



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 2018-19.

Direct and Indirect Uses of Funding

- Supplied a lending library with laptops, textbooks, iPads, and calculators; provided students with school supplies.
- 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 meetings to address needs in enrollment, academic guidance, personal counseling, financial aid advocacy, career services, and financial planning.
- Provided students with emergency financial assistance.
- Established a private computer lab for Passport students.
- Provided supplies for dorm room set-up.
- Assisted students with basic household needs, and with rent and childcare over the summer.
- 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

2018-19 Incentive Grant 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 in times of crisis.
- When paired with food, activities have much better attendance.
- Coordination and involvement with community-based programs has increased campus success.

Challenges:

- Student engagement is inconsistent.
- External issues interfere in student success.
- There is a lack of student housing at community colleges.
- Preparation for math courses is inconsistent.

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