridge Grant award.

Median Family Income Chart for 2022-2023

For the academic year 2022-23 the Median Family Income changed to 0-60 percent of state MFI for the maximum award where previously the maximum award amount was 0-55 percent of MFI.

The MFI Chart for 2022-2023 Washington College Grant (WCG) and College Bound Scholarship (CBS) awarding has been updated and is available on the Washington Student Achievement Council web site at <https://www.wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources>.

As a reminder, please be sure to include CBS awards on Award Letters if “OK to Award = Yes”

When a CBS student record first matches with a FAFSA or WASFA application, the student’s record will appear in the “Cruncher.”

If the student has not yet graduated from high school, the information received from OSPI at that time, the “HS Req. Met” status, will show as either:

- Unknown – no GPA available in OSPI record
- Unlikely – the reported GPA was less than 2.0
- Likely – the reported GPA was 2.0 or higher

Those with “Likely” status will also show as “OK to Award = Yes”

- Be sure to award all eligible CBS students in this category with both WCG and CBS awards.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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