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Washington State Financial Aid Programs

State Need Grant
College Bound Scholarship
Passport to College Scholarship

Training for
New Financial Aid Administrators

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Washington State Financial Aid and State Attainment Goals

WSAC State Financial Aid Programs

2016-17 Estimated Expenditures – Opportunity Pathways

	Fiscal Year 2017	Est. Students
State Need Grant	$287 million	69,000
College Bound Scholarship	$22 million	16,000
State Work Study[1]	$12.5 million	4,500
Passport to College for Foster Youth [2]	$1.3 million	400
American Indian Endowed Scholarship	$14,000	14
Aerospace Loan	$150,000	35
Alternative Routes to Teaching	$1.4 million	230
John R. Justice Loan Repayment	$43,000	14
Health Prof. Loan Repayment[3]	$4.7 million	75
Federal/State Loan Repayment[4]	1.05 million	20
Total	$330 million	89,888

1. Includes $5 million in employer matching funding.
2. Includes support service funding.
3. State only funds. Obligated in 2016-17 and disbursed 2017-20.
4. Federal/state match funds. Obligated in 2016-17 and disbursed 2017-20.

Programs Support Washington State's Educational Attainment Goals

By 2023, of adults ages 25-44 in Washington:

2015 rate: 90%
2013 baseline: 89%

100% will have a high school diploma or equivalent.

2015 rate: 51%
2013 baseline: 50%

At least 70% will have a postsecondary credential.

Proactive Administration of State Programs

- Each institution is responsible for following all of the rules and procedures provided in the **PROGRAM MANUALS**.
- These training sessions will highlight a number of the major items required to administer the SNG and CBS programs, but not all aspects of the programs.
- WSAC staff conduct spring regional workshops each year. All institutions should be sure to have staff in attendance.
- WSAC staff are readily available to respond to phone call or email inquiries.
- Be sure that all staff involved with the state programs have access to the **PROGRAM MANUALS**.
- Failure to follow rules and procedures may result in repayment of funds and, potentially, program suspension.

2015-16 Program Profile Information

	SNG	CBS	Passport to College
Number of recipients	**68,577**	**14,605**	**392**
Total program funds received	**$304,841,897**	**$19,622,781**	**$1,361,306**
Average award per recipient	**$4,445**	**$1,344**	**$3,473**
% attended four-year institutions	41%	58%	33%
% attended two-year institutions	59%	42%	67%
% age 23 and under	58%	100%	92%
% age 24 or older	42%	0%	8%
% were dependent students	45%	92%	0%
% were independent students	55%	8%	100%
% attended full-time in fall term	85%	91%	81%
% had children	28%	3%	13%
% were students of color	45%	63%	25%
Average family income of dependent students	$27,629	$28,835	N.A.
Average family income of independent students	$14,966	$7,225	$5,137

Students receiving CBS and Passport also received SNG.

Data from 2015-16 Unit Record Report

How to Apply for State Aid

Rule of One – Students to Submit Either (but not both):

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- FAFSA.gov

WASFA

- Washington Application for State Financial Aid
- ReadySetGrad.org/wasfa

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa

- For U.S. residents and permanent residents
  - All colleges use this for federal, state, and institutional need-based awarding.
  - Students complete each year.
  - Available beginning October 1 of each year.

Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)

http://readysetgrad.org/wasfa

- For DREAMers (not eligible for FAFSA)
  - Washington colleges use for state and institutional need-based aid awarding.
  - Students complete each year.
  - Available beginning October 1 of each year.

Student Access to WASFA Application

Application Access Point

- Direct students to www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA.

WASFA Vendor

- As of Oct. 1, 2016, the WASFA application vendor is Regent Education, Inc.
- This replaced the old vendor, Access Group/Need Access.

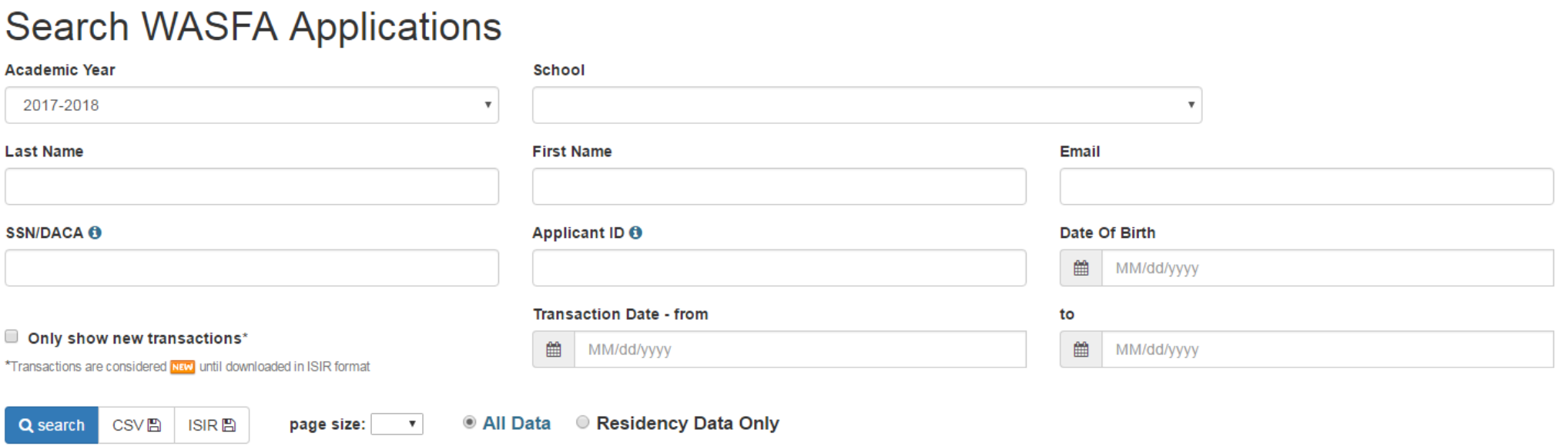
Tech Support at WSAC

- Applicants should contact WSAC directly for questions or technical support.
  - wasfa@wsac.wa.gov
  - 1-888-535-0747

Accessing WASFA Applicants

FAAs can access applicants via the WSAC Portal

- Applicant information is available in the WSAC interface the day after student submits WASFA.
- New permissions group specifically for WASFA.
- ISIR and .csv Download available.



Eligibility Requirements Common Across Programs

Eligibility Criteria Common to the Programs

- Must be Washington residents (more detail later)
- Must enroll in eligible undergraduate programs that
  - Lead to a baccalaureate, associate, or undergraduate professional degrees, or
  - Lead to a qualifying postsecondary vocational certificates or degrees
- May attend any of 66 eligible institutions www.readysetgrad.org/eligible-institutions

Eligibility Criteria Common to the Programs (continued)

- Students cannot, however:
  - Be working on additional bachelor's degrees.
  - Pursue degrees in Theology.
  - Owe repayments to any state or federal aid programs.
  - Exceed 125% of the established program's length.
    - Note: Remedial coursework needed to prepare for degree or certificate requirements is not included in the program's length.
  - Pursue a second associate's degree unless five years have passed since the first associate's degree was earned if they received more than 3 quarters/2 semesters of SNG funds.

- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
  - more detail later

Washington Residency Criteria

In most cases,* *students who are* U.S. citizens, eligible non-citizens (as defined by the U.S. Department of Education), and students with DACA (Deferred Action for Early Childhood Arrivals) status may qualify for state residency when they are either:

1. A financially independent student who has established a domicile in Washington by taking certain actions and permanently lived in the state for purposes other than attending college at least one year prior to enrollment at an institution.

2. A dependent student whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have established a domicile in Washington by taking certain actions and permanently lived in the state for purposes other than attending college, at least one year prior to the student's enrollment at an institution.

Additional information on student residency can be found at:
wsac.wa.gov/student-residency and readysetgrad.org/residency-citizenship

Must be Washington State Residents for State Aid

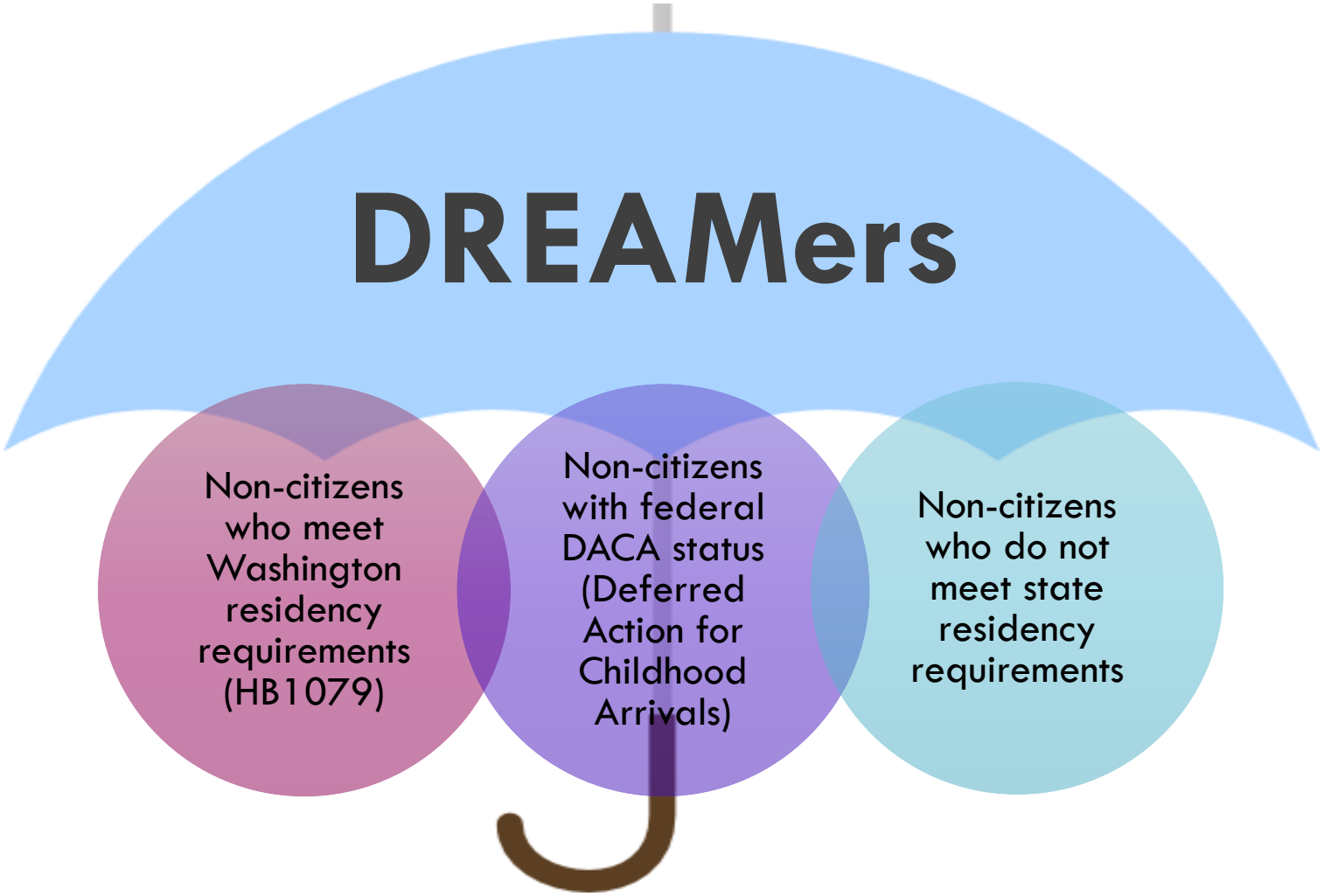
Residency definitions vary by financial aid program.

- State Need Grant and Passport = RCW 28B.15.012(2)(a)-(e)
- College Bound Scholarship = RCW 28B.15.012(2)(a)-(d)

Aid administrators must be able to distinguish between a resident determined eligible in the (a)-(e) category vs. the (a)-(d). Students qualifying under (e), also known as "1079" requirements, are eligible only for State Need Grant and not for the College Bound Scholarship.

- At public colleges and universities, there will be a ***residency officer*** who is responsible for making these decisions. At private institutions, the decision is made by the financial aid office. Additional questions on an individual student's residency may be sent to sng@wsac.wa.gov.

State Financial Aid for DREAMers



DREAMers

- Come from all backgrounds and life circumstances.
- Majority are youth brought to the United States by their parents at an early age.
- Living in the United States without immigration papers; Sometimes referred to as "undocumented."

State Financial Aid for DREAMers

As of 2014, State Need Grant funding was available to non-citizens who meet the residency requirements established in HB 1079: RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e)

- Has completed the full senior year at a Washington high school and obtained a diploma or a GED® (GED for State Need Grant and Passport to College).
- Has lived in Washington State for at least three years prior to, and continuously since, earning the high school diploma or equivalent.
- Signs a written affidavit to apply to become a permanent resident of the United States, when eligible.

As of 2015, State Need Grant, Passport to College, and College Bound Scholarship are available to students who have DACA status:

- Must meet the same residency requirements as U.S. citizen (typically a family living in the state for one year prior to college).
- Must provide DACA documentation to college financial aid office.
- Eligibility for College Bound Scholarship still restricted to those who successfully applied in 7th or 8th grade.

Institutions to Resolve Conflicting Information

- WSAC requires institutions to resolve any conflicting residency information, if any, between their financial aid, admissions, and registration offices.
- WSAC will periodically compare residency-related data reported on the FAFSA or WASFA (such as mailing address, state of legal residence, driver's license state) and request that institutions either confirm eligibility or resolve conflicting information.
- DREAMers shall be treated the same as other SNG applicants when resolving conflicting information and performing other verification activities.

Additional Criteria for SNG, CBS, and Passport Eligibility

Requirements	SNG and Passport to College	CBS
Meet HS Graduation Requirements	❑ HS graduation or GED	❑ Graduate from High School (HS) with 2.0 GPA or higher ❑ No felony convictions before HS graduation
Meet College Enrollment Deadline	❑ N/A for SNG; Must enroll by age 22 for Passport	❑ Within one year of HS graduation (Typically the fall term a year after a June HS graduation)
Submit an Approved Application	❑ FAFSA or WASFA each year	❑ FAFSA or WASFA each year
Meet family income eligibility based on Median Family Income (MFI) levels	❑ 70% MFI or less for SNG; N/A for Passport	❑ 65% MFI or less
Must Demonstrate Financial Need	❑ Award must also fit in the total aid package	❑ Award must also fit in the total aid package
Self-Help Requirement	❑ Only required if student is not an eligible CBS Scholar	❑ Not applicable to CBS program
Enrollment Status for Payments	❑ For SNG, can receive payments for 3 or more credits: ¼, ½, ¾ and full-time enrollment ❑ For Passport, students must enroll at least half-time per term (6 or more credits) but can receive the maximum award if there is sufficient need	❑ Can receive payments for 3 or more credits: ¼, ½, ¾ and full-time enrollment
Maximum Term Usage	❑ 15 quarters/10 semesters (prorated for part-time)	❑ 12 quarters/8 semesters (prorated for part-time)
Eligibility Window to Receive Payments	❑ N/A for SNG; Window closes at age 27 for Passport	❑ 5 year usage window from year of HS graduation

Colleges Determine Family Income for Program Eligibility

- For dependent students include:
  - Parents' adjusted gross income (AGI)
  - Parents' non-taxable income
    - Do not include the student's income
- For independent students include:
  - Student's adjusted gross income (AGI)
  - Student's non-taxable income
  - Income of any other adult included in the student's family

➢ **Note:** For both categories of students, if the AGI is not present, use the sum of all taxable plus non-taxable income.

Determining Family Income, continued

- Other things to consider when calculating and reporting family income for state aid:
  - Subtract included Title IV aid, if it was reported on the FAFSA/WASFA as part of the base-year income.
  - Exclude child support income for less than half-time students.
  - Professional judgment may be used to adjust family income up or down to more accurately reflect the family's financial situation. This must be documented in the student's file.

Median Family Income (MFI) for SNG and CBS

- Increase the family size on the MFI chart by one for every additional family member, beside the student and parents, who will be in college.
- Eligible CBS Scholars may qualify for CBS funding if their family's income is within 65% of the state's Median Family Income (MFI).
- Eligible students may qualify for SNG funding if their family's income is within 70% of the state's MFI.
  - Exception: previous-year SNG recipients with a family income that increased 3% or less from the last year's reported income may be eligible to receive SNG in the current year, even if the income exceeds the 70% MFI level on the current-year MFI eligibility chart.
- Passport to College eligibility is not based on MFI but on need.
- The chart on the next page gives examples of MFI eligibility for SNG and CBS.

2016-17 Median Family Income (MFI) for SNG and CBS

Family Size	50%	55%	60%	65% (CBS Maximum)	70% (SNG Maximum)
1	$22,000	$24,500	$26,500	$28,500	$31,000
2	$29,000	$32,000	$34,500	$37,500	$40,500
3	$35,500	$39,500	$43,000	$46,500	$50,000
4	$42,500	$47,000	$51,000	$55,500	$59,500
5	$49,500	$54,000	$59,000	$64,000	$69,000
6	$56,000	$61,500	$67,500	$73,000	$78,500
7	$57,500	$63,000	$69,000	$74,500	$80,500
8	$58,500	$64,500	$70,500	$76,500	$82,000
9	$60,000	$66,000	$72,000	$78,000	$84,000
10	$61,000	$67,500	$73,500	$79,500	$85,500
11	$62,500	$68,500	$75,000	$81,000	$87,500
12	$64,000	$70,000	$76,500	$83,000	$89,500
13	$65,000	$71,500	$78,000	$84,500	$91,000
14	$66,500	$73,000	$79,500	$86,000	$93,000
15	$67,500	$74,500	$81,000	$88,000	$94,500
16	$69,000	$75,500	$82,500	$89,500	$96,500
17	$70,000	$77,000	$84,000	$91,000	$98,000
18	$71,500	$78,500	$85,500	$93,000	$100,000
19	$72,500	$80,000	$87,000	$94,500	$102,000
20	$74,000	$81,500	$89,000	$96,000	$103,500

*2017-18 MFI chart is available at http://www.wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- The SAP policy is applicable to all state aid programs, including State Need Grant, College Bound Scholarship, State Work Study, and Passport to College Scholarship.
- Institutions must review each state aid recipient's academic performance at the end of each term and determine if they are maintaining SAP (more on next slide). Note that this differs from the review process required for federal financial aid.
  - Quantitative Standard: For full-time students, this usually means they must successfully pass at least 12 credits per term.
  - Qualitative Standard: Institutions must in their own policies have a standard (e.g. students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA). This can be the same qualitative standard used to comply with federal satisfactory progress standards.

Review Credits Completed for SAP

- When comparing credits completed to credits enrolled for, use the minimum number of credits needed to have received the award in the following equation:

$$\frac{\text{Number of credits successfully completed at the end of the term}}{\text{Minimum number of term credits to have enrolled for the award}}$$

- For institutions using credits:
  - 12 is the minimum number to have received a full-time term award.
    - (Use 12 even if the student enrolled for, for example, 15 or 18 credits)
  - 9 is the minimum number of credits for a three-quarter award
  - 6 is the minimum number of credits for a half-time award
  - 3 is the minimum number of credits for a less than half-time award

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- **Maintaining SAP** – when the student successfully completed **at least** the minimum number of credits for which aid was disbursed.
- **Warning Status** – student must be notified of this status when he/she successfully completes 50% or more of the credits but less than all of the credits for which the aid was calculated.
  - College can continue to make disbursements the next term.
  - College must have a written policy on the number of terms this may apply before a student would instead move into denied status.
- **Denied Status** – student must be notified of this status when he/she completes less than 50% of the credits for which the aid was calculated.
  - No further disbursements may be made.
  - Also applies to students who don't achieve the college's qualitative standard.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- **Clock hour schools** – since all hours from the previous payment period must be earned before making additional payments, there is no routinely recognized probationary/warning period for clock-hour schools. Schools may petition the Council; however, to allow a probationary/warning period.
- **Other conditions of SAP Policy** – a student may be denied further disbursements if the student fails any other conditions of the institutions approved SAP policy.
- **Reinstatement** – each institution's SAP policy shall state which conditions a denied status student must meet before being reinstated.
- **Professional Judgment/Appeals** – An institution may, on a case-by-case basis, reinstate a student into satisfactory academic progress standing in response to that student's extenuating circumstances.

Maximum Terms Funds May be Received

Quarter Payment Schools*

- 15 quarters for SNG & Passport
- 12 quarters for CBS

*Includes clock hour schools

Semester Payment Schools

- 10 semesters for SNG & Passport
- 8 semesters for CBS

- Monitored by WSAC by calculating Quarters of Eligibility Remaining (QER). Those on semester payments are converted to QER (e.g. 5 semesters = 7.5 quarters).
- Payments for less full-time awards are prorated. (e.g. A student who attended a quarter institution and received a payment as a less than half-time student would count as .25 quarter; for a half-time payment, it would count as .5 quarter; for a ¾ time payment, it would count as .75 quarter.)
- For SNG, the QER for students appears in the Archive file located in the portal
- For CBS students, the QER appears in the Cruncher file located in the portal.

Washington State Aid - Conditions of Awards

Must be presented **annually** to state grant and scholarship recipients before the first disbursement each year.

Please review your institution's version to make sure it includes all of these items.

Washington State Aid - Conditions of Award

The State of Washington is offering you financial assistance to help support your education expenses. Please visit www.opportunitypathway.wa.gov to receive more information about financial aid, scholarships, work study, and student loans.

In order to receive this financial assistance you will need to comply with the following conditions. If you have questions or find that you cannot comply with these conditions, please contact the financial aid office.

1. You do not owe a repayment to any federal or state grant or scholarship nor are you in default on a state or federal student loan.
2. You must meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the program(s) awarded.
3. If you do not attend or if you withdraw from your classes, you may owe a repayment of all or part of the award amount(s).
4. The offer of this financial assistance is subject to, and conditioned upon, the availability of funds. The Washington Student Achievement Council and the institution through which the grant or scholarship is awarded reserve the right to withdraw, reduce, or modify the awards due to funding limitations or due to changes in circumstances which affect your eligibility for the program(s).
5. You must maintain academic progress standards following your institutions policies for state aid programs. You must not pursue a degree in theology or hold a bachelor's degree.

You may choose to voluntarily make financial contributions to the Washington Student Achievement Council in recognition of the assistance that you received. All voluntary contributions will be used to provide financial assistance to other students. Please contact finaid@wsac.wa.gov for more information.

State Directive for Disbursement of State Aid – Private Institutions

Must be on file for each state grant or scholarship recipient at private institutions.

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STUDENT DIRECTIVE FOR DISBURSEMENT OF STATE AID

Return this form to the ***NAME of Institution*** Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.

Student Name (please print):_____ID#:_____

You have been awarded state financial aid from the State of Washington. Your designation and signature on this form will document your choice for funds to be applied directly into your student account or to be given directly to you in the form of a check. A state grant or scholarship recipient has the following two choices:

- Choosing to have the funds deposited to your student account permits the aid to be automatically credited toward expenses you may owe to the institution. This option allows faster processing of any refunds of financial aid proceeds that may be due you.
- Choosing to have state financial aid funds given directly to you means that state student aid will not be automatically available to pay for tuition and fees. You are responsible for using the funds to pay for educational expenses including any expense you owe to the institution.

Please choose one of these options:

_____ I choose to have state aid funds applied directly to my student account and automatically credited toward expenses I owe ***NAME of Institution***.

OR

_____ I wish to have state aid funds given directly to me (not credited to my student account). I understand that I am responsible for all outstanding balances on my student account at ***NAME of Institution***.

Your choice will stay in effect as long as you are enrolled at this institution. However, you may change your directive for a future term by informing your Financial Aid Office in writing.

_____

Student Signature Date

Make sure you check one of the options above and return this form to:

NAME of Institution

Address

Address

Address

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Student Signature Date

State Need Grant Program

State Need Grant (SNG) Program

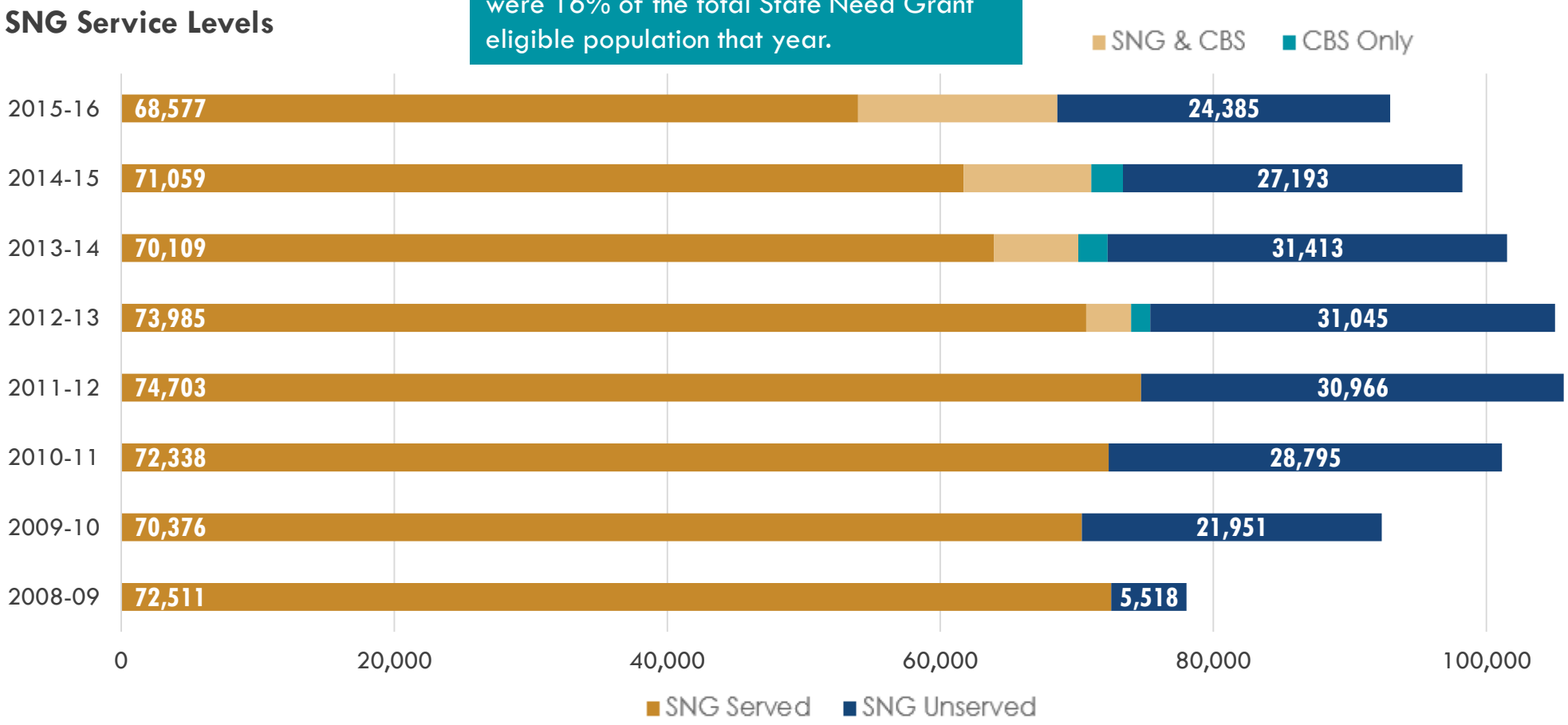
- Established by the Legislature in 1969 with the intent to offset tuition and fees for low-income students.
- State's largest financial aid program. Washington undergraduate residents received $305 million in 2015-16.
- Nearly 69,000 SNG recipients in 2015-16. Over 24,000 left unserved; enrollments continue to outpace available funding.
- Must meet income and need standards based on "Median Family Income" (MFI). Income must be at 70% of MFI or less to qualify.

State Need Grant Service Levels

Nearly 69,000 students received SNG in 2015-16, but another 24,000 students were unserved.

The 14,605 CBS recipients in 2015-16 were 16% of the total State Need Grant eligible population that year.

Although enrollments have declined in the two-year sector, total eligible students remain high.



Source: WSAC *Final Interim Report, 2007-08 to 2015-16*. Unserved data for 2012-13 through 2014-15 reflect coordination policy in the 2015 operating budget.

SNG Funding and Student Selections

Shared Program Responsibilities

*Unique to SNG program

WSAC:

- Provides each institution an annual SNG allocation using a "fair share" distribution model*
- Informs institutions of the SNG award amounts that are to be awarded to eligible students.
- Provides funds to institutions for SNG awards once required data has been received.
- Provides annual training through spring workshops and at summer and fall WFAA events.
- Reviews institutional data submitted to assure compliance with state rules and regulations.

Institutions:

- Select and award SNG students following state rules and regulations*
- Request funds from WSAC and disburse funds to students.
- Report students selected and funds awarded to WSAC through interim reports.
- Report students who are unserved due to a lack of SNG funding*
- Reports financial aid data on all needy students at end of each year through Unit Record Report.

SNG Archive - Check Before Awarding

It is the institution's responsibility to check for eligibility prior to awarding and disbursing SNG funds each term.

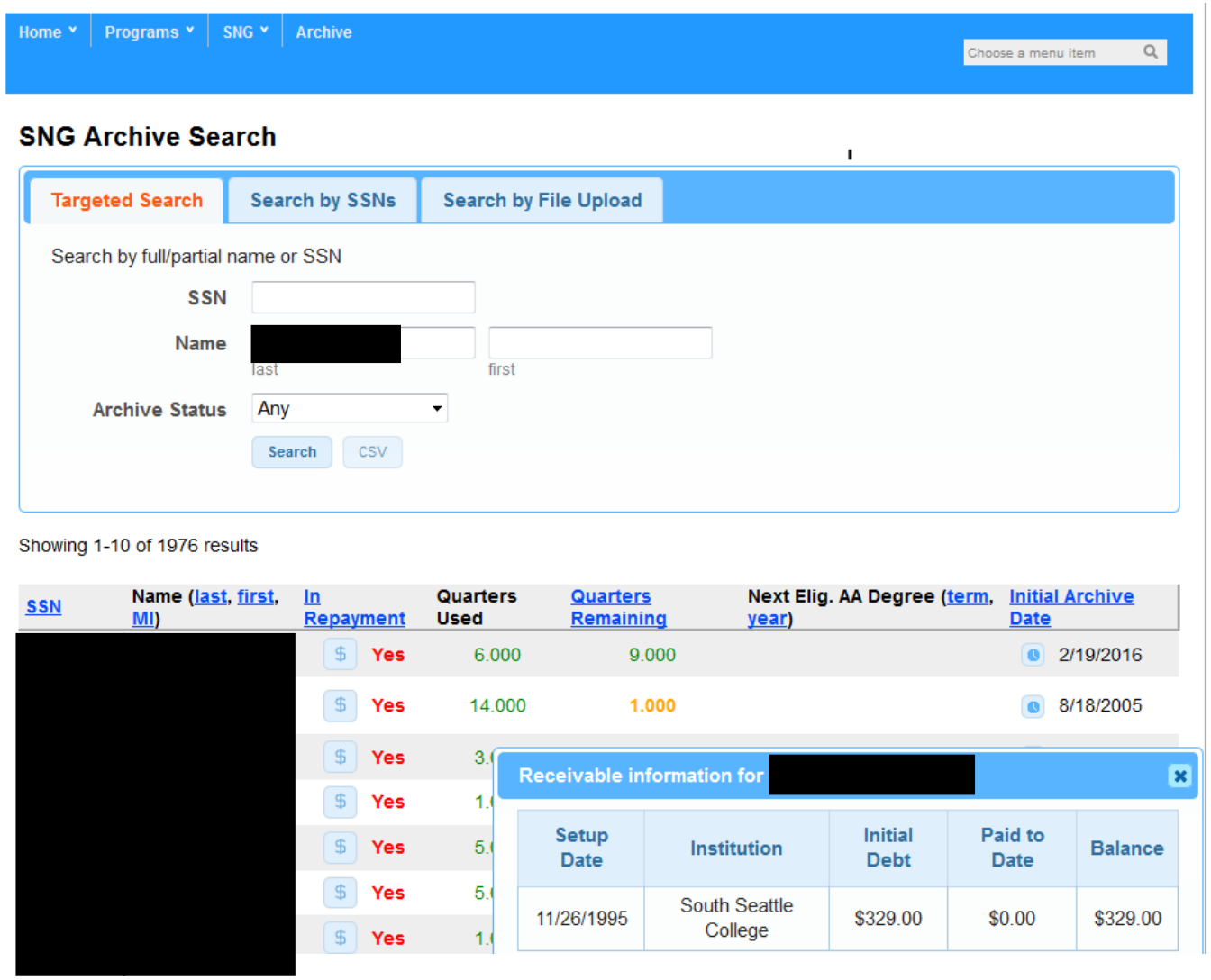
The SNG Archive is utilized to:

- Provide SNG history through the most current annual reconciliation
- Reflect eligibility information:
  - Outstanding/defaulted SNG repayments
  - Prior associate degrees within SNG program
  - Maximum term usage with warnings

To access the Archive:

- **Log in to Portal**
- **Select Programs, SNG, Archive**

Archive Example



SNG Dependent Care Allowance (DCA)

- Awarded to eligible students at the discretion of the institution.
  - In 2015-16, only 4 institutions used this option.
- Awarded in addition to the base grant.
- Same amount regardless of the number of dependents.
- Adjusted for MFI and enrollment the same way as SNG awards.
  - e.g. $906 per year for MFI 0-50% (see chart later for all amounts)

Dependent is defined as:

- Dependent living with the student, other than the student's spouse.

Care is defined as:

- Assistance provided to the dependent for which the student pays another person (someone outside of the household).

Other SNG Awarding Considerations

- Concurrent awards by two institutions are permitted. Schools must coordinate their awards, however, so that the student does not receive more than one full-time award payment per term.
- Under-awarding to stretch dollars outside of an institution's formal gift equity policy is not permitted.
- Post-withdrawal disbursements are not permitted.
- Retroactive payments are **permitted** (but not required) within the same fiscal year.

SNG Self-Help Requirements and Institutional Gift Equity Policies for CBS Eligible Scholars

- SNG self-help requirements and institutional gift equity policies do not apply to eligible CBS Scholars.
- All eligible CBS Scholars must be awarded the maximum SNG amounts for their MFI ranges and need.
  - Note: This policy applies to all eligible CBS Scholars, even if the students don't receive CBS funding that year.

SNG Self-Help Requirements and Institutional Gift Equity Policies for non-Eligible CBS Scholars

For all other SNG students, the self-help requirement is 25% of the COA, unless one of the following reduces that amount:

- If the COA is greater than $13,860 in 2016-17, a $3,465 self-help requirement may be used in lieu of 25% of the COA.
- May waive the SNG self-help requirement for other SNG-eligible students at institutions that have reduced their cost of attendance (COA) for all students by at least 25% below the Washington Financial Aid Association (WFAA) student budgets.
- May reduce the SNG self-help requirement to 12% for other SNG-eligible students if using an “at home” COA. In most cases this will mean using a “living with parent” budget.

Examples of Self-Help for SNG Students

- Expected Family Contributions (EFC)
- Unmet Need
- VA Benefits and Waivers
- Merit-Based Aid and Waivers
- College Bound Scholarships
- Loans
- Scholarships (all sources)
- SBCTC Opportunity Grants
- Education & Training Vouchers (ETV)
- Work Study

SNG Awards Vary Based on the MFI Range

State Need Grant awards vary by the student's family's income level. Use the student's Median Family Income (MFI) to determine the base award amount for the year.

MFI Range	Percentage of Award
0-50%	100%
>50%-55%	70%
>55%-60%	65%
>60%-65%	60%
>65%-70%	50%

- Note: the lower the MFI range, the higher the award.

2016-17 Maximum SNG Award Amounts

By sector, for 3 quarters/2 semesters, for students enrolled full-time for all terms

Institution/Sector	Median Family Income (MFI) Levels								
	Total Maximum SNG and CBS to Eligible College Bound Scholars (up to 65% MFI)	0% - 50%		>50% - 55%		>55% - 60%		>60% - 65%	
		SNG Max	CBS Max	SNG Max	CBS Max	SNG Max	CBS Max	SNG Max	CBS Max
University of Washington	**$10,499**	$9,348	$1,151	$6,544	$3,955	$6,076	$4,423	$5,609	$4,890
Washington State University	**$10,260**	$9,369	$891	$6,558	$3,702	$3,090	$4,170	$5,621	$4,639
Central Washington University	**$6,913**	$6,293	$620	$4,405	$2,508	$4,090	$2,823	$3,776	$3,137
Eastern Washington University & CTC Applied Bachelor's Degree Programs	**$6,453**	$5,947	$506	$4,163	$2,290	$3,866	$2,587	$3,568	$2,885
The Evergreen State College	**$6,825**	$6,268	$557	$4,388	$2,437	$4,074	$2,751	$3,761	$3,064
Western Washington University	**$7,031**	$6,495	$536	$4,547	$2,485	$4,222	$2,809	$3,897	$3,134
Private Four-year	**$11,904**	$8,517	$3,387	$5,962	$5,942	$5,536	$6,368	$5,110	$6,794
WGU Washington	**$6,280**	$5,619	$661	$3,933	$2,347	$3,652	$2,628	$3,371	$2,909
Community/Technical Colleges*	**$4,300**	$3,541	$759	$2,479	$1,821	$2,302	$1,998	$2,125	$2,175
Private Career	**$4,467**	$2,823	$1,644	$1,976	$2,491	$1,835	$2,632	$1,694	$2,773
Dependent Care Allowance***	**$906**	$906		$634		$589		$544	

*Includes Northwest Indian College and Perry Technical Institute

**Eligible students will receive more than these amounts if enrolled for more than 3 quarters or 2 semesters.

***Dependent Care Allowance is in addition to the SNG max. Recipients of CBS and DCA will exceed the Total Maximum SNG and CBS maximum.

Adjusting the Annual SNG Award Amounts

- Attendance Less Than 9 Months:
  - Students only attending one quarter get 1/3 of the annual award
  - Students only attending one semester get 1/2 of the annual award
- Fourth Quarter/Third Semester Awards
  - The value of the additional term is calculated just as any other term. Because of the additional term, the yearly amount the student receives will exceed the yearly grant amount on the award chart by the value of the additional term.
- Fractional Last Term
  - Fractional awards are allowed in cases where there is not sufficient term eligibility remaining to give a regular payment based on the enrollment status.

Adjusting the SNG Award

Gift Equity Packaging

- Limit the award if receipt of SNG, in combination with other gift aid, exceeds your gift equity packaging policy. **This cannot be applied to SNG awards for CBS recipients.**

Uneven Disbursements

- You may award a greater proportion of the yearly award in one term if justified by the student's cost. **Be sure to document in student's file.**

Cannot Exceed Tuition

- The base grant cannot exceed the actual tuition, service and activity fees charged to eligible students.

Adjusting SNG Awards for Enrollment Status

SNG and DCA term award amounts are adjusted for enrollments based on the following rates of enrollment for each term:

Full Time = 100% of the amounts in the award chart 12 or more credits or 300 or more clock hours per term
¾ time = 75% of the full time award within the student's MFI category 9-11 credits or 225-299 clock hours per term*
½ time = 50% of the full time award within the student's MFI category 6-8 credits or 150-224 clock hours per term*
Less Than Half Time = 25% of the full time award within the student's MFI category 3-5 credits or 75-149 clock hours per term*

**These only apply to the last payment request for clock hour schools.*

College Bound Scholarship Program

College Bound Scholarship Program

- Established by the Legislature in 2007 as an early commitment of state funding to encourage low-income 7th and 8th graders to attend college.
- More than 250,000 students in grades 7 and 8 have applied for CBS since 2007.
- 14,605 CBS students received 19.6 million in 2015-16.
- Must meet income and need standards based on “Median Family Income” (MFI). Income must be at 65% of MFI or less to qualify.

Apply for CBS in 7th or 8th Grade if Eligible

Who is Eligible to Apply for CBS?

Students must meet ONE of these requirements:

- Family's income meets the requirements on the chart.
- Family receives TANF benefits.
- Student is a foster youth.

Once a student's application is complete, they will receive a College Bound certificate.

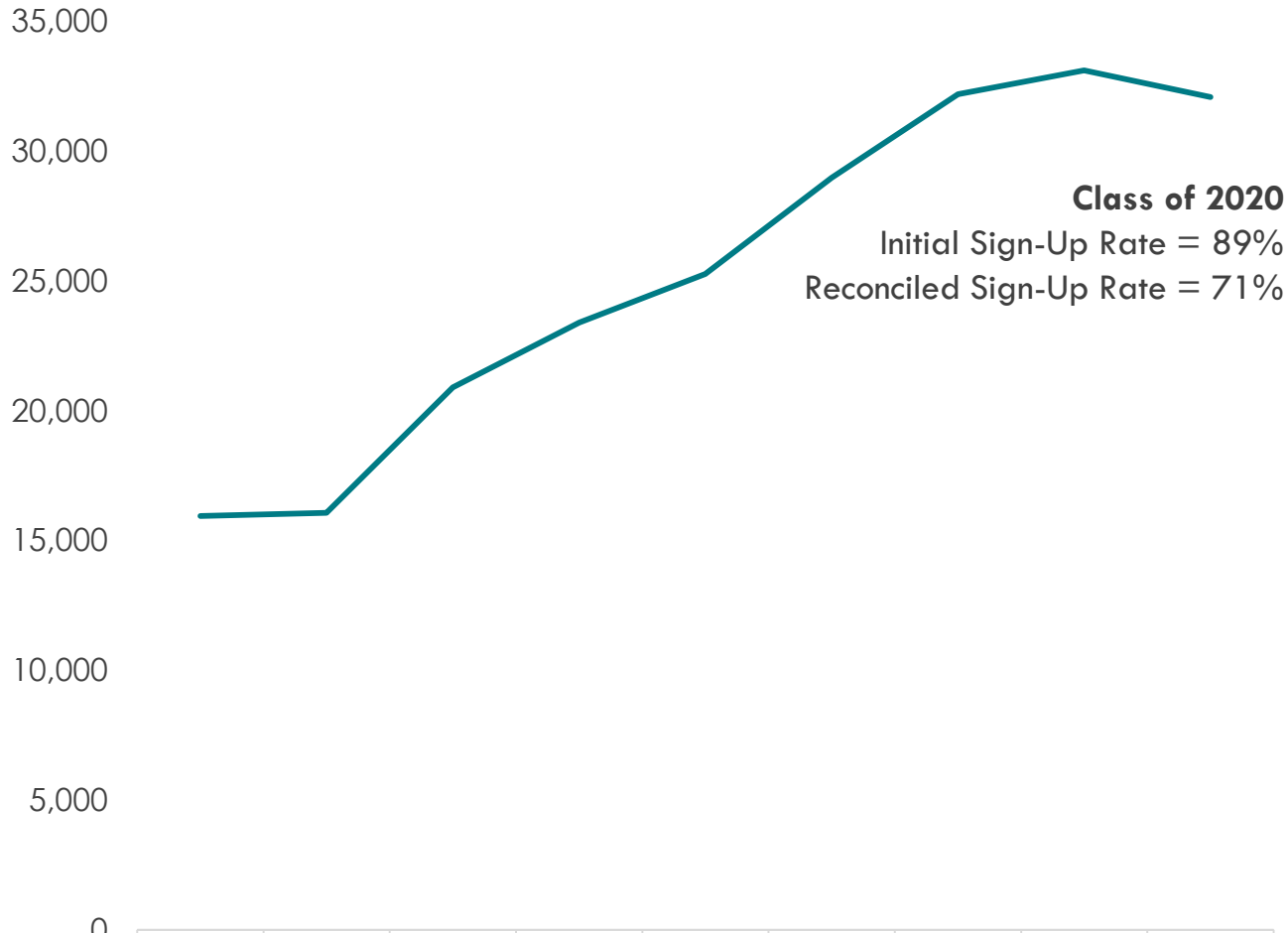
Household Size	Annual Income Guidelines*	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
2	$29,637	$2,470	$570
3	$37,296	$3,108	$718
4	$44,955	$3,747	$865
5	$52,614	$4,385	$1,012
6	$60,273	$5,023	$1,160
7	$67,951	$5,663	$1,307
8	$75,647	$6,304	$1,455
Each additional household member	Add $7,696	Add $642	Add $148

Household income must be less than or equal to this amount.

These are the amounts shown on the CBS application in 2017. Amounts may change in the future.

CBS Application Count Continues to Grow

More than 250,000 applications on file since the program's inception in 2007 (as of Jan. 2017).



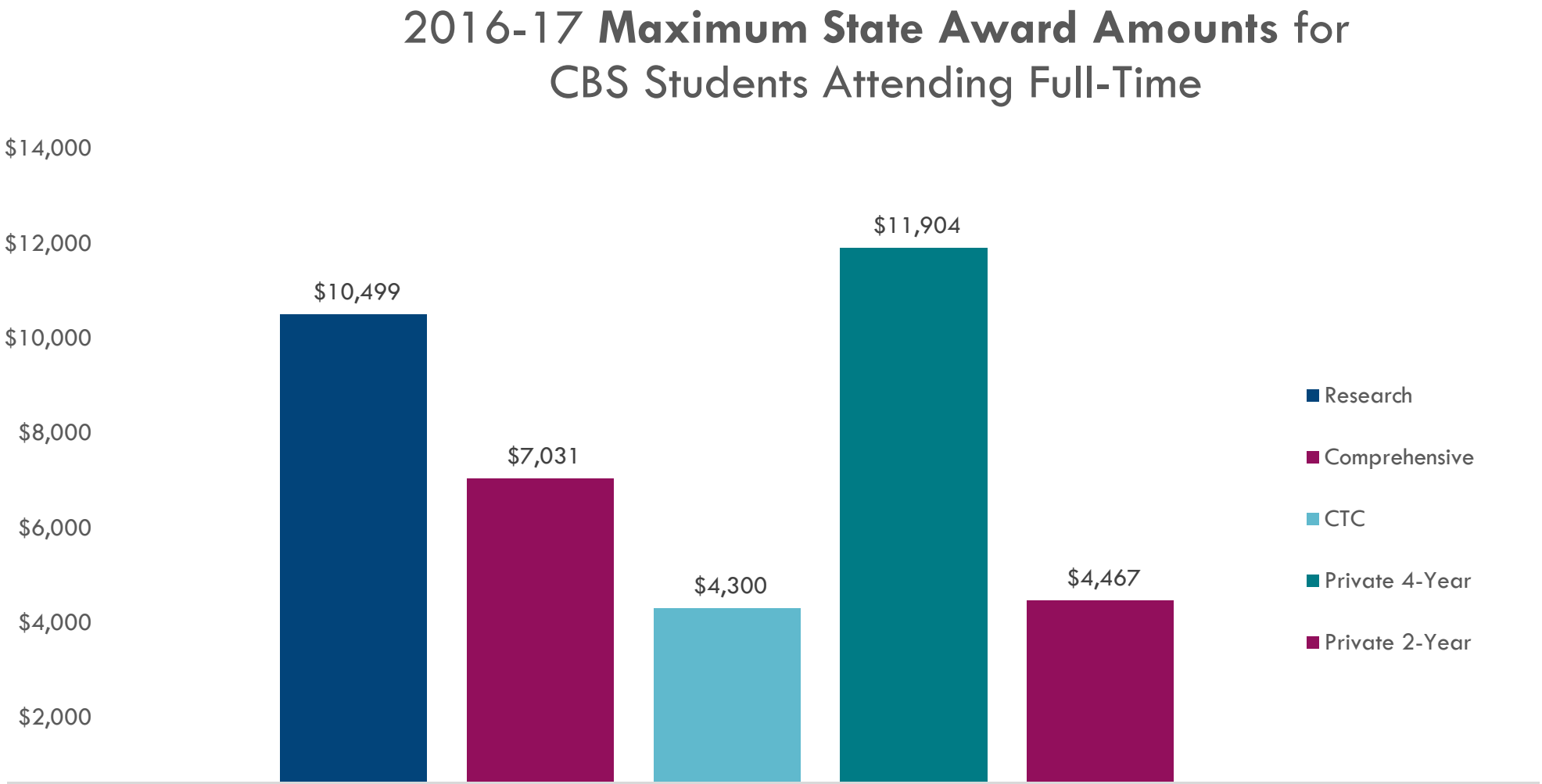
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
CBS Applicants by HS Class	15,947	16,070	20,903	23,398	25,272	28,980	32,195	33,117	32,096

Source: WSAC CBS Application Data 2006-07 to 2015-16.

The CBS Commitment

- Early commitment of state financial aid to eligible 7th and 8th grade students.
- CBS students must:
  - Graduate from Washington high schools with a 2.0 or higher GPA
  - Have no felony convictions
  - Complete FAFSA/WASFA for each year in college and meet income requirements
  - Enroll in college within a year of high school graduation
- State commitment is to provide state scholarship and grant aid that will cover the average cost of tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small book allowance.

The Commitment to Eligible CBS Students



** CBS award amounts vary by school and the amount of aid received from other state financial aid programs (i.e. State Need Grant, Passport to College, Opportunity Scholarship, etc.).*

Additional CBS Information

- Students must enroll in college within one year of high school graduation (e.g. For a June 2016 graduate, the student must enroll in college by the fall term 2017).
  - Running Start and other college courses while in high school count as long as the student successfully completes at least one course.
- CBS is a four-year scholarship (12 qtrs./8 semesters) for undergraduate students. Students have a five year window from their high school graduation to use the award.
- Enrollment can be either full or part-time and need not be continuous.
- Eligibility for CBS funding is re-evaluated each year. Due to program rules, some CBS students may not qualify for funding for all years.

CBS Funding and Student Selections

Shared Program Responsibilities

*Unique to CBS program

WSAC:

- Informs institutions of the "CBS Commitment" for each year that all CBS Eligible Scholars are to receive in state aid. (No specific CBS allocations, however, are made like in SNG.)*
- Provides funds to institutions for CBS awards once required data has been received.
- Provides annual training through spring workshops and at summer and fall WFAA events.
- Reviews institutional data submitted to assure compliance with state rules and regulations.

Institutions:

- Determine initial eligibility from information in the "CBS Cruncher" in the portal.*
- Select and award students CBS following state rules and regulations.*
- Request funds from WSAC and disburse funds to students.
- Report students selected and funds awarded to WSAC through interim reports.
- Reports financial aid data on all needy students at end of each year through Unit Record Report.

Introducing …"The Cruncher"