



Passport to Careers Update

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OBJECTIVES

- Understand how the program has expanded to serve more students.
- Understand what the new Portal enhancements mean and how they function.
- Learn about upcoming programmatic changes
- Provide information about resources available for administrators, students and supporters.
- Provide an opportunity for institutions to ask questions.



PASSPORT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Passport to Careers Eligibility (phased in):

- Expanded to serve students who experienced state, tribal, ICPC, or federal foster care.
- 2018-19: In foster care at any point after age 15 & apprenticeships
- 2019-20: In foster care at any point after age 14 & unaccompanied homeless youth
- 2020-21: In foster care at any point after age 13



PASSPORT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Complete FAFSA or WASFA
- Attending an approved institution in WA
- Not pursuing a degree in theology
- Washington resident
- Enroll prior to age 22*
- Student has 15 QER, or the equivalent
- Scholarship expires at age 27*

*Could change as program WAC is updated in 2020.



PASSPORT BY THE NUMBERS

Academic Year	Foster Youth	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice
2019-20	782	341	18
2018-19	317	0	0
2017-18	257	0	0

Academic Year	Scholarship Funds	Student Support Funds to Institutions
2019-20	Over \$2.8M	Over \$911K
2018-19	\$1,160,000	\$340,000
2017-18	\$883,000	\$274,000



SYSTEM UPDATES AND ENHANCEMENTS



SYSTEMS UPDATES

For Institutions:

- Increase capacity for serving newly eligible student populations.
- Enhanced security measures.
- Eliminate old process of sharing Excel spreadsheets.

For DCYF:

- Comprehensive data exchange agreement implemented
 - Monthly exchange for CBS and Passport
 - New Portal screens for student verification



Passport Eligibility

Use this page to check a student's eligibility, log receipt of a Support Services Release, or confirm the student as an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

This information is to be used solely for the purpose of confirming Passport eligibility for students you are working with. By utilizing this search tool, you are confirming that you are an authorized user of this system and will follow all data safeguards of this information.

Enter the following criteria to search for a student:

- Date of birth
- Last 4 digits of SSN **or** last name

Date of birth

Last 4 digits of SSN or last name

Search



PORTAL UPDATES

SSN	Last Name	First Name	Eligible	Classification	QER	Support Services Release
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Support Services Release

Click 'Submit' to log receipt of a Support Services Release for

Cancel Submit

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PROGRAM FORMS AND ELIGIBILITY LISTS



PASSPORT CONSENT

- Students submit consent for eligibility verification through:
 - Passport Consent Form
 - Common Application (with ETV program)
 - FAFSA / WASFA
- Indicate type of foster care.
- Unaccompanied homeless youth do NOT complete this form.



Passport to Careers Program Consent Form

The Passport to Careers program assists you on your journey toward a postsecondary education or apprenticeship and provides financial assistance and support services to meet your education and career goals.

You are eligible for financial assistance and other support services if you:

- Were in the care of the Washington State, tribal, or federal foster care system after age 14.*
*requirement will change to after age 13 beginning in July 2020.
- Are a resident of Washington State. If you are in ICPC and not a Washington resident, contact WSAC.
- Are or will be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible institution of higher education, or a recognized pre-apprenticeship or registered apprenticeship program in Washington State before turning age 22.
- Have not yet earned a bachelor's degree.
- Are not planning to pursue a degree in theology.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name		Date of Birth	
Address		Phone Numbers	
Street:		Home: ()	
City:	State:	Zip:	Cell: ()
		May we text your cell phone? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Email Address		Last Four digits Social Security Number (optional)	
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Foster Care Placement Type (select one)			
<input type="radio"/> State Dependent	<input type="radio"/> Federal Refugee	<input type="radio"/> Tribal Dependent	
State:	Service Provider:	Tribe Name:	
Date of last placement:	Date of last placement:	Date of last placement:	

I authorize the recognized staff of the Department of Children Youth & Families, tribal foster care, federal foster care, SETuP, Labor and Industries, and any nonprofit organizations contracted with the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to provide verification of eligibility, services for the Passport to Careers program, to release and receive information regarding my foster care status, college pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship enrollment, financial aid, and academic standing to and from WSAC and Passport-eligible colleges, pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. I understand I may be asked for additional information from WSAC, the program administrator.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information, contact:
Washington Student Achievement Council
PO Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430
Email: passporttocollege@wsac.wa.gov
Phone: 1-888-535-0747, option 3, then select 1
Fax: 1-360-704-6246



TRIBAL VERIFICATION

- For students who experienced foster care under a tribal court.
- No existing data share with the 29 federally recognized tribes in WA.
- Form is provided to an official tribal representative for eligibility verification.
 - Case manager
 - Social service provider



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**Passport to Careers Program
Dependent/Ward of the Court Verification**

Student Information

First name	Middle name	Last name	Date of birth
Date and age dependency was established	Date and age dependency was dismissed	Amount of time spent in care <small>Years Months</small>	Date of last placement
Name of federally recognized tribe		Tribal foster care contact phone number	

This statement is to confirm the following:

- The above-named person was in the care of the tribal foster care system of the above-named tribe in Washington State, and placed in out-of-home care at any time since turning 14 and before turning 21.*

** Note: This is the current requirement. Beginning July 1, 2020, eligible persons can have been placed in care between turning 13 and turning 21.*

I certify that the information provided in this document is true and accurate.

Tribal Representative Information

Name of authorized tribal representative		Title	
Mailing address	City	State	Zip code
Authorized tribal representative signature		Date	

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HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

- In most cases, unaccompanied homelessness is determined by the financial aid office.
- Student Housing Questionnaire is available as a resource.
- In extenuating circumstances, institution may refer to WSAC for eligibility determination.
- Student eligibility could change if there is a gap in enrollment.

Passport to Careers Student Housing Questionnaire



Applicant Information

Name _____

SSN _____

Date of Birth
MM/DD/YYYY _____

Mailing Address
Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number
Include area code _____

Email Address
Required _____

College(s) Attending _____

Class Standing Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Housing Declaration

An unaccompanied homeless youth is an individual under age 21 who is not in the physical custody of their parent or guardian, and lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

In order to qualify for Passport to Careers assistance as an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2019, a student's status as an unaccompanied homeless youth within the prior one-year period must be verified through review of the information provided below.

I live with a parent or guardian:

Yes No

Living Situation (check all that apply):

Hotel or motel

Shelter or other temporary housing program

Couch surfing

Car, park, campsite or sleeping on the street

Transitional housing

Doubled up with another family due to hardship

In a residence with inadequate facilities (no heat, water or electricity)

Other _____



IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



- List from WSAC:
 - Determined eligible for Passport by DCYF, DSHS or Tribes.
 - Listed as an unaccompanied homeless youth by institution.
 - Student sub-populations are not identifiable.

- Admissions/Registration Materials
- Student self-disclosure
- Referral from SETuP provider, or other student support organization.



REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



PROGRAM REMINDERS

- Administrators are asked to request funding each quarter. Please do not delay payment requests.
- Foster youth still receive priority funding SWS.
- Beginning July 1, students who experienced foster care at any point after age 13 are eligible.





PASSPORT AGREEMENT

Passport Addendum to Participation Agreement in State Aid Programs expires on July 1.

- Institutions elect to provide individualized support services to Passport students
- Forty-five colleges have developed a student support plan through:
 - Campus leadership commitment
 - Designated support staff (DSS)
 - Review student financial aid, ensuring all resources are utilized and minimizing a reliance on student loans
 - Connect with social services and Independent Living Providers



PASSPORT AGREEMENT

- **NAME CHANGE Announcement!**
 - *Passport Student Support Fund* formerly Passport Incentive Grants
 - *Passport Student Success Plan* formerly Viable Plan
- Asking institutions to review and update their Passport Student Success Plan.
- Updated FAA and DSS role descriptions based on PLT recommendations.

Student Support Plan

Institution Name

Office, Contact Person
Institution Address
City, State, Zip



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Passport Student Support Plan for (INSTITUTION NAME)

Date

[Date]

Developed By:

Institution Name
Office, Contact Person
Institution Address
City, State, Zip

Reported to:

Washington Student Achievement
Council
Passport to College Program
PO Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

The state of Washington created the Passport to Careers program through RCW 28B.117. The Passport to Careers program is administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) and helps current and former foster youth and unaccompanied homeless youth enroll, persist, and complete a postsecondary education, apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship. WSAC provides institutions with financial incentives for agreeing to have a viable plan for supporting Passport students by:



2019-20 INCENTIVE GRANT REPORT

- Due at the end of August
- Worked with Passport Leadership Team, data and research subcommittee, to update the questions asked.
- Passport DSS will receive a link to the report, FAA's may be asked to provide some of the information requested.



PASSPORT – WAC UPDATE

- Align Passport Statute (RCW) as passed by the legislature with program Rules (WAC).
- In the upcoming months, WSAC will ask for feedback from institutions and the Passport Leadership Team.
- Goal set for winter 2021 implementation.





SOURCES OF SUPPORT TO STUDENTS

From Institutions:

- Flexible use of Passport student support funds (formerly known as incentive grants)

From WSAC:

- Direct email messages to enrolled students
- Otterbot text campaigns

From College Success Foundation:

- Emergency Funding through the Scholar Success Fund.

From Together We Rise:

- Last dollar-in, rapid response emergency funding.
- Referral agency/institution must be approved.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND OTHER RESOURCES



PASSPORT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Advisory Membership

- Made up of 30 members
- Representatives from institutions, social services, state agencies, tribes, apprenticeships
- Quarterly meetings, with more frequent workgroup meetings
 - Professional Development
 - Outreach and Communication
 - Best Practices

Projects

- Addendum to Participation Agreement
- Resource development
- Policy advising
- Program evaluation advising
- Provide training opportunities
- Development of strategic plan



PASSPORT TO APPRENTICESHIPS

- In general, for non-campus based apprenticeship programs.
- Assists with participating in a registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs.
- Covers occupational-specific costs.
 - Tuition, fees, work clothes, rain gear, boots, and occupation-related tools.
- WSAC contracted with ANEW for program administration.





ANEW INFORMATION



- Founded in 1980 to improve access and advancement of women in non-traditional pathways. Now serving both men and women.
- Partners with over 17 apprenticeship programs in the Puget Sound Region.

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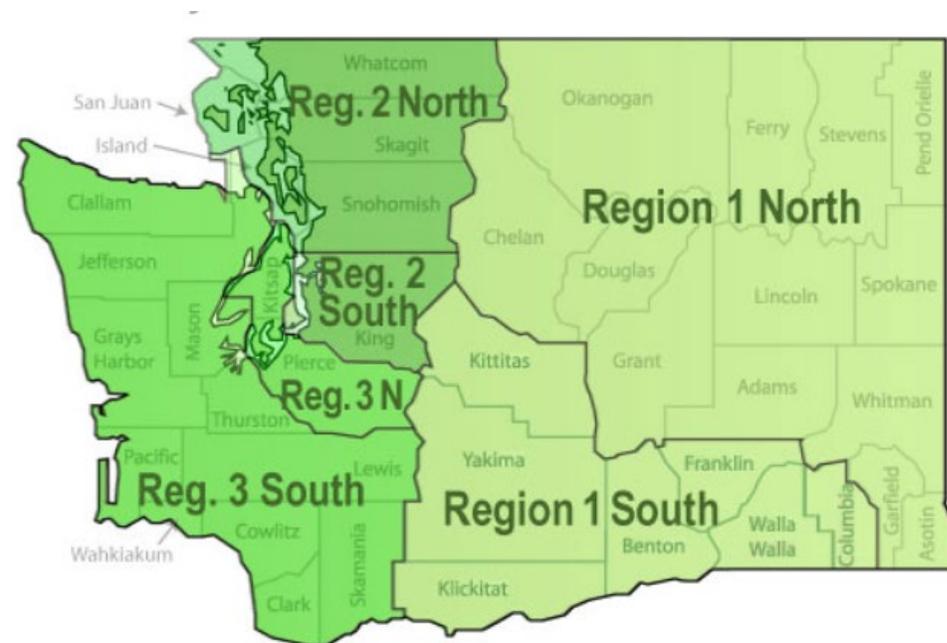
www.anewaop.org



EARLY OUTREACH – SETUP PROGRAM

Assists foster youth in successfully making the transition from high school to postsecondary enrollment, career, or service.

- Six providers throughout Washington:
 - Serve 350 students each year.
 - Provide case management to complete developmental tasks to increase high school and postsecondary success.
 - Facilitate youth access to appropriate school and local resources.
 - Collaborate with Treehouse staff.





RESOURCES

- NEW - Passport Program Manual
- WSAC Website
 - Passport Student Guide
 - Outreach Fliers
 - Implementation Timeline
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Ready Set Grad – UPDATED!
 - Student focused
 - Passport institution contacts
- Washington Passport Network
 - Agreement to Participate
 - Incentive Grant Guide
 - DSS and FAA Role Description



PASSPORT TO CAREERS

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE FOR COLLEGE CAMPUSES

FOR THE PASSPORT TO COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
AND ELIGIBLE CAMPUS-BASED APPRENTICESHIP
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PATHWAYS

2019-20



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passport Conference

November 2020

Tacoma Convention Center

<https://www.washingtonpassportnetwork.org/passport-to-careers-state-conference/>

Webinar Training Series

Recorded webinars available on the Washington Passport Network YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbsZRqRei27526kjEvqMTCg>



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