



July 2, 2015

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Becky Thompson, Director of Student Financial Aid

SUBJECT: **Additional 2015-2016 State Aid Program Guidance**

The 2015 Legislature completed its work on June 30, and passed the 2015-16 Operating Budget. This memo provides additional guidance related to State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship since my update sent to you on 6/30/15.

Public Tuition Reductions and Appropriations

In 2015-16, public tuition is reduced by 5%. In 2016-17, tuition is reduced an additional 10% in the research institution, 15% in the regional institutions, and is not reduced in the two year institutions. State Need Grant (SNG) and College Bound Scholarship (CBS) funding was reduced per the savings associated with public tuition reductions. Funding for both programs accommodates Caseload Forecast Council projections and the prioritization of CBS students in SNG.

Program (in millions)	2015-16	2016-17
State Need Grant	\$295.9	\$278.4
College Bound Scholarship	\$31.1	\$30.5
State Work Study	\$7.8	\$7.8
Passport to College	\$2.2	\$2.2

State Need Grant Institutional Allocations

The allocations to institutions are distributed based on the “fair share” based on eligible enrollments in the previous year and award amounts for 2015-16. The final interim report, due to the WSAC on July 10, will provide the eligible student data needed for distributing funds to institutions for 2015-16. **On time and accurate final interim report data** is required to provide your allocation information.

Historically, we have provided institutions with 90% of the total appropriation in June as initial allocations based on May Interim Report (IR) data. However, since the appropriation has been reduced, award amounts have changed, and we are within a few weeks of the eligible student data, we will not use May data this year. We anticipate distributing 100% of SNG allocations after the final IR has been submitted, no later than **July 24**.

Summer Term Awards - (Please note: This is updated guidance from recent emails.)

Please keep the following policies in mind related to summer term:

- **All College Bound students must be offered summer awards.**
 - For 2015, leader institutions must provide maximum SNG in the package
 - Trailer institutions must provide SNG in the package if SNG funding is still available at your institution. If not, the entire summer award may be CBS.

Public institutions must:

- Offer summer CBS (and SNG for CBS students) award using 2014-15 award amounts, even if the institution is a leader, because the award must cover tuition.
- Future term disbursements for either program do NOT have to be reduced to compensate for the higher summer term award provided based on the 2014-15 award chart.
- WSAC will adjust systems to ensure the leader institutions can report higher summer award amounts compared to 2015-16 academic year term amounts.

100% Coordination

Beginning in 2015-16, every CBS student must receive a maximum SNG award based on eligibility per the directive in the operation budget. The CBS award is then determined after SNG and any other state grant aid has been offered.

Award Amounts

Award amounts for State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship are reduced from 2014-15 for students attending public institutions in both years and held flat for students attending private institutions.

The following charts are the maximum award amounts for full-time students. Maximum award amounts for students who are enrolled part time need to be reduced based on their enrollment status.

2015-16 Maximum State Need Grant Award Amounts for 3 Quarters/2 Semesters					
Institution/Sector	Median Family Income				
	0% - 50% (full award)	51% - 55% (70% of full award)	55% - 60% (65% of full award)	61% - 65% (60% of full award)	66%-70% (50% of full award)
University of Washington	\$10,344	\$7,241	\$6,724	\$6,206	\$5,172
Washington State University	\$10,351	\$7,246	\$6,728	\$6,211	\$5,176
Central Washington University	\$7,284	\$5,099	\$4,735	\$4,370	\$3,642
Eastern Washington University & CTC Applied Bachelor's Degree Programs	\$6,871	\$4,810	\$4,466	\$4,123	\$3,436
The Evergreen State College	\$7,262	\$5,083	\$4,720	\$4,357	\$3,631
Western Washington University	\$7,522	\$5,265	\$4,889	\$4,513	\$3,761
Private Four-year	\$8,517	\$5,962	\$5,536	\$5,110	\$4,259
WGU-Washington	\$5,619	\$3,933	\$3,652	\$4,513	\$2,810
Community & Technical Colleges*	\$3,541	\$2,479	\$2,302	\$2,125	\$1,771
Private Career	\$2,823	\$1,976	\$1,835	\$1,694	\$1,412
Dependent Care Allowance	\$964	\$675	\$627	\$578	\$482

*Includes Northwest Indian and Perry Technical as private non-profit institutions.

2015-16 College Bound Scholarship/State Need Grant Maximum Award Amounts for 3 Quarters/2 Semesters	
University of Washington	\$11,611
Washington State University	\$11,345
Central Washington University	\$8,044
Eastern Washington University & CTC Applied Bachelor's Degree Programs	\$7,504
The Evergreen State College	\$7,941
Western Washington University	\$8,184
Private Four-Year	\$11,904
WGU Washington	\$6,280
Community & Technical Colleges*	\$4,300
Private Career	\$4,467

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	0% - 50% (full award)	51% - 55% (70% of full award)	55% - 60% (65% of full award)	61% - 65% (60% of full award)	66%-70% (50% of full award)
University of Washington	\$1,267	\$4,370	\$4,887	\$5,405	\$0
Washington State University	\$ 994	\$4,099	\$4,617	\$5,134	\$0
Central Washington University	\$ 760	\$2,945	\$3,309	\$3,674	\$0
Eastern Washington University & CTC Applied Bachelor's Degree Programs	\$ 633	\$2,694	\$3,038	\$3,381	\$0
The Evergreen State College	\$ 679	\$2,858	\$3,221	\$3,584	\$0
Western Washington University	\$ 662	\$2,919	\$3,295	\$3,671	\$0
Private Four-year	\$3,387	\$5,942	\$6,368	\$6,794	\$0
WGU-Washington	\$ 661	\$2,347	\$2,628	\$1,767	\$0
Community & Technical Colleges*	\$ 759	\$1,821	\$1,998	\$2,175	\$0
Private Career	\$1,644	\$2,491	\$2,632	\$2,773	\$0

*Includes Northwest Indian and Perry Technical as private non-profit institutions.

MFI Chart

The 2015-16 median family income chart below was emailed to colleges on Dec. 30, 2014, to allow institutions to program their financial aid system.

Median Family Income (MFI) for 2015-16 State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship Program Eligibility					
Family Size	50%	55%	60%	65%	70% (SNG Only)
1	\$22,000	\$24,000	\$26,000	\$28,500	\$30,500
2	\$28,500	\$31,500	\$34,000	\$37,000	\$40,000
3	\$35,000	\$38,500	\$42,500	\$46,000	\$49,500
4	\$42,000	\$46,000	\$50,500	\$54,500	\$58,500
5	\$48,500	\$53,500	\$58,500	\$63,000	\$68,000
6	\$55,500	\$61,000	\$66,500	\$72,000	\$77,500
7	\$56,500	\$62,500	\$68,000	\$73,500	\$79,500
8	\$58,000	\$63,500	\$69,500	\$75,000	\$81,000
9	\$59,000	\$65,000	\$71,000	\$77,000	\$83,000
10	\$60,500	\$66,500	\$72,500	\$78,500	\$84,500
11	\$61,500	\$68,000	\$74,000	\$80,000	\$86,500
12	\$63,000	\$69,000	\$75,500	\$82,000	\$88,000
13	\$64,000	\$70,500	\$77,000	\$83,500	\$90,000
14	\$65,500	\$72,000	\$78,500	\$85,000	\$91,500
15	\$66,500	\$73,500	\$80,000	\$86,500	\$93,500
16	\$68,000	\$74,500	\$81,500	\$88,500	\$95,000
17	\$69,000	\$76,000	\$83,000	\$90,000	\$97,000
18	\$70,500	\$77,500	\$84,500	\$91,500	\$98,500
19	\$71,500	\$79,000	\$86,000	\$93,000	\$100,500
20	\$73,000	\$80,500	\$87,500	\$95,000	\$102,000

*Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program, 2014. Based on 2010 to 2012 American Community Survey data.