

**The Washington Dual Enrollment Scholarship Pilot Program
2020-2021 Running Start Pilot Site
Applicant Reference Sheet**

If you have additional questions regarding the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Pilot Program, please contact Amelia Moore at ameliam@wsac.wa.gov for resources and assistance.

Program Overview

The 2019 Legislature passed [House Bill 1973](#) establishing the Dual Enrollment Scholarship pilot program to be administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC), providing financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in College in the High School (CiHS) and Running Start (RS) courses at participating pilot sites.

Running Start Pilot Program

Eligible students are enrolled at the participating college or university through Running Start, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and are eligible for Free Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL).

Scholarships will cover:

- mandatory fees, prorated based on credit load,
- textbook vouchers worth \$10 for each credit per quarter up to a maximum of 15 credits per quarter, per year,
- course or lab fees as determined appropriate by college or university policies to pay for specified course related costs.

*Note: The scholarship cannot be used for consumable fees, application fees, or for fees that are charged back to the college, and **must apply after existing subsidies, book vouchers, and fee waivers for low-income students.** In other words, this is a “last-dollar” scholarship that should not supplant current financial assistance offered to eligible students. Instead, the scholarship should be offered in addition to these other supports.*

The 2020 Legislature passed [Senate Bill 6374](#), expanding what the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Pilot Program can cover for eligible students to include, “**Apprenticeship materials as determined appropriate by the college or university to pay for specific course-related material costs, which may include occupation-specific tools, work clothes, rain gear, or boots.**”

- “Apprenticeship materials” can also be materials for professional technical certificates or 2-year programs, as Running Start students enrolled in professional technical programs often face high material costs and the goal of the legislation is to provide them with financial relief and increase access to these programs.
- If your college or university does offer pre-apprentice or apprentice programs that are open and accessible to Running Start students, provide details on these programs in your Letter of Interest (LOI - see LOI Suggested Outline).

Intent & Equity Goals: The state’s educational attainment goals cannot be achieved without closing the gaps in student access to opportunities for academic rigor and educational success that span

socioeconomic and racial/ethnic groups and geographic differences. Equity work in this context is based on providing essential opportunities to all students, addressing the disparity gaps that persist in dual credit access and participation, and building a systematic process for examining bias, privilege and the power of diversity. The equity goals of the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Pilot program are:

- To offer additional financial supports to low-income students currently enrolled in RS.
- To remove barriers to low-income students participating in RS.
- To ultimately increase the number of low-income students participating in RS.

Application Process & Timeline:

- Colleges interested in serving as a Dual Enrollment Scholarship pilot site should submit a Letter of Interest to Amelia Moore at ameliam@wsac.wa.gov by **Wednesday, July 8, 2020**.
- An initial review (Round 1) of the LOI's will take place **July 8-July 17, 2020** by the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Stakeholder Committee, which includes representatives from the WSAC, the Council of Presidents (COP), the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Additional data and information may be requested to make a final determination of pilot sites.
- Final review and scoring process (Round 2) will take place **July 17-August 6, 2020** with selections announced the week of **August 6, 2020**.

Please note that the LOI application process for the Washington Dual Enrollment Scholarship Pilot Program 2020-2021 Running Start Pilot Site is competitive. Applicants will be scored in three areas:

- Strength of partnerships
- Leadership commitment to equity efforts
- Strength of professional technical course offerings

Based on the number of schools that submit an LOI and the competitiveness of the applicant pool, other potential considerations may include geographic diversity of pilot sites ([see all current pilot site locations here](#)) and the institutional response to COVID-19 in regards to professional technical course offerings in fall 2020.

Expected pilot site responsibilities: If selected as a location for the pilot program, your school agrees to participate in the program, to fulfill all reporting and tracking obligations, and to work with WSAC to achieve the equity goals of the program.

- Pilot sites must submit a quarterly Expenditure Report. WSAC will provide the report templates.
- Data will be collected to evaluate participation and completion measures, and resource input measures. WSAC will provide the data table template to collect this information from pilot site locations.

Interagency Agreement Details:

- RS scholarships will be awarded to institutions of higher education (IHEs) for a one-year period (2020-21 AY).
- Funds for book vouchers, additional fee waivers, and apprentice/ professional technical course materials will be distributed directly to the IHE based off of estimated enrollment among their low-income population defined as those students eligible for Free and Reduce Price Lunch.
- Every eligible student enrolled in the RS program at the participating institution should receive the scholarship on a first-come, first-serve basis.