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Quarterly Update

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From the Director

Hello **SFA Partners**,

It's beautiful spring time in Washington State! The Legislature has adjourned, your students are studying hard (we all hope!) in their spring classes, and new groups of prospective students are anxiously waiting to see how their financial aid works out for the next academic year. I'm sure it is a very busy time on all of your campuses.

This edition of **SFA Partner** provides a reminder of the SFA Workshops coming up later this month in Seattle, Olympia, Cheney, and Yakima. We hope to see you, and others from your institution, at one of these sites.

You also will find in this issue relevant information about the awarding of State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship awards to students planning to attend summer term 2016. In addition, there is information about State Work Study, and checking your unserved SNG students for SAP compliance at the completion of each term.

As always, we suggest you share this issue of **SFA Partner** with other colleagues at your institution and encourage them to subscribe to the **SFA Partner**, if they have not already done so.

We also look forward to your suggestions for future topics to include. Please share your feedback with us.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our workshop sites later this month!

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Important Dates to Remember

- ✓ **Passport to College Conference: April 21, 2016**
- ✓ **WSAC SFA Workshops: April 25 – 29, 2016**
- ✓ **WSASEA Conference: May 2 – 4, 2016**
- ✓ **Spring Interim Report for SNG and CBS due: May 6, 2016**

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Upcoming SFA Workshops

On April 1, we sent a 'Save-the-Date' email with preliminary information about the upcoming Workshops. This year, the annual SFA Workshops will be held at four sites across the state. The same material will be covered at each, so please choose to attend at any one of these locations:

Monday, April 25 – North Seattle College, Room CC1161

Tuesday, April 26 – Capital Event Center/ESD 113, Olympia

Thursday, April 28 – Eastern Washington University, Cheney

Friday, April 29 – Yakima Valley College, Deccio Center

These half-day events will include presentations and discussions on issues important to your work with state aid programs. Topics will include:

- Agency and legislative updates
- SNG/CBS awarding
- New CSAW 2.0 features
- Financial aid application changes for 2017-18, including prior-prior year awarding

The 2016-17 SNG/CBS, Passport to College, and State Work Study program manuals are expected to be available by the end of April. Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) financial aid staff will email you the links to our website when the manuals are complete.

Look for more Workshop details in a future e-blast coming your way soon! We look forward to seeing you!

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2016-17 State Need Grant (SNG) and College Bound Scholarship (CBS) Award Charts

The charts emailed to you on January 15, 2016, are now final. The combined SNG/CBS chart is shown below.

Final 2016-17 (as of 4/4/2016) Maximum State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship Award Amounts for 3 Quarters/2 Semesters										
	Median Family Income									
	CBS Max	0% - 50%	0% - 50%	51% - 55%	51% - 55%	55% - 60%	55% - 60%	61% - 65%	61% - 65%	66%-70%
Institution/Sector	SNG + CBS = Full CBS Award*	(full SNG award)	CBS Amount	(70% of full SNG award)	CBS Amount	(65% of full SNG award)	CBS Amount	(60% of full SNG award)	CBS Amount	SNG ONLY(50% of full award)
University of Washington	\$10,499	\$9,348	\$1,151	\$6,544	\$3,955	\$6,076	\$4,423	\$5,609	\$4,890	\$4,674
Washington State University	\$10,260	\$9,369	\$891	\$6,558	\$3,702	\$6,090	\$4,170	\$5,621	\$4,639	\$4,685
Central Washington University	\$6,913	\$6,293	\$620	\$4,405	\$2,508	\$4,090	\$2,823	\$3,776	\$3,137	\$3,147
Eastern WA Univ. & Applied Bachelor's	\$6,453	\$5,947	\$506	\$4,163	\$2,290	\$3,866	\$2,587	\$3,568	\$2,885	\$2,974
The Evergreen State College	\$6,825	\$6,268	\$557	\$4,388	\$2,437	\$4,074	\$2,751	\$3,761	\$3,064	\$3,134
Western Washington University	\$7,031	\$6,495	\$536	\$4,547	\$2,485	\$4,222	\$2,809	\$3,897	\$3,134	\$3,248
Private Four-year	\$11,904	\$8,517	\$3,387	\$5,962	\$5,942	\$5,536	\$6,368	\$5,110	\$6,794	\$4,259
WGU-Washington	\$6,280	\$5,619	\$661	\$3,933	\$2,347	\$3,652	\$2,628	\$3,371	\$2,909	\$2,810
Community & Technical Colleges*	\$4,300	\$3,541	\$759	\$2,479	\$1,821	\$2,302	\$1,998	\$2,125	\$2,175	\$1,771
Private Career	\$4,467	\$2,823	\$1,644	\$1,976	\$2,491	\$1,835	\$2,632	\$1,694	\$2,773	\$1,412
Dependent Care Allowance		\$906		\$634		\$589		\$544		\$453

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

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Summer Awarding of CBS and SNG

- **Award All Eligible CBS Students Enrolling in Summer 2016**
 - All eligible College Bound students enrolling in summer 2016 must receive their full eligibility in both CBS and SNG.
 - SNG and CBS award amounts for public CTCs and private institutions are identical for 2015-16 and 2016-17; therefore, the CBS and SNG award amounts will be the same whether an institution makes Summer 2 (“trailer”) awards or Summer 1 (“leader”) awards.
 - Public four-year colleges (including Bachelor’s degree programs at CTCs) must make both (2015-16) Summer 2 or (2016-17) Summer 1 awards using 2015-16 charts.

- **Additional Information and Options When Awarding SNG to Eligible CBS Students in (2015-16) Summer 2**
 - Award all eligible CBS students who have complete files with your school by June 1, with CBS and SNG from your 2015-16 SNG allocation.
 - If you have CBS students whose files are completed between June 1 and August 1, who enroll in your summer term, contact WSAC for payment instructions if you don't have remaining SNG 2015-16 funds to award.
 - No Summer 2 CBS or SNG awards should be made to students whose files are complete after August 1.
 - Be sure your 2015-16 allocation is fully spent and reported to WSAC by July 8 on your final Interim Report.
- **Awarding SNG to non-CBS students during (2015-16) Summer 2 or (2016-17) Summer 1**
 - If required by your institution's policy to do so, and funds are available, make the SNG award.
 - Summer 2 awards are part of an institution's 2015-16 SNG allocation.
 - Use the 2015-16 award chart if an award is made.
 - Report eligible SNG students as unserved if funds are not available.
 - Summer 1 awards are part of an institution's 2016-17 SNG allocation.
 - Use either the 2015-16 or 2016-17 award chart.
 - Report eligible SNG students as unserved if funds are not available.

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Unserved SNG Students and Satisfactory Academic Progress

Although unserved SNG students are not required to receive state warning status or denied status letters, if an institution reviews a student's academic progress at the end of each term and determines the student is not meeting state SAP, they cannot be reported as SNG unserved for subsequent terms. For example, a student cannot be reported as an SNG unserved student for the next term if the student did not successfully complete at least half of the credits the student was enrolled for during the previous term.

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2015-16 State Work Study (SWS) Update and Reminders

- **SWS Expenditures**

Thank you to institutions for your diligent work to ensure that SWS opportunities are maximized by eligible students. Current 2015-16 expenditures are on track for 100% utilization. WSAC was able to provide supplemental SWS funding during the February Survey Round to institutions indicating the capacity for additional student earnings.

Please continue to carefully monitor your 2015-16 expenditures so that funds that may go unearned at your institution can be transferred in a timely fashion to institutions in need of additional SWS resources. SWS intends to conduct one more 2015-16 survey in May.

- **WSASEA Spring Conference and WSAC Sponsorship**

WSAC will sponsor new SWS Administrators' first-time attendance at the upcoming [Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators \(WSASEA\)](#) spring conference, **a value of \$240!** The meeting takes place on **May 2 through May 4, 2016** at [Rainbow Lodge](#) in North Bend. Anticipated agenda items include a WSAC/SWS update, Federal update with the US Department of Education, Job Location and Development discussion, and a sector breakout session. Please see our March 30 email to Financial Aid Directors and Student Employment Administrators for more information on the sponsorship, including the conference agenda and registration form.

- **SWS Employer Contract Renewal**

All SWS employers who have an active contract in the [Portal](#) for 2015-16 will receive a letter mid-May with detailed instructions on how to renew their SWS contract (and private college job descriptions) online. Employers will also receive a SWS update on important year end requirements.

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Passport to College Conference

The Passport to College Conference will be held on Thursday, April 21 at the University of Washington Tacoma. This FREE conference helps build the capacity of professionals supporting the education access and success for Washington's current and former foster youth.

Conference information and registration can be found at <http://www.washingtonpassportnetwork.org/events/2016/passport-to-college-state-conference>.

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WSAC Connections

Looking for our program contacts? Check out WSAC's newly redesigned FAA Resources page at <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/FAA-resources>. You will find the staff contact link tucked into the purple "Resources" box at the right-hand screen edge. To open, click "**Staff contacts – by program.**"

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Providing Feedback to SFA

The **SFA Partner** was designed with you, our SFA friends and colleagues, in mind! We want to respond to your needs and improve future issues of the **SFA Partner**. Tell us what topic areas you would like covered, and where we may provide additional guidance to better assist you in your work. Send your feedback, comments, and suggestions to finaid@wsac.wa.gov and let us know what you think!

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