



**WSAC State Financial Aid Workshops
Legislative Overview & General Session
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Agenda

- **Legislative Update**
- **Washington College Grant**
- **Washington College Grant - Connect**
- **Program Updates**
- **Participation Renewal Process**
- **WSAC Initiatives and Resources**
- **Questions**





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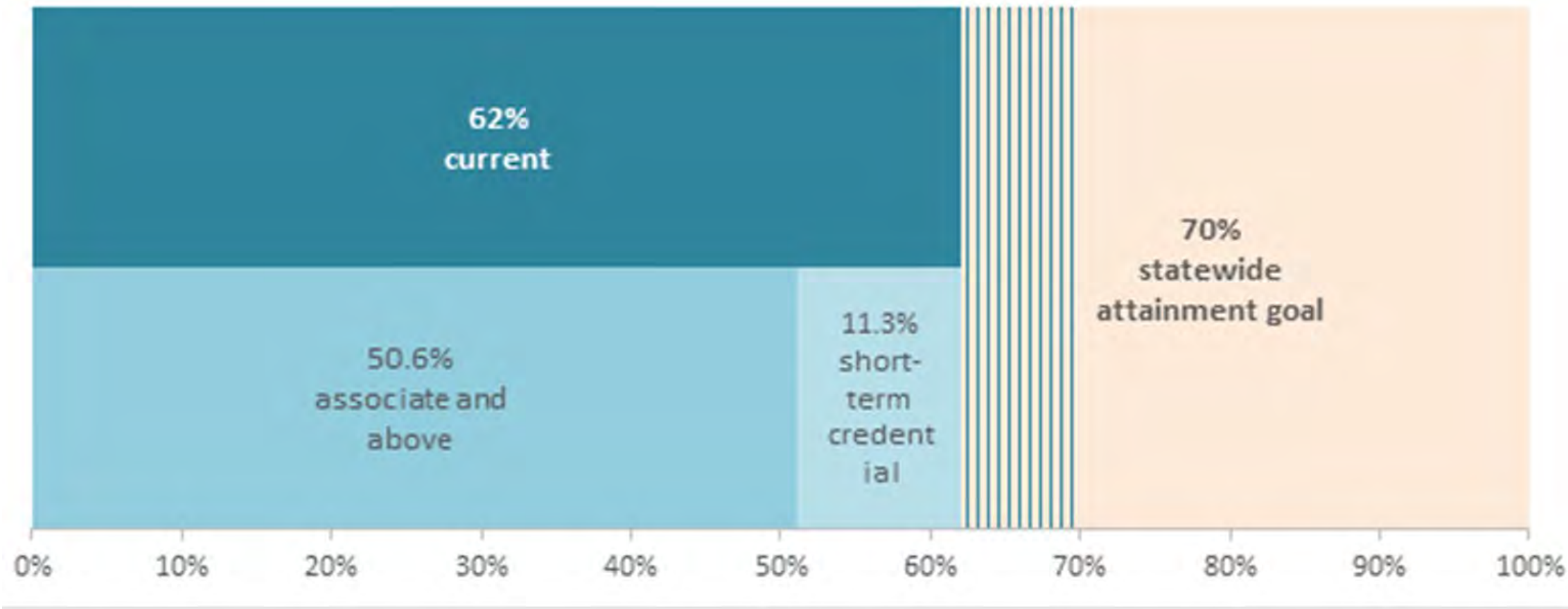
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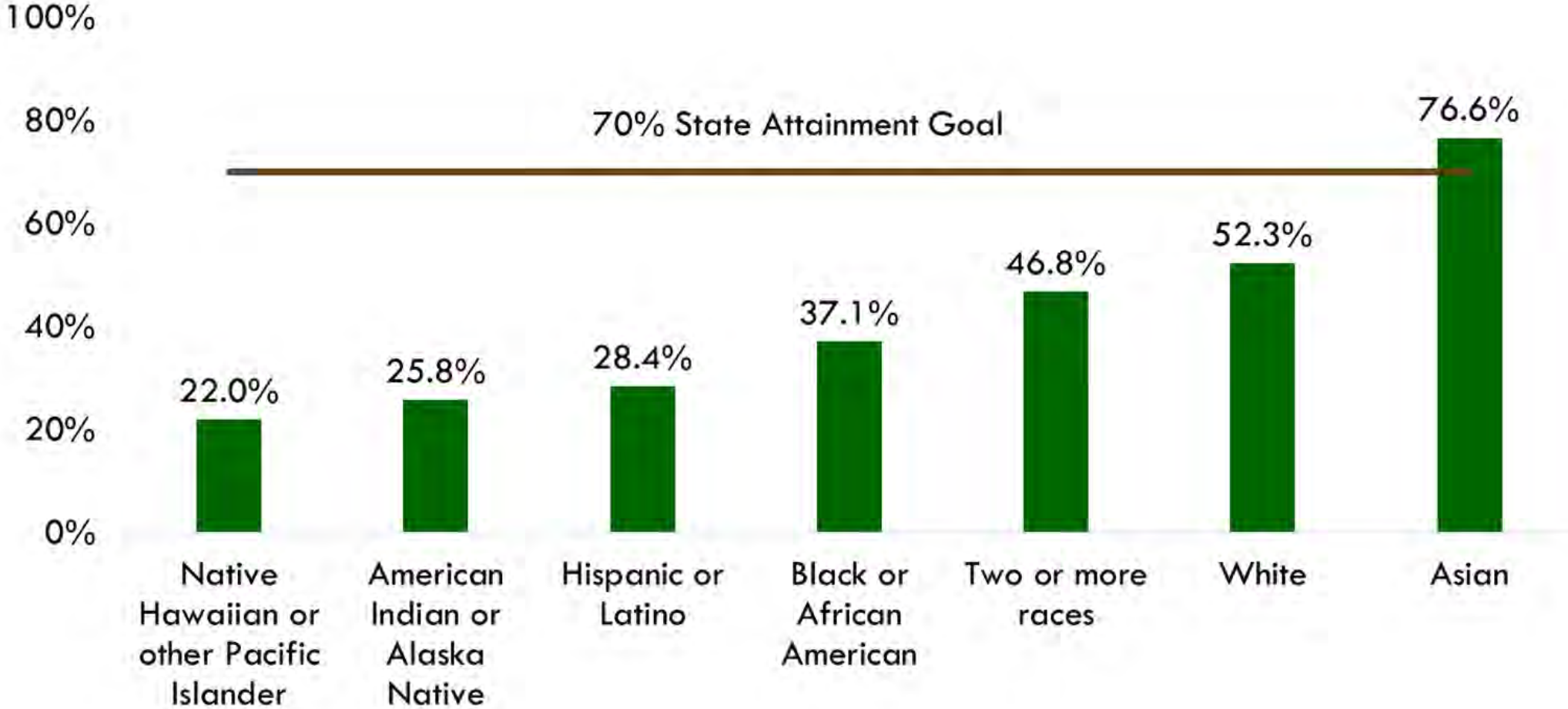
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Washington's Postsecondary Attainment Goal

At least 70 percent of Washington adults, ages 25-44, within each racial and ethnic community and region, will have a postsecondary credential. Currently, an estimated 62 percent of Washington's adults have a credential beyond high school.

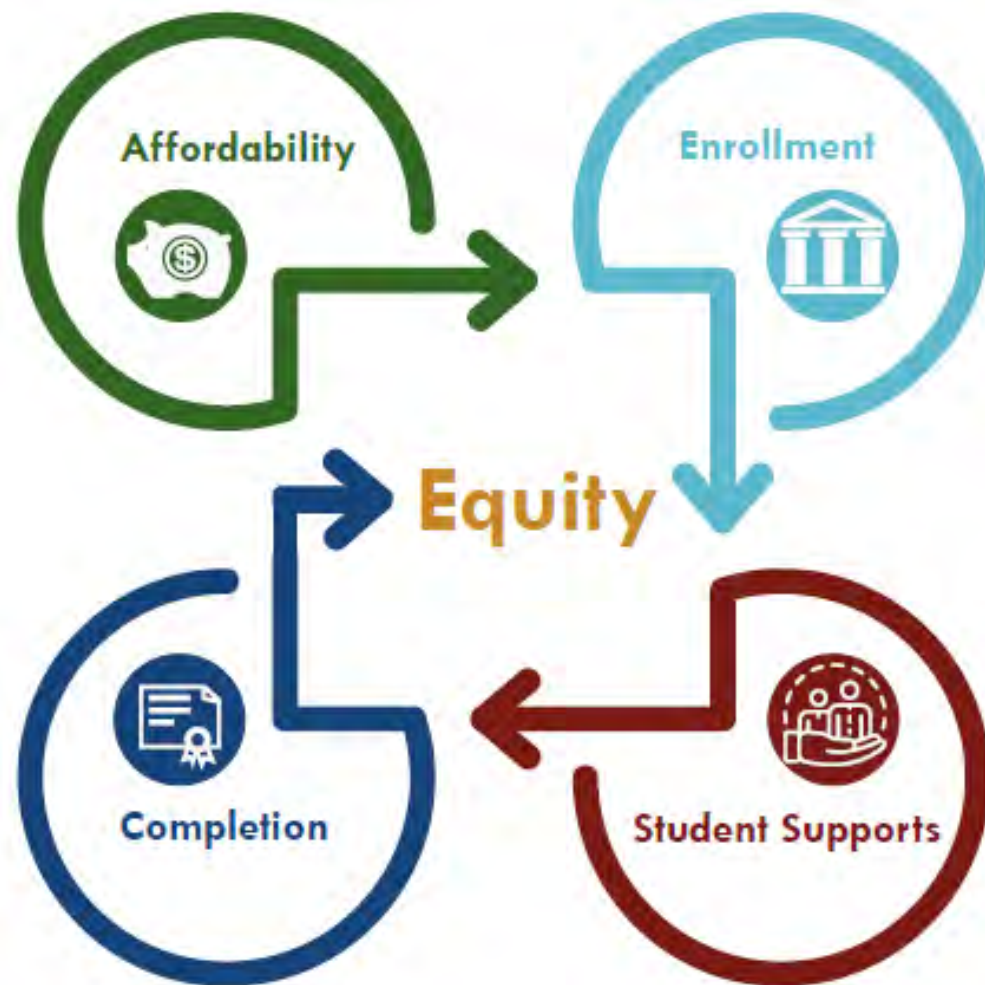


Postsecondary Attainment Goal and Equity



Source: 2019 American Community Survey 1 Year Washington

Strategic framework

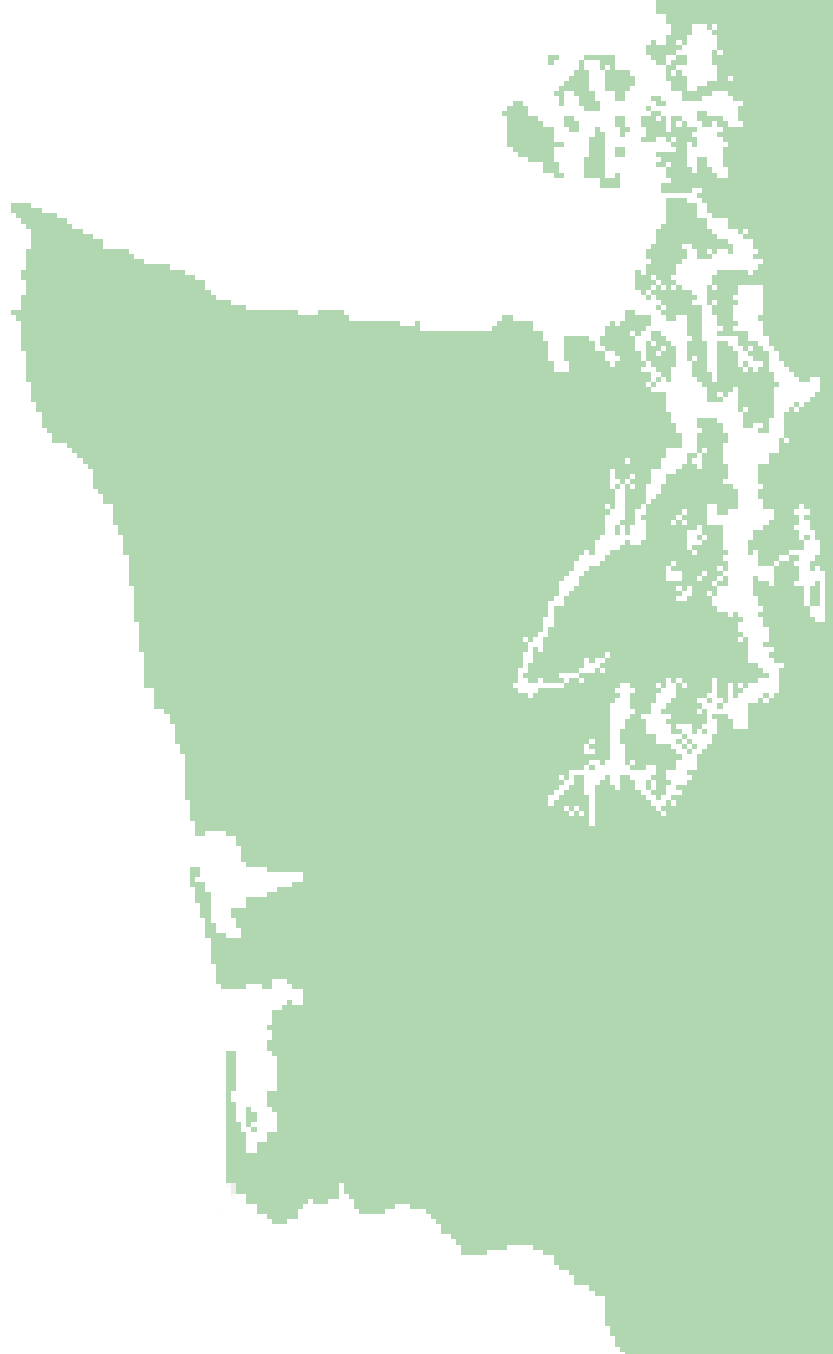


If we build an **affordable** and **supportive** educational environment, more Washington residents will **enroll** in and **complete** a credential-bearing program.

Equity is an outcome in which justice is realized within our society through a continuous, intentional process of identifying and abolishing racism and all forms of oppression designed to marginalize students, communities, and families who are Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, regardless of immigration status, and all oppressed groups.

WSAC Equity Definition

Source: Washington Student Achievement Council



Legislative Update

2023 Legislative Session

- **The 105 Day Legislative Session started January 9, and ended on April 23, 2023.**
- **WSAC tracked a number of bills related to student financial aid, dual credit, student basic needs, the biennial budget, and more.**
- **Six SFA-related bills passed this session:**
 - HB 1232 – Enhancing the CBS program
 - HB 1289 – Regarding Opportunity Scholarships
 - HB 1763 – Related to Conditional Scholarships
 - HB 1823 – WA Student Loan Program revisions
 - SB 5079 – Tuition establishment date
 - SB 5523 – Establishing a Forensic Pathologist loan program



2023 Session Update – SFA Bill Tracker - House Bills

| Bill | Title | Status | Chapter / Law | Sponsor |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | HOUSE BILLS | | | |
| 2SHB 1013 | Establishing regional apprenticeship programs. | Governor Signed | Chapter 128 / Law 23 | Maycumber |
| HB 1030 | Concerning applied doctorate degree-granting authority. | Governor Signed | Chapter 130 / Law 23 | Leavitt |
| 2SHB 1176 | Developing opportunities for service and workforce programs to support climate-ready communities. | Governor Signed | Chapter 231 / Law 23 | Slatter |
| HB 1232 | Enhancing the college bound scholarship program. | Governor Signed | Chapter 174 / Law 23 | Bergquist |
| E2SHB 1238 | Providing free school meals for all. | Governor Signed | Chapter 379 / Law 23 | Riccelli |
| SHB 1289 | Program admin. for the WA state opportunity scholarship program. | Governor Signed | Chapter 176 / Law 23 | Reed |
| HB 1308 | Concerning high school graduation pathway options. | Governor Signed | Chapter 349 / Law 23 | Stonier |
| 2SHB 1316 | Expanding access to dual credit programs. (Summer Running Start) | Governor Signed | Chapter 350 / Law 23 | Paul |
| 2SHB 1522 | Addressing sexual misconduct at scholarly or professional associations. | Governor Signed | Chapter 79 / Law 23 | Pollett |
| 2SHB 1525 | Concerning eligibility for working connections child care benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships. | Governor Signed | Chapter 294 / Law 23 | Fosse |
| 2SHB 1559 | Establishing student basic needs at public postsecondary institutions act | Governor Signed | Chapter 421 / Law 23 | Entenman |
| HB 1622 | Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness. | Governor Signed | Chapter 386 / Law 23 | Fey |
| HB 1679 | Modifying and extending requirements of a work group to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both. | Governor Signed | Chapter 300 / Law 23 | Rule |
| HB 1763 | Relating to ensuring completion of conditional scholarship obligations and reducing penalties for excusable incomplete obligations. | Governor Signed | Chapter 159 / Law 23 | Eslick |
| EHB 1823 | Modifying the Washington student loan program. | Governor Signed | Chapter 389 / Law 23 | Timmons |

SFA-Related Bills
WSAC Tracked Bills

2023 Session Update – Senate and Budget Bills

| Bill | Title | Status | Chapter / Law | Sponsor |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| SENATE BILLS | | | | |
| 2SSB 5048 | Eliminating college in high school fees. | Governor Signed | Chapter 314 / Law 23 | Mullet |
| SB 5079 | Concerning the date by which tuition operating fees are established. | Governor Signed | Chapter 9 / Law 23 | Braun |
| 2SSB 5225 | Increasing access to the working connections child care program. | Governor Signed | Chapter 222 / Law 23 | Wilson |
| E2SSB 5243 | Concerning high school and beyond plans. | Governor Signed | Chapter 271 / Law 23 | Wellman |
| ESSB 5512 | Financial transparency reporting requirements to public four-year dashboard. | Governor Signed | Chapter 98 / Law 23 | Holy |
| 2SSB 5518 | Protection of critical constituent and state operational data against the financial and personal harm caused by ransomware and cyber activities. | Governor Signed | Chapter 124 / Law 23 | Boehnke |
| SSB 5523 | Addressing the forensic pathologist shortage. | Governor Signed | | Dhingra |
| ESB 5534 | Concerning workforce education investment accountability and oversight board staffing changes. | Governor Signed | Chapter 282 / Law 23 | Randall |
| E2SSB 5582 | Reducing barriers and expanding educational opportunities to increase the supply of nurses in WA. | Governor Signed | Chapter 126 / Law 23 | Holy |
| 2SSB 5593 | Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher ed. | Governor Signed | Chapter 406 / Law 23 | Liias |
| SSB 5687 | Creating postsecondary wrestling grant programs. | Governor Signed | Chapter 190 / Law 23 | Van De Wege |
| ESSB 5702 | Expanding students experiencing homelessness & foster youth pilot. | Governor Signed | Chapter 339 / Law 23 | Trudeau |
| BUDGET BILL | | | | |
| ESSB 5187 | Making 2023-25 fiscal biennium operating appropriations – (Budget) | Delivered to Gov. | Bill signing May 16 | Rolfes |

SFA-Related Bills
WSAC Tracked Bills

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

HB 1232 - Enhancing the college bound scholarship program (CBS 2.0)

- Limits the high school grade point average of 2.0/”C” requirement to CBS students “seeking direct admission” to a public or private 4-year college.
- Requires Education Research and Data Center (ERDC) to send CBS data they receive from colleges to WSAC.
- Requires WSAC to submit annual report beginning November 1, 2023.



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College Bound Scholarship

2022 Session Update

SHB 1736 – Establishing a state student loan program.

- Language stated: WSAC must design a student loan program in consultation with the State Treasurer and State Investment Board, and submit a report by Dec. 2022, determining the feasibility.
 - WSAC may award loans beginning 2024-25.

NOTE: Updated via [HB 1823](#) in 2023.

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

HB 1823 – Modifying the state student loan program.

- The office may begin awarding student loans under the program beginning in the 2025-26 academic year.
- Interest rates not to exceed 2.5%.
- Maximum borrowing limits per borrower \$20,000 annually.
- Maximum loan repayment period is 25 years.
- WSAC to obtain consulting services with national expert(s) and involve the WSAC financial aid workgroup in program design.

Note: this bill originally passed in 2022 as [HB 1736](#) - Establishing the state student loan program.

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

HB 1823 – Modifying the state student loan program.

- Eligibility limited to graduate students enrolled in high demand advanced degree programs.
- High demand - in statute:
 - Health Care
 - Behavioral Health
 - Education
 - Law Enforcement
 - Public Safety
- Others determined by WSAC

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

SB 5079 - Concerning the date by which tuition operating fees are established.

- Office of Financial Management (OFM) to transmit to public colleges, the maximum annual increase in tuition operating fees for resident undergraduate students by Oct. 1, for the following academic year.

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

HB 1763 - Ensuring completion of conditional scholarship obligations and reducing penalties for excusable incomplete obligations.

- WSAC does not currently administer the conditional scholarship authorized in statute. (Loan Repayment for licensed professionals is active.) This will be reevaluated in the fall of 2023.
- Sets the interest rate to 2% for contract breaches.
- Language allowing for “wraparound services” to the extent “reasonably practicable.”

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

HB 1289 - Concerning program administration for the Washington state opportunity scholarship program.

- Allows WSOS Board to create and contract with private nonprofit corporations for program administration.
- Modifies state match for WSOS and Rural Jobs Program.

For informational purposes only. WSAC does not administer WSOS.

2023 Session Update – Financial Aid Related Legislation

HB 5523 - Establishing a forensic pathology loan repayment program for board-certified forensic pathologist providing services for counties in identified shortage areas.

- A subprogram within the “Washington Health Corps” program.

2023 Session Update – Basic Needs Security

New Postsecondary Basic Needs Legislation:

- **Basic Needs Act – (2SHB 1559)**
- **Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness program (ESSB 5702)**
- **Expanding childcare subsidies for student parents (2SSB 5225 and 2SHB 1525)**

2023 Session Update – Basic Needs Security

- **Public CTCs, baccalaureates and a tribal college must:**
 - Create a “hunger-free and basic needs strategic plan” by 4/1/2024
 - Hire at least one (.75 FTE) benefits navigator to assist students with accessing resources
 - Participate in data collection on basic needs insecurity prevalence in 2024-2025
 - Prepare a joint report to the legislature on activities addressing basic needs insecurity every two years starting 12/1/2025

2023 Session Update – Basic Needs Security

- **New Free/Reduced Price Food pilot:**
 - 3 year pilot to test proactive food security strategies (vs. emergency or short-term charity-based strategies like pantries), with customized design by pilot institutions
 - 2 public baccalaureates selected by Council of Presidents (~\$1M / biennium)
 - 4 CTCs selected by SBCTC (\$5.236 to be allocated)

2023 Session Update – Basic Needs Security

- **Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness ([ESSB 5702](#))**
 - Makes the SSEH pilot permanent (pending allocations)
 - 2023-24 annual funding per institution estimated at \$102k
 - Joint annual report to the legislature beginning 12/1/2023:
 - Institution-level data on all students experiencing homelessness or food insecurity, and the number of students who aged out of foster care
 - Number of students assisted, strategies used, recommendations

2023 Session Update – Basic Needs Security

- **Childcare subsidies for postsecondary students**
 - **2SSB 5225 - Expands access to state subsidies through Working Connections Childcare for some students:**
 - Parents who are participating in a specialty or therapeutic court
 - “The department may not consider the immigration status of an applicant or consumer’s child when determining eligibility”
 - **2SHB 1525 - Increases access for students in apprenticeship programs**

2022 Session Update

- **SHB 1642** – Washington National Guard grant program
 - Graduate students added as eligible.
 - Changes the calculation of the maximum award value.
 - Does not reduce award based on other state and federal aid.
 - Likely not enough funding for all eligible.

2023 Update: additional funding, but not enough for statutory maximum. 2023-24 AY award amounts will stay flat, but expect to be able to serve all eligible.

2022 Session Update

- **2SHB 1835** – **Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment.**
 - Automatic WCG income eligibility for students receiving the following public benefit programs, or for students whose parent is receiving, while in grade 10, 11, or 12.
 - Aged, blind, or disabled assistance benefits
 - Essential Needs and Housing Support Benefits
 - Pregnant Women Assistance Program

2023 Update: Now the Washington College Grant-Connect (WCG-C) program.

2022 Session Update

- **2SHB 1835 – Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment.**
 - Promotion of Washington College Grant and FAFSA/WASFA
 - WSAC shall conduct a statewide advertising campaign to increase awareness of WCG.
 - SBCTC will administer pilot program and award grants to CTCs to provide outreach specialists to boost FAFSA and WASFA completion rates.
 - State library will administer a grant pilot program to increase FAFSA/WASFA filing rates.
 - WSAC will collaborate and share data with DSHS to increase awareness and usage of WCG.

2022 Session Update

- **E2SSB 5600** – Concerning the sustainability and expansion of state registered apprenticeship programs.
 - Expands opportunities for apprenticeships (not specific to state financial aid).
- **E2SSB 5764** – Washington College Grant for Apprenticeship
 - Changes WCG-A maximum award value to align with CTC WCG award.
 - Apprentices doing RSI at CTC, to receive WCG-A via college by 2025-26.
 - Study by Ruckelshaus Center – final report due in 2026.

2022 Session Update

- **2SSB 5789** – **Creating the Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program.**
 - WSAC received \$6 M for FY 2022-23, for the Career & College Pathways Innovations Challenge Program.
 - WSAC will award competitive **Regional Challenge Grants*** to support local or regional partnerships among K-12, colleges, and community-based organizations.
 - Grantees will seek to:
 - Implement or expand interventions to increase college enrollment and completion.
 - Support high school students or adult learners.
 - Eliminate opportunity gaps for marginalized populations.

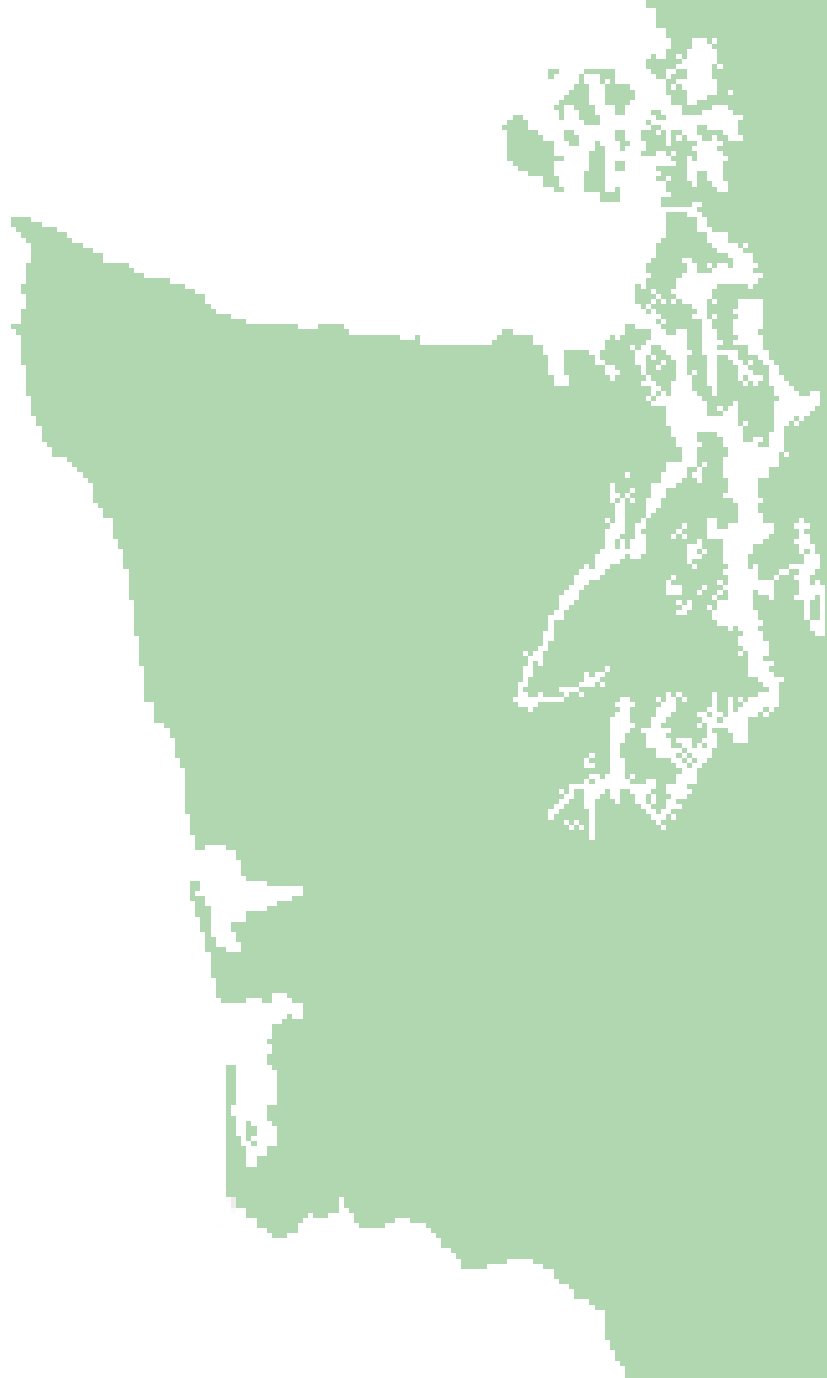
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2022 Session Update

- **ESSB 5847 – Providing info to public service employees about the public service loan forgiveness (PSLF) program.**
 - Student Loan Advocate (SLA) shall develop and update annually, materials, such as FAQs, designed to increase public awareness of PSLF program.
 - SLA will coordinate with OFM, secretary of state, and local government entities to ensure materials are received by employers.
 - OFM shall develop a program for state agencies to certify employment for purposes of the PSLF program.

Revisiting 2020

- **Undocumented Student Loan Program - SB 6561 (2020)**
 - Contingent on private donations that would be matched with state funds up to \$2M/biennium. Private funding **has not been secured.**
- **Expanding Access to Higher Education SB 6141 (2020)**
 - WSAC to develop consistent definitions for financial aid awards (Section 3)
 - With the WSAC financial aid workgroup engagement, guidance was developed and **sent out to schools on January 5, 2023**
 - Guidance letter posted at wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources, under Program Guidance



Washington Bridge Grant



Washington Bridge Grant

The Washington Bridge Grant is an annual stipend awarded in addition to WCG for students who are not CBS eligible.

- To provide supplementary financial support to low-income students to cover higher education expenses beyond tuition and fees.



Washington Bridge Grant

WA Bridge Grant continues for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 award years.

- ESSB 5187 (Budget Bill)
- The Legislature would need to take action for it to be effective beyond 2024-25.



Washington Bridge Grant

Maximum annual award amount is \$500

- Disbursed as either a lump sum payment or may be disbursed over enrolled terms.
 - Award in the first term the student is eligible
 - Award at the same time WCG is awarded
- Each institution will determine which is in the best interest of the student.
- Award amount may be less - based on student need.



Washington Bridge Grant

Who is eligible to receive the WA Bridge Grant?

- Students who receive a maximum Washington College Grant award and still have need remaining;
 - 0-65% MFI
- Are enrolled in at least 3 credits at an eligible institution;
- Meet satisfactory academic progress.



Washington Bridge Grant

College Bound Scholarship eligible students are not eligible to receive the Washington Bridge Grant.

- Please refer to “CBS Eligibility Cruncher” to determine eligibility.

Please note:

- 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 would be considered for Bridge Grant. (These students are not currently meeting CBS eligibility.)

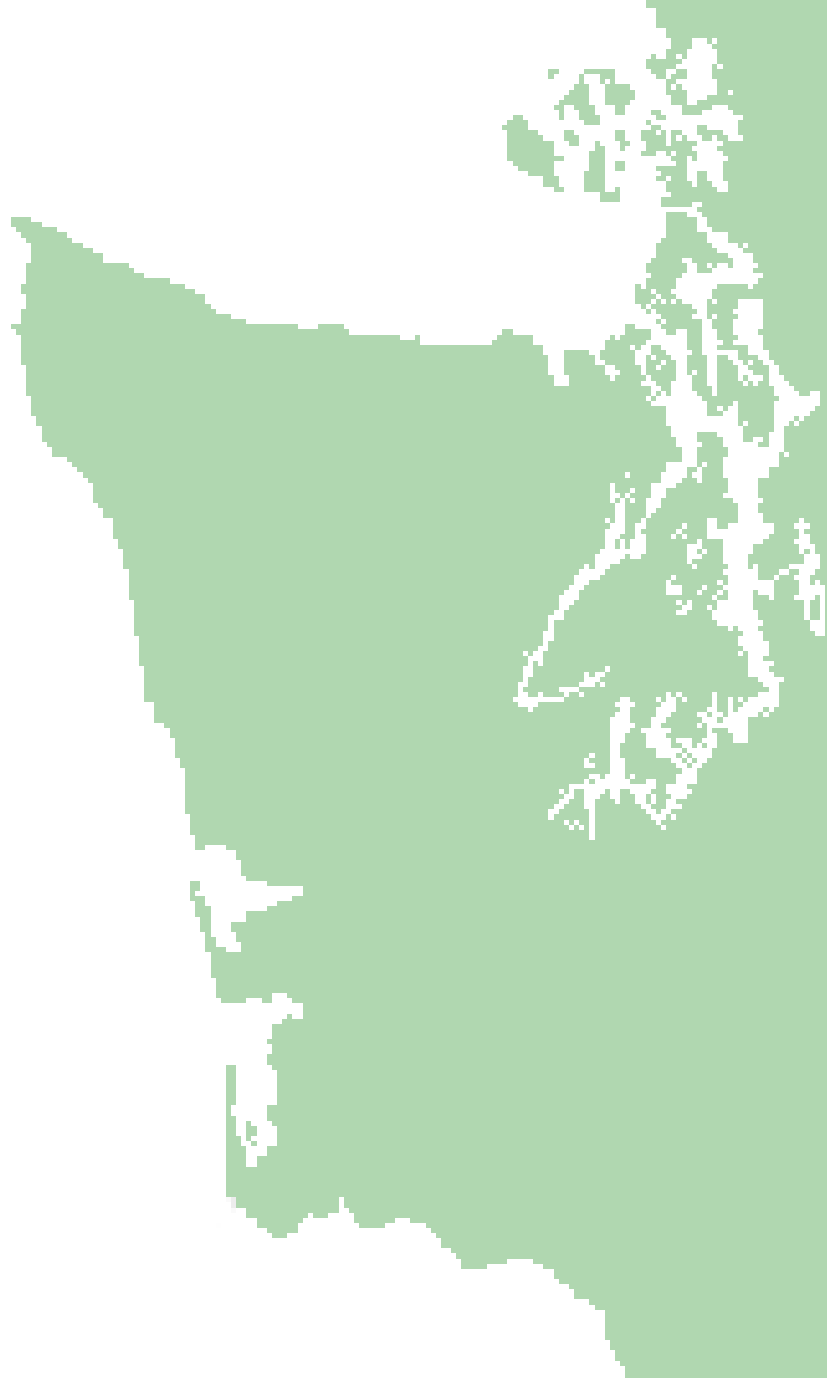


Washington Bridge Grant

Identifying WA Bridge Grant eligible students

- Upload students to the WSAC Portal (training site recommended)
- Download edits in csv file
 - Filter students by WA Bridge Grant edits

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
|------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|--------------|------------|---|--------|
| 1 | Student Id | SSN | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Program | Edit Type | Edit Level | Edit Description | Term |
| 3894 | | xxxxxxx | Doe | John | | Bridge | Overrideable | Term | Student is Bridge Grant eligible but has not been awarded | Fall |
| 3895 | | xxxxxxx | Buck | Jane | | Bridge | Overrideable | Term | Student is Bridge Grant eligible but has not been awarded | Winter |
| 3903 | | | | | | | | | | |



Washington College Grant

New branding: WA Grant



WA Grant: better promotes the Washington College Grant as a flexible option to be used for many college and career training pathways.



Spread the word

WA Grant is:

- **Generous: Find out if you qualify!**
- **Flexible: You have options!**

Resources

WAGrant.org: in Spanish at WAGrant.org/ES

- Links to applications, eligibility charts, apprenticeship info
- Financial aid calculator to estimate WA Grant and Pell

Financial Aid Toolkit: wsac.wa.gov/fa-toolkit

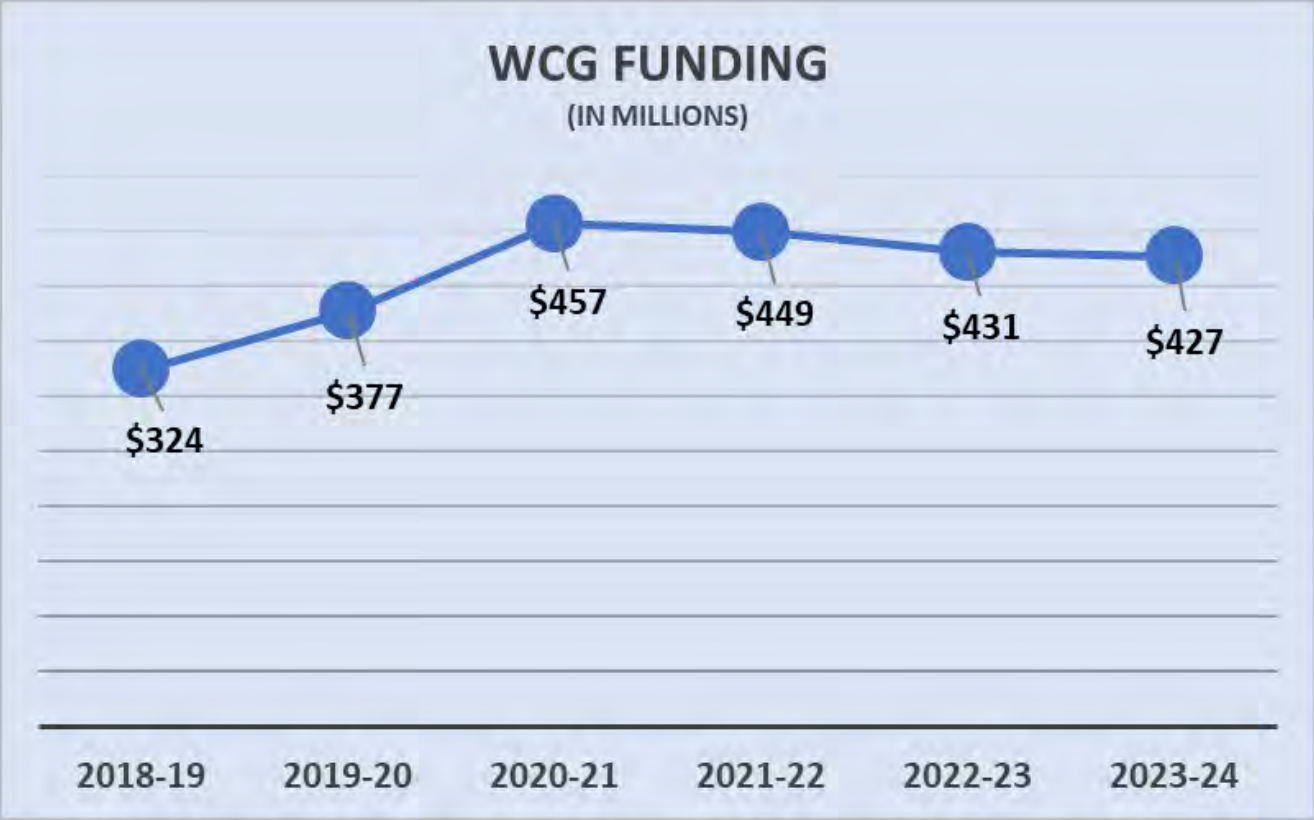
- Branded social media content, promotional flyers, etc.



Free college or career
training—it's possible!



Washington College Grant Funding



Funding of other need-based programs

| Program | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| College Bound | \$14.2 M | \$14.1 M |
| State Work Study | \$7.8 M | \$7.8 M |
| Passport to Careers | \$6 M | \$ 6 M |

Washington College Grant Reminders

Reminders for 2023-24

- Guaranteed funding for eligible students
- Expanded eligibility to 100% Median Family Income
- 15 quarter/10 semester or the equivalent (5 year) maximum timeframe usage limit
- Must have unmet need
- Aid eligible programs that contain apprenticeships remain eligible for regular WCG
- Registered apprenticeships award amounts match CTC award amounts

Washington College Grant Reminders

New for 2023-24

- 100% eligibility (max award) expanded to 65% Median Family Income - **new**
- Optional incremental file upload - **new**

Current File Upload

Full file upload

- Full file upload is current file being used.
 - Requires all student enrollment data and awards to be included or awards will be deleted.
 - Will overwrite all data currently in the portal.
 - Requires you to re-address edits after each file load.

Reminder:

- \$0 awards on the file equals “Need Met”
 - Leave award amount blank if student doesn’t meet eligibility

Incremental File Upload

Incremental file uploads is now available

- Incremental file upload allows you to load partial student data instead of a full file.
- The incremental file requires that you add one new column at the beginning of your file.
 - “IsDelete” column, mark “Y” if you want to delete student awards.
- Uploading incremental student data will not affect any of the student awards that are not listed on the file.
 - Similar to the Unit Record Report
 - A sample file is available on wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources

Washington College Grant: Income Eligibility

| Income level (% of WA Median Family Income) | Income at MFI cap for a family of 4 (2023-24 levels) | Award proration (% of max award) |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | 2023-24 |
| 0 – 65 | \$73,000 | 100% |
| 66 – 70 | \$78,500 | 50% |
| 71 – 75 | \$84,000 | 24.5% |
| 76 – 100 | \$112,500 | 10% |

Source: WSAC Published MFI Chart for 2023-24 WCG

Washington College Grant: Award Amounts

Maximum award amounts for public institutions cover full tuition and fees.

- Must be awarded for all terms a student is enrolled and eligible.
- Award amount is prorated based on income eligibility (MFI level) and enrollment level.
- Cannot exceed need.
- Awards should be reported and funds requested at the beginning of each term.

Awarding Considerations

Retroactive vs. Late Awarding

Retroactive Award

- When a student completes their financial aid application late but has previously been enrolled, is currently attending **-OR-** a school reviews financial aid application after a term has passed.
 - Student should be awarded only for the credits completed.

Late Award

- When a college awards initial aid such as WCG and does not award CBS, WA Bridge or Passport at the same time.
 - Student should be awarded at the same level the initial WCG award was made.

Awarding Considerations

Late Awarding

- Must be awarded for all terms a student is enrolled and all programs eligible.
 - Seeing many students missing out on CBS, PTC, and WA Bridge Grant due to late awarding.
 - WSAC will be monitoring late awards.
 - Institutional error
 - Will provide more details in the program manual.

College Bound Scholarship and WCG



CBS eligible students receive WCG



- Only students seeking direct admission to a public or private four-year institution are required to graduate with at least a C grade point average. (HB1232)
- Provides additional funding for a small book allowance.
- CBS eligible students receive funding up to 65% MFI and are eligible for WCG up to 100% MFI.

CBS and WCG



CBS eligible students receive WCG

- Must be awarded Passport to College and WCG before awarding CBS.
 - Students need to be awarded all aid for which they are eligible at the beginning of each term to ensure students receive the full amount to which they are entitled.
- Students who are receiving, or are eligible to receive CBS, are not eligible to receive the WA Bridge Grant.

2023-24 Award Chart

Award Charts are now posted under RESOURCES on the [WSAC website](https://www.wsac.wa.gov)

The screenshot shows the Washington Student Achievement Council website. The header includes the logo, contact information (info@wsac.wa.gov | (360) 753-7800), and social media icons. A navigation menu contains links for ABOUT US, MEETINGS, POLICY, FINANCIAL AID, ADMINISTRATION, OUTREACH & INITIATIVES, and NEWS & PUBLICATIONS. Below the menu, there is a search bar and a 'home' link. The main content area is titled 'RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATORS' and 'Administrative Guidance'. A table of links is displayed, with 'Program Manuals, MFI & Award Charts' highlighted in yellow. Below this table, a list of resources is provided, including 'Passport to Careers', 'Washington College Grant & College Bound Scholarship Program', 'WCG for Apprenticeship Manual', 'Educator Workforce Program', 'National Guard Postsecondary Education Grant', 'State Work Study', and 'WAVE/Washington Award for Vocational Excellence'. On the right side, there is a 'CONTACT - FAA RESOURCES' section with contact information for Becky Thompson and a 'RESOURCES' section with links to 'Unit Record Report', 'Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators (WSASEA)', and 'Consumer Protection Rules on Third-Party Disbursements of Financial Aid'.

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RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATORS

Administrative Guidance

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Program Guidance | 2023 Legislative Session | Residency |
| COVID-19 Guidance | Program Manuals, MFI & Award Charts | |

Program Manuals, MFI & Award Charts

- [Passport to Careers \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
- [Washington College Grant & College Bound Scholarship Program \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
 - [MFI Chart for WCG, Bridge Grant, and CBS Awarding \(2022-23\)](#)
 - [MFI Chart for WCG and CBS Awarding \(2023-24\) \(2021-22\) \(2020-21\)](#)
 - [Maximum WCG, Bridge Grant, and CBS Awarding \(2022-23\)](#)
 - [Maximum WCG and CBS Awarding \(2021-22\) \(2020-21\)](#)
 - [CSV Sample file for CSAW Interim Reports \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
- [WCG for Apprenticeship Manual \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
 - [MFI and Award Chart for WCG-A \(2022-23\)](#)
 - [MFI Chart for WCG-A Awarding \(2023-24\)](#)
 - [CSV Sample File Layout For WCG-A Apprentice Awards \(2022-2023\)](#)
- [Educator Workforce Program \(2022-23\)](#)
- [National Guard Postsecondary Education Grant \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
- [State Work Study \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
- [WAVE/Washington Award for Vocational Excellence \(Fall 2022\)](#)

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RESOURCES

- [Unit Record Report](#)
- [Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators \(WSASEA\)](#)
- [Consumer Protection Rules on Third-Party Disbursements of Financial Aid](#)

WCG – Operational Considerations

- **Timely, reconciled data from colleges is critical.**
- **Reporting will continue quarterly.**
 - Need ongoing updates for forecasting costs – including projected awards and payments requested timely.
- **Do not wait until your interim report is due to request funds.**



2022-23 Final Interim Reminder

Due Date: July ~~10~~**17**, 2023

- Extended deadline
- Includes reconciled data.
- Funds due to or due from the colleges/WSAC.
- Funds for the new year may not be drawn until all funds are reconciled/returned for your specific college and Participation Agreement renewals are approved.



2023-24 Interim Reporting Dates

| Report | Due Dates |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fall Interim Report | November 13, 2023 |
| Winter Interim Report | February 19, 2024 |
| Spring Interim Report | May 6, 2024 |
| Final Interim Report* | July 15, 2024 |

*The interim report in CSAW opens four weeks before the interim report due date. Colleges can upload their interim report data any time within that four-week window.

2022-23 Unit Record Reporting Timeline

| Date | Action |
|------------------------------------|---|
| July 2023 (dates to be determined) | URR Training Webinars (wsac.wa.gov/unit-record) |
| August 7, 2023 | URR application available for initial upload of data into WSAC Portal |
| October 9, 2023 | Unit Record Report final submission date |
| October – Nov/Dec 2023 | WSAC staff data editing and review |
| December 2023 | URR data finalized |
| January 2024 | URR Institutional Profile reports available for 2023-23 year |

A white outline map of Washington state is positioned on the left side of the slide, set against a solid green background. The map shows the state's coastline and major islands.

Washington College Grant - Connect

Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

- 2SHB 1835 (2022) allows for automatic WCG income eligibility for students receiving any of the following public benefit programs:
 - Aged, blind, or disabled assistance (ABD) benefits
 - Essential needs and housing support program (HEN) benefits
 - Pregnant women assistance program (PWA) financial grants
- WSAC is currently reviewing other public benefit programs and may expand this list this summer.

Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

- The goal of 2SHB 1835 is to help connect students to higher education and to remove barriers to paying for college.
- Students who meet eligibility under this category are referred to being eligible under the Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C).
- **Program is still WCG, just a different way to qualify.**
- Effective July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 Academic Year

Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

- Awarding students WCG under WCG-Connect
 - Must meet residency and all program requirements
 - FAFSA or WASFA not required
 - May require coordination with other offices on your campus
 - Qualify for maximum WCG award
 - Qualify for WA Bridge Grant

Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

- WCG-C students who filed FAFSA or WASFA
 - Must be awarded maximum even if MFI is over 65%
 - Awards will need to be adjusted
- Awarding students CBS and/or PTC
 - Must have a FAFSA or WASFA
 - MFI must be met and is not included under WCG-Connect
 - CBS students not eligible to receive the WA Bridge Grant

Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

Identifying WCG-C eligible students who do not file FAFSA or WASFA.

- May require coordination with Admission's office if unable to generate lists of students who have applied to your college.
 - Run students through the WCG-Connect Eligibility Checker in the WSAC Portal.
 - Eligibility Checker is updated once a month.

Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

Student who self identifies and is not in the Eligibility Checker.

- Financial Aid office can award a student under WCG-C if the student has a copy of their acceptance letter from DSHS or from other WSAC approved agencies.
 - Must keep a copy of the acceptance letter and document in the student file.
- School will need to email WSAC through the secure Portal and WSAC will manually enter students into the Checker.

WCG-Connect Eligibility Checker

WCG-Connect - Eligibility Checker

Selected year: 2022-2023

Enter a list of SSN's separated by commas on each line:

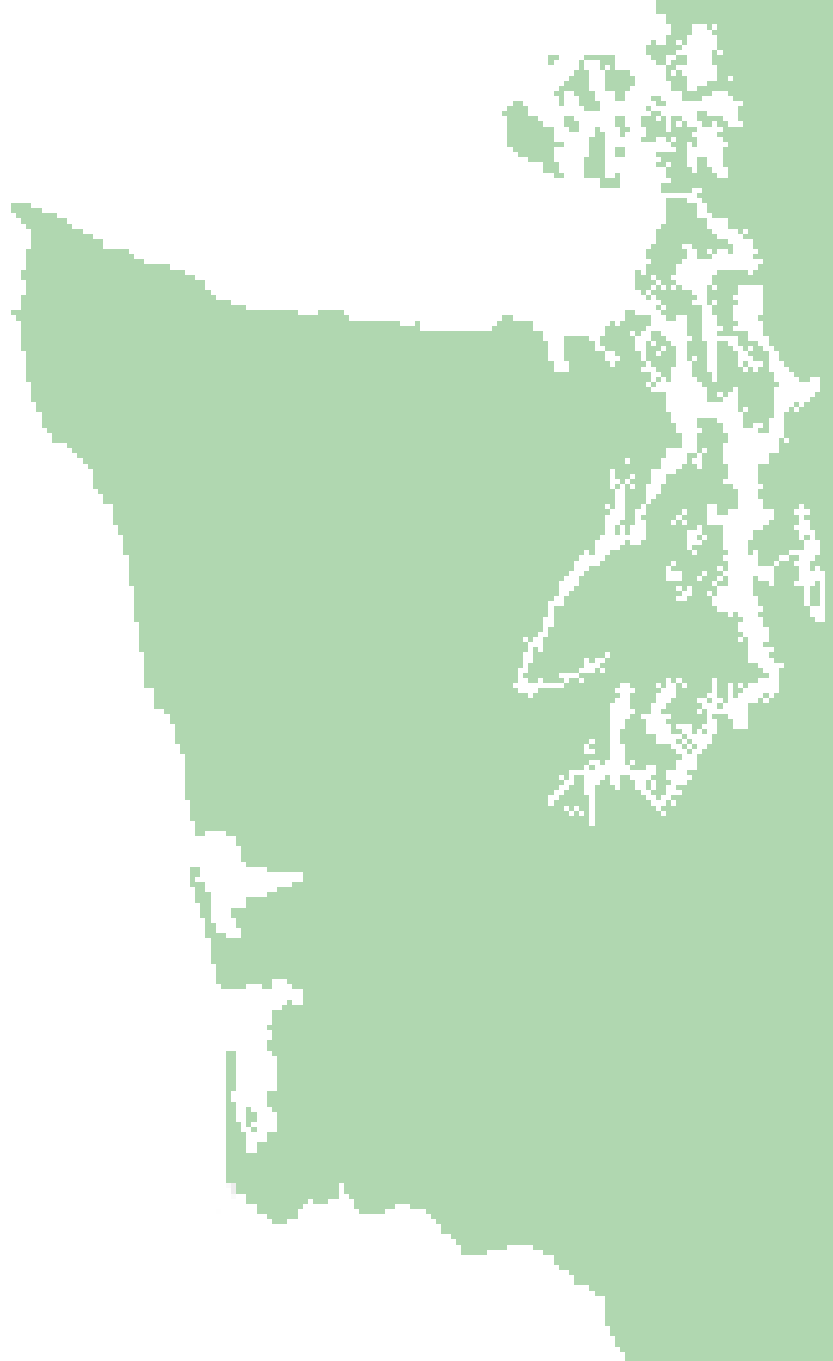
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| Last Name | First Name | MI | SSN | Birth Date | WCG-C Eligible Year | WCG QER | CBS | In Repayment | Last DSHS Report |
|-----------|------------|----|--------|------------|---------------------|---------|-----|--------------|------------------|
| | JORDAN | | •••••• | | 2022-2023 | 15 | | | Jan 2023 |
| | CAREY | | •••••• | | 2022-2023 | 9 | | | Jan 2023 |
| | DONNA | | •••••• | | 2022-2023 | 10.25 | | Yes \$ | Jan 2023 |
| | ASHLEY | | •••••• | | 2022-2023 | 15 | | | Jan 2023 |
| | KRISTINE | | •••••• | | 2022-2023 | 6 | | | Dec 2022 |

Training for Washington College Grant - Connect

- Some features continue to be developed in the WSAC Portal to accommodate awarding.
- Program manual will have additional information and guidance.
- WSAC will offer virtual training on WCG-C end of May, early June.
 - Training will be recorded for future viewing



Washington College Grant for Apprenticeships

WCG-A 2022 Legislative Recap

- **E2SSB 5764** (2022) – **Washington College Grant for Apprenticeship**
 - Changed WCG-A maximum award value to align with CTC WCG award.
 - Apprentices doing RSI at CTC, to receive WCG-A via college by 2025-26.
 - Study by Ruckelshaus Center – final report due in 2026.
- **SSHB 1835** (2022) – **Postsecondary Enrollment – Outreach and Completion Initiatives**
 - Eligibility for maximum WCG awards extended to those who receive eligible public assistance programs

WCG-A 2023 Legislative Overview

NEW ESSB 5187 (2023) - 2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium

Operating Appropriations

- Apprentices with 0% to 65% MFI are eligible to receive:
 - Maximum WCG award
 - \$500 WA Bridge Grant

Washington College Grant for Apprenticeships (WCG-A)

2022-2023 Preliminary Data

- 2 Participating Apprenticeship Sponsors:
 - Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeships (AJAC)
 - Evergreen Rural Water of Washington Apprenticeship Committee (ErWOW)
- 112 Apprentices awarded more than \$321,200 in WCG and \$37,500 in WA Bridge Grant.

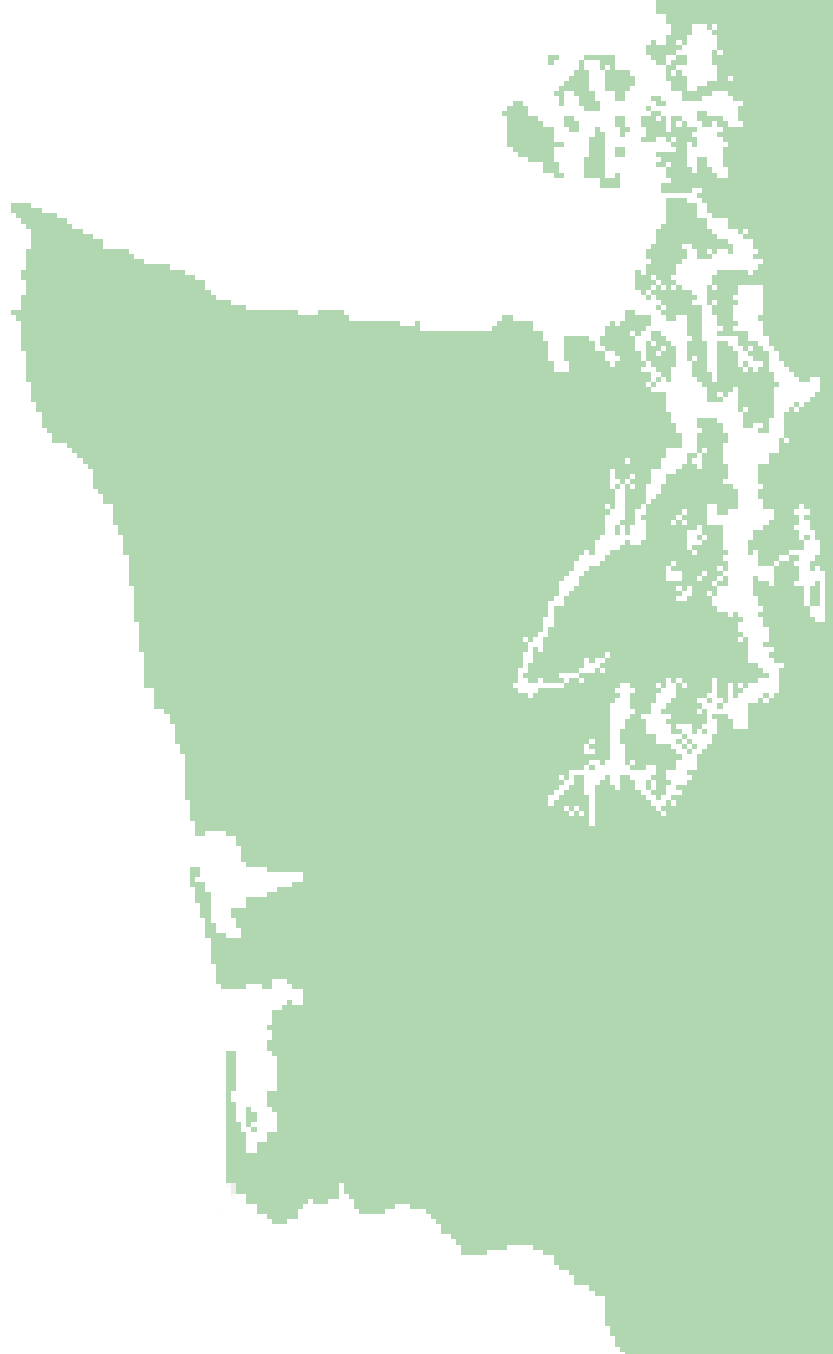
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Washington College Grant for Apprenticeships (WCG-A)

Third-Party Servicer: ANEW

- Participating apprenticeship sponsors can now opt to utilize ANEW to assist with administering WCG-A.
- Goal is to increase number of participating apprenticeship sponsors.
- Effective July 1, 2023





Passport to Careers

Passport Program Budget

- In 2022, the Legislature increased program funding to accommodate higher numbers of eligible Passport students.
- 2023 Legislature allocated \$150K for a Passport program study

| Total Biennial Allocation | 2022-23 Allocation | 2023-24 Allocation |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| \$13,998,000 | \$6,999,000 | \$6,999,000 |

Passport By The Numbers

| Academic Year | Foster Youth | Unaccompanied Homeless Youth | Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2022-23 | 432 | 633 | TBD |
| 2021-22 | 445 | 488 | 32 |
| 2020-21 | 467 | 416 | 16 |
| 2019-20 | 470 | 362 | 34 |
| 2018-19 | 317 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017-18 | 257 | 0 | 0 |

Passport by the Numbers

| Academic Year | Scholarship Funds | Student Support Funds to Institutions |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2022-23 | \$4,035,115* | \$911,750* |
| 2021-22 | \$3,493,188 | \$1,915,400 |
| 2020-21 | \$2,886,778 | \$2,564,750 |
| 2019-20 | \$2,917,017 | \$966,500 |
| 2018-19 | \$1,160,000 | \$340,000 |
| 2017-18 | \$883,000 | \$274,000 |

* Data as of 4/28/2023



Workforce Programs

- **National Guard Grant (NGG)**
- **Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE)**
- **Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarship (TSCS)**
- **Student Teaching Grant (STG)**
- **Alternative Routes Conditional Scholarship (ALT)**
- **Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship (TOOL)**
- **Pipeline for Paraeducators Conditional Scholarship (PARA)**



National Guard Grant

New for 2023-2024

- Priority Consideration Dates:

| Term | Priority Consideration Dates |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Summer 2023 | May 31, 2023 |
| Fall 2023 | June 26, 2023 |
| Winter Quarter/Spring Semester 2024 | October 9, 2023 |
| Spring Quarter 2024 | February 12, 2024 |
| Summer 2024 | April 17, 2024 |

Award values will likely be set under statutory authority, as demand for NGG is expected to continue to exceed budget appropriation.



Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE)

- Award Updates




WAVE Awards Updates

- Recognizes graduating high school seniors and community & technical college students for outstanding performance in career and technical (CTE) programs.
- Application process and selection is co-administered with the Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board (WTB).

| Application Year | Number of Applicants | Number Awarded |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 2021-2022 | 114 | 78 |
| 2022-2023 | 250 | TBD |



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TSCS and STG Awards for AY 2022-23

- Student Teaching Grant (STG) and Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarships (TSCS) Application cycle is twice a year. (Fall and Spring cycle)
- Last cycle for awards opened March 27, and closed April 28 (Fall 2023 awards).
- Applicants can apply for both programs with the same application.

| Program | Number of Applicants (AY 2022-23) | Offered awards (AY 2022-23) | Total Award Amounts |
|---|--|--|----------------------------|
| Student Teaching Grant | 260* | 64 | \$512,000 |
| Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarship | 447* | 153 | \$1,224,000 |
| Total | 707 | 217 | \$1,736,000 |

* Duplicated headcounts



ALT Awards for AY 2022-23

- Alternative Routes Conditional Scholarship is a partnership between WSAC and the Washington Professional Educators Standards Board (PESB).
- These scholarships are designated to Alternative Route providers that have been awarded block grants through PESB.

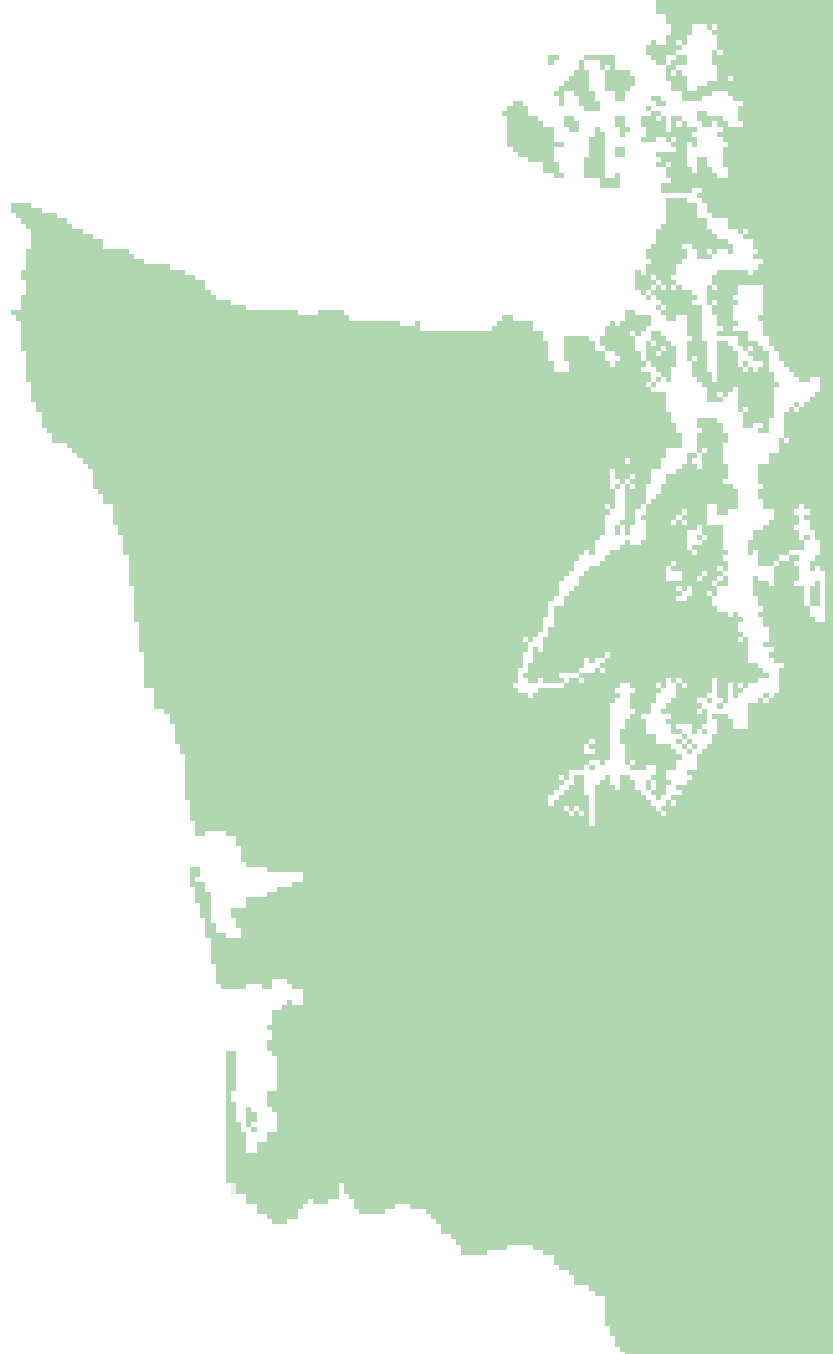
| Program | Number of Applicants (AY 2022-23) | Offered awards (AY 2022-23) | Total Award Amounts |
|---|--|--|----------------------------|
| Alternative Routes Conditional Scholarship | 93 | 88 | \$704,000 |
| Total | 93 | 88 | \$704,000 |



PARA and TOOL Awards for AY 2022-23

- Pipeline for Paraeducators Conditional Scholarship helps support paraeducators whom are seeking their AA degree. Award amount up to \$4,000.00.
- Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship helps support certificated teachers in adding an endorsements in a shortage areas. Award amount is up to \$3,000.00.
- Both of these applications are currently open on a rolling basis.

| Program | Number of Applicants (AY 2022-23) | Offered awards (AY 2022-23) | Total Award Amounts |
|---|--|--|----------------------------|
| Pipeline for Paraeducators Conditional Scholarship | 6 | 4 | \$16,000 |
| Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship | 75 | 60 | \$180,000 |
| Total | 81 | 64 | \$196,000 |



State Work Study Program

2022-23 SWS Operational Updates

As a result of the 2023 Legislative Session:

- SWS Appropriation remains at \$7.8 million.
- No changes to legislatively-directed employer matching requirements or SWS reimbursement rates.
- Continued focus on improving alignment between SWS and federal assistance programs, like the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, as administered by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) the Basic Food program otherwise known as SNAP.

SWS Portal Updates

Contracts/Job Descriptions & Timesheets

- Employers can submit contracts & job descriptions online in the portal.
- Public institutions can approve their own employer contracts in the portal, WSAC may also approve these contracts.
- Institutions are notified when contracts & job descriptions are approved or are awaiting approval.
- Private institutions must approve job descriptions in the portal. Employers are instructed to contact public institutions directly about their job descriptions.
- Private Institutions can now submit timesheets directly to the portal using CSV file format.

SWS Portal Updates

Year End Report and 3 Percent Administrative Allowance (Public Institutions Only)

- SWS Year End Report is now done in the Portal, no more PDF.
- Portal data is automatically populated.
- Real time edits, such as does the institutional SWS expenditures match funds drawn down.
- No more signatures, Portal uses login ID.

2021-22 SWS Expenditure Profile

- Slightly over \$10 million in gross earnings; over \$2.9 million in employer match.
- 3,496 students earned an average of \$2,963 in SWS dollars.
 - 38.1% earned by students attending public four-years
 - 28.6% earned by students attending private four-years
 - 33.2% earned by students attending public two-years
- 91% of gross SWS earnings earned on-campus, 9% earned off-campus.
- 91% earned by undergraduate students, 9% by graduates.

Current SWS Status

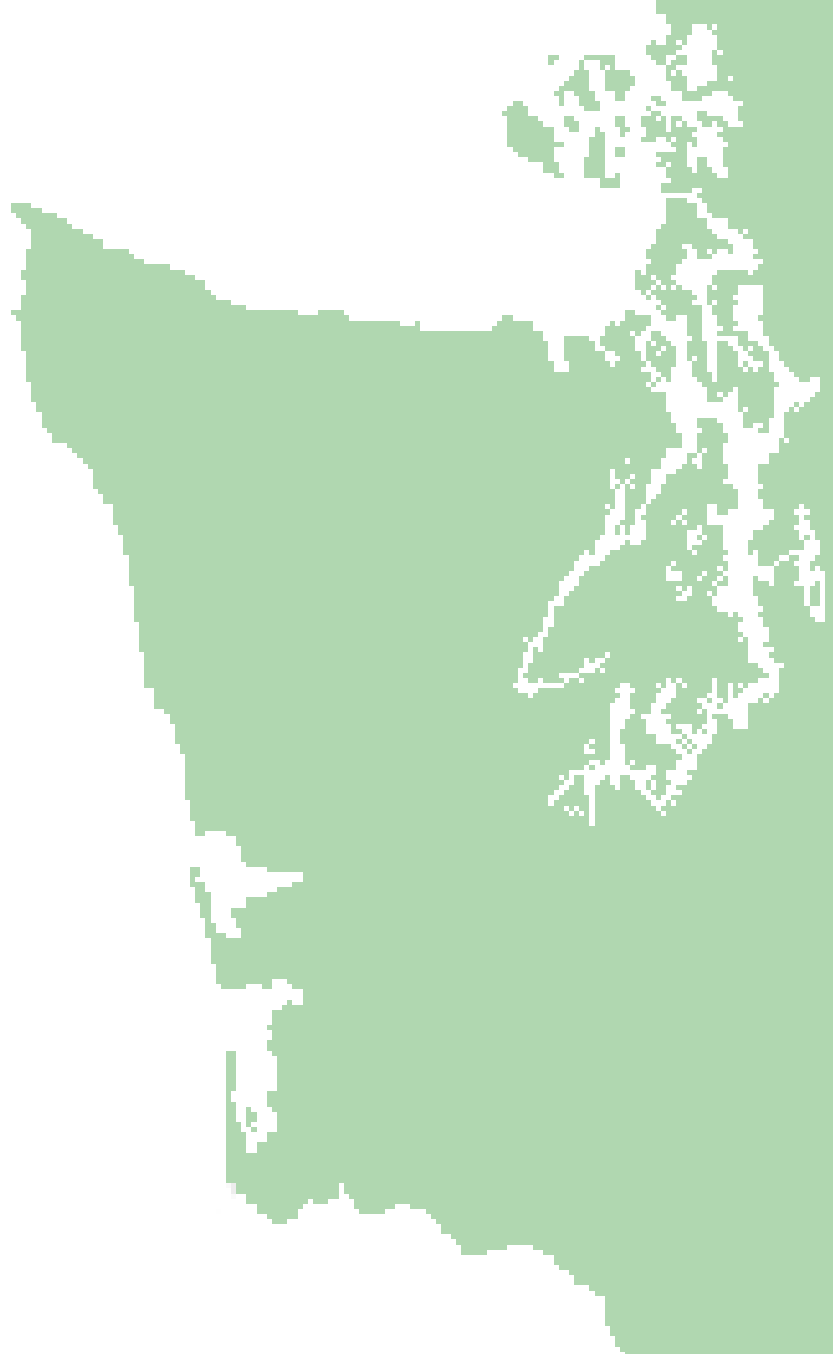
- SWS earnings for the current 2022-23 year are below 2021-22 earnings.
- We appreciate all that you do!

If you have any questions about SWS,
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Participation Renewal Process

Changes to Renewal and New Agreements

New for 2023-24:

- Last “long” form renewal was 2018-19 – modified long form will be used for 2023-24.
- All institutions will be required to submit Repayment Policy and Institutional budgets.

Pending for 2023-24:

- No pending applications for new WCG colleges.

2023-24 Renewal Process (Expanded Form)

- Deadline for submission is week of June 15. Renewal memo will be sent third week in May.
- DocuSign will be used to capture both FA Director and Institution's President signature.
- WSAC seeks to make renewal determinations for all institutions prior to 7/1/23 but institutions approved after this date are approved retroactively to 7/1/23.

Note: While all institutions must submit Repayment and Institutional budgets, other policies will be requested as needed.



Unit Record Portal Updates Coming Soon

FAAs will be able to:

- Edit their override comments (rather than needing to delete and recreate an override, if they want to change their comment).
- See resolved errors in their error list (this only applies to errors that were overridden initially). This will include a new Resolved status option in the status dropdown filter on the error table.

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WSAC Initiatives and Resources

Student Access to SNAP Benefits

- National research indicates nearly 3 in 5 college students have experienced basic needs insecurity since the pandemic.
 - Encourage colleges to provide proactive communication to students who are likely to be eligible for Washington Basic Food/SNAP.
 - WSAC has provided a template letter for students with a \$0 EFC and/or a Work Study award or eligibility.

Resource: Student Loan Advocate



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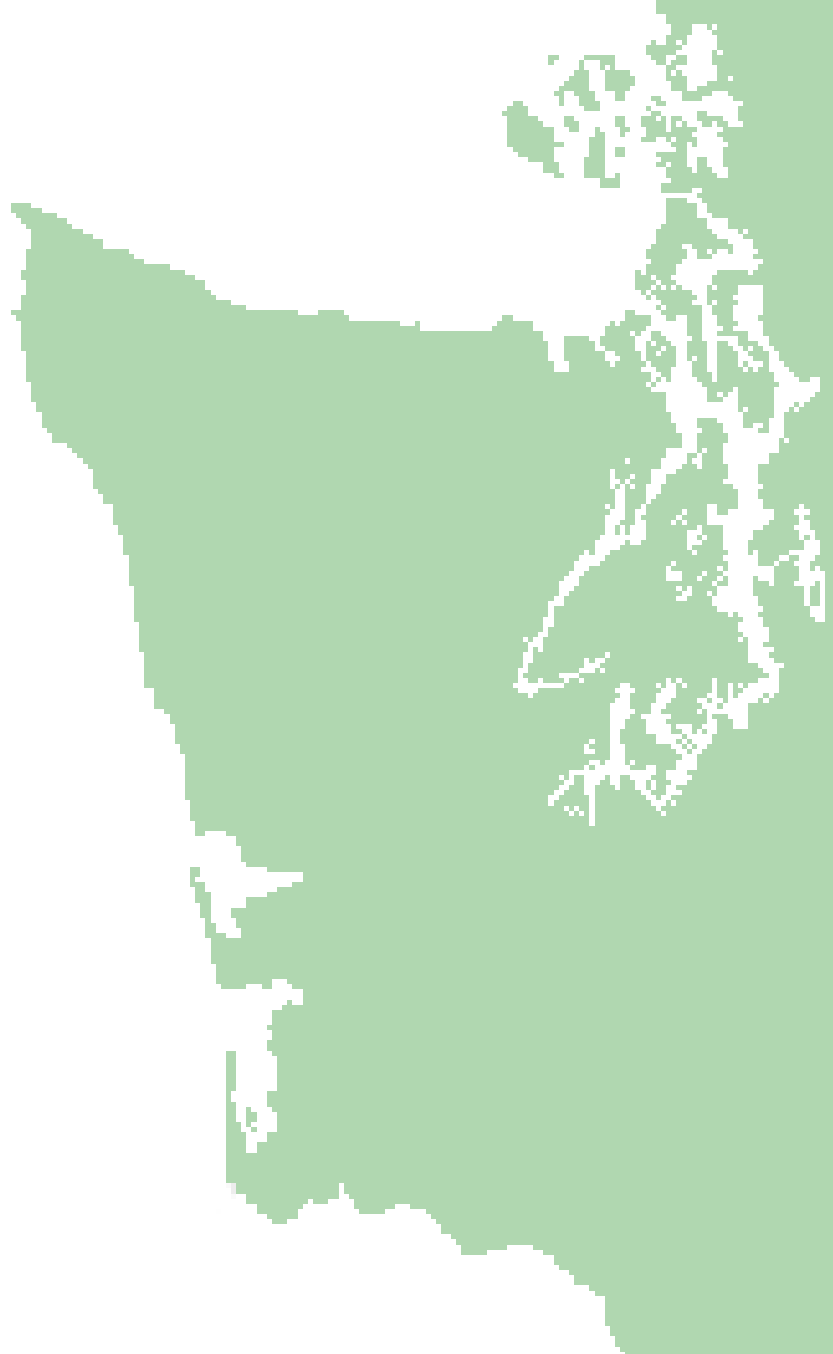


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June Webseries Offerings

Tuesday, June 20th

- 11am: Passport to College
- 2pm: State Work Study

Thursday, June 22nd

- 11am: WCG-C
- 2pm: WASFA