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TO: Campus Partners
FROM: Becky Thompson, Director of Student Financial Assistance
SUBJECT: Passport awards and student support funds for 2024-25

The purpose of this email is to provide you with information regarding Passport awards and student support funds for the 2024-25 Academic Year.

This legislative session, WSAC requested \$2 million as maintenance funding for the Passport program. Unfortunately, the final legislative budget only added \$1 million for program funding for the 2024-25 Academic Year, which does not keep up with the program's caseload projections.

As a result, WSAC consulted with financial aid administrators, the Passport Leadership Team, and members of the Washington Passport Network to explore options for making the difficult decision regarding the impact on student scholarship amounts and institutional student support funds.

After careful consideration and thoughtful conversations, we have determined the following:

- Maximum Passport awards are set at \$2,800 and are awarded based on financial need.
- Institutions with signed agreements and viable student support plans will receive the same amount of campus student support funding as what was received in the 2023-24 academic year.
- As you award Passport, please remember the connection between Passport and College Bound eligibility. Passport, in combination with WCG, often surpasses the CBS maximum state aid amount, but with reduced awards, some private institutions may find that a student is eligible for a small amount of CBS funding, in addition to WCG and Passport.

This is preliminary information to assist you with awarding students and support planning. We will revisit decisions in November, after the close of fall financial aid reporting, and we have a better idea of the number of students that will be served on campuses in 2024-25.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership in this work. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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