



WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

Passport to Careers

Institutional incentive grants support colleges' efforts to recruit and retain Passport students. This is accomplished through the Passport Viable Plan for providing enhanced student support services to enrolled former foster youth.

Forty-five schools agreed to provide these enhanced services in 2019-20.

Direct and Indirect Uses of Funding

- Supplied a lending library with textbooks, laptops, and other technology.
- Assisted with transportation expenses.
- Provided students with meals, snacks, food vouchers, food care packages; made referrals to campus food bank; or helped cover the cost of groceries.
- Paid testing, admissions, application, and postsecondary graduation fees.
- Held face-to-face and virtual meetings to address needs in enrollment, academic guidance, personal counseling, financial aid advocacy, career services, and financial planning.
- Provided students with emergency financial assistance.
- Purchased school supplies for students.
- Provided supplies for dorm room set-up.
- Assisted students with basic needs, including housing and healthcare expenses.
- Developed incentives for students meeting quarterly goals.
- Paid for staff travel to meetings with social workers and independent living providers or to attend trainings.
- Provided special assistance for students seeking employment and internships.

Passport to College

2019-20 Student Support Fund Summary

Lessons Learned

Successes:

- Students are earning credentials, graduating, and transferring from community colleges to four-year universities.
- Building rapport is essential so students will reach out for support.
- Coordination and involvement with community-based programs has increased campus success.
- Staff have been able to continue serving students virtually during the pandemic.

Challenges:

- Relationship-building with students is difficult.
- External issues and commitment interfere in student success.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly exacerbated issues for students and institutions.

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