

WSAC State Financial Aid Workshops May 2020

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Agenda

- **Legislative Update**
- **WA College Grant & College Bound Scholarship**
- **Participation Renewal Process**
- **WSAC Initiatives and Resources**
- **Questions**

Other topics will be covered in separate webinars over the next two days.

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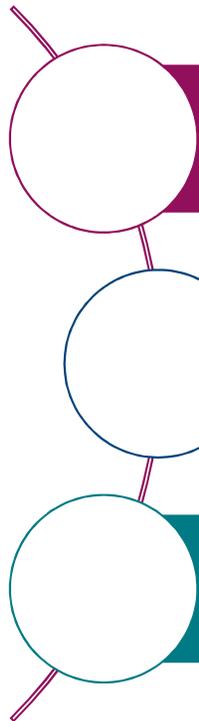


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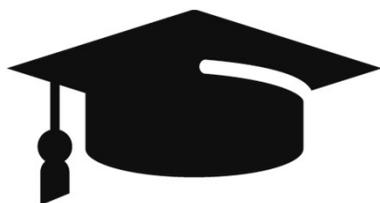
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Council's Statutory Charge

- 
- Propose educational attainment goals to the Governor and Legislature.
 - Propose strategies and resources necessary.
 - Align the work of education and higher education programs, agencies, and institutions.

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Washington's Attainment Goals



100%

High school diploma
or equivalent

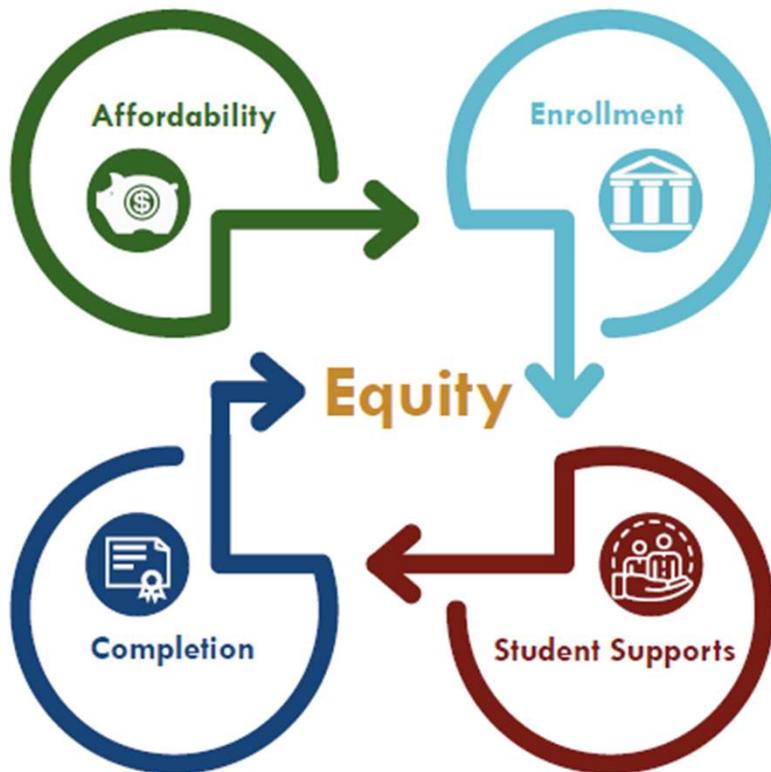


70%

Postsecondary credential
degree, certificate, apprenticeship

Washington population ages 25-44

Strategic Framework



If we build an **affordable** and **supportive** educational environment, more Washington residents will **enroll** in and **complete** a credential-bearing program.

WSAC's Primary Duties

Policy & Research

- Attainment goals
- System & workforce needs
- Academic efficiency policies
- Recommendations for student success

Affordability

- Savings: Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) & Dream Ahead
- Financial aid administration
- Workforce shortage programs

Access & Support

- College Bound Scholarship
- Ready, Set, Grad
- GEAR UP
- 12th Year Campaign
- The Washboard.org
- Adult Reengagement

Consumer Protection

- Degree Authorization
- Approval of Veteran's benefits
- Complaint resolution
- Program compliance
- Student Loan Advocate



Legislative Update

2020 Legislative Session

- **Session ended on March 12, 2020**
 - Was “short session”
 - Ended as scheduled/no special session
- **Governor signed budget on April 3, 2020**
 - Several line item vetoes, including policy work assigned to WSAC
 - New financial aid programs assigned to WSAC remain
 - Press conference included a question about WCG, was confirmed “becomes an entitlement July 1st.”

[ESSB 6168](#)

2019-2021 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations

2020 – WA National Guard Grant (SB 5197) - \$625 K

- **Conditional Grant Program**
 - Requires 1 year of National Guard service for 1 year of funding
- **Transfers administration from the WA Military Department to WSAC**
- **Eligibility includes:**
 - Member of the WA National Guard, attending an approved college
 - WA resident
 - No prior baccalaureate degree
 - Submit FAFSA/WASFA
- **Maximum award – tuition/fees less federal/state grant aid
+ \$500 for books**

2020 – Undocumented Student Loan Program (2SSB 6561)

- **Not effective until 2021-22 AY, contingent on private donations that would be matched with state funds up to \$2M/biennium**
- **Eligibility includes:**
 - Resident student with financial need
 - Submit WASFA
 - Doesn't qualify for federal financial aid
- **Maximum award – public tuition/fees less state grant aid + \$500 for books**
- **WSAC to consult on design with financial aid administrators**

2020 – Expanding Access to Higher Education (ESSB 6141)

Multiple components:

- **WSAC to adopt an online Pell and WCG eligibility calculator (Section 2)**
 - Estimated implementation Oct 1, 2020
- **WSAC to develop consistent definitions for financial aid awards (Section 3)**
 - Estimated implementation for 2022-23 award notifications
 - Work with WSAC financial aid workgroup initially and then ask for broader feedback
- **High Schools to provide a financial aid advising day**
 - WSAC to advise and provide information on WCG

2019 - Workforce Investment Act – E2SHB 2158

- **Historic investment in higher education**
- **Creates a dedicated revenue source for higher education.**
 - From 2019 - Three-tiered increase to state's B&O tax.
 - Changed in 2020 – ESSB 6492
- **2020-21 AY will be year two of phased implementation**
 - Guaranteed funding



2019 - Conditional Scholarship for Educators (HB 1139)

First Phase of Implementation:

- Pipeline for Paraeducators Conditional Scholarship
- Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship
- Student Teaching Grant
- Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarship
- Alternative Route Conditional Scholarship

Next Phase of Implementation:

- Career & Technical Education Conditional Scholarship
- Teacher Endorsement and Certification Help
- Loan Repayment

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Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarship

Washington College Grant (WCG) – Key Messages

The new **Washington College Grant** gives **more money to more students** for **more kinds** of education after high school.

Washington State has made a groundbreaking commitment to financial aid for low- and middle-income people of all ages with the new **Washington College Grant (WCG)**.

The image is a 3x3 grid of photographs. The top row shows two welders in a workshop, a bookshelf in a library, and a smiling man in a white shirt. The middle row shows a nurse in a blue uniform, a computer screen with code, and hands holding rolled-up diplomas. The bottom row is a solid dark blue bar with white text.

Welding or Nursing?	English or Computer Science?	18-month apprenticeship or 4-year college degree?
Whatever the goal, Washington College Grant can help.		

Washington College Grant: Increased Funding

**WCG funding
(in millions)**



Funding of other need-based programs

Program	2019-20	2020-21
College Bound	\$19.5 M	\$17 M
State Work Study	\$7.8 M	\$7.8 M
Passport to College	\$2.2 M	\$2.2 M
Passport to Careers	\$0.5 M	\$0.5 M

Washington College Grant Updates

What's the Same

- CBS priority in WCG, 66-70% MFI
- Must have unmet need
- Aid eligible programs that contain apprenticeships remain eligible for regular WCG
- 5 year maximum usage limit

What's New

- Guaranteed funding for eligible students
- Expanded eligibility to 100% Median Family Income
- Registered apprenticeships added – parallel WCG-apprenticeship funding
- No allocations
- 5 year maximum usage limit

CBS and WCG

CBS eligible students receive WCG

- Provides additional funding for a small book allowance.
- Awards are not prorated based on income level for eligible students up to 65% MFI.
- CBS eligible students receive funding up to 65% MFI and are eligible for WCG up to 100% MFI.



Washington College Grant: Award Amounts

- Maximum award amounts for public institutions increase to cover full tuition and fees.
- Must be awarded for all terms a student is enrolled and eligible.
- Award amount is prorated based on income eligibility (MFI level) and enrollment level.
- Cannot exceed need.

Award Chart

2020-21 Maximum Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarship Award Amounts for 3 Quarters/2 Semesters										
Institution/Sector	Median Family Income									
	CBS Max	0 - 55%	0 - 55%	56 - 60%	56 - 60%	61 - 65%	61 - 65%	66 - 70%	71 - 75%	76 - 100%
	WCG + CBS = Full CBS Award	Full WCG award	CBS Amount	70% of full WCG award	CBS Amount	60% of full WCG award	CBS Amount	WCG ONLY = 50% of full award	WCG ONLY = 24.5% of full award	WCG ONLY = 10% of full award
University of Washington	\$11,540	\$11,040	\$500	\$7,728	\$3,812	\$6,624	\$4,916	\$5,520	\$2,705	\$1,104
Washington State University	\$11,235	\$10,735	\$500	\$7,515	\$3,721	\$6,441	\$4,794	\$5,368	\$2,630	\$1,074
Central Washington University	\$7,677	\$7,177	\$500	\$5,024	\$2,653	\$4,306	\$3,371	\$3,589	\$1,758	\$718
Eastern Washington University	\$7,194	\$6,694	\$500	\$4,686	\$2,508	\$4,016	\$3,178	\$3,347	\$1,640	\$669
The Evergreen State College	\$7,667	\$7,167	\$500	\$5,017	\$2,650	\$4,300	\$3,367	\$3,584	\$1,756	\$717
Western Washington University	\$7,881	\$7,381	\$500	\$5,167	\$2,714	\$4,429	\$3,453	\$3,691	\$1,808	\$738
Private Four-year Non-Profit	\$11,904	\$9,739	\$2,165	\$6,817	\$5,087	\$5,843	\$6,061	\$4,870	\$2,386	\$974
Private Four-year For-Profit	\$11,904	\$8,517	\$3,387	\$5,962	\$5,942	\$5,110	\$6,794	\$4,259	\$2,087	\$852
WGU Washington	\$6,280	\$5,619	\$661	\$3,933	\$2,347	\$3,371	\$2,909	\$2,810	\$1,377	\$562
Community & Technical Colleges	\$4,719	\$4,219	\$500	\$2,953	\$1,766	\$2,531	\$2,188	\$2,110	\$1,034	\$422
CTC Applied Bachelor's	\$7,264	\$6,764	\$500	\$4,735	\$2,529	\$4,058	\$3,206	\$3,382	\$1,657	\$676
Private Two-Year Non-Profit	\$4,719	\$3,694	\$1,025	\$2,586	\$2,133	\$2,216	\$2,503	\$1,847	\$905	\$369
Private Two-Year For-Profit	\$4,719	\$2,823	\$1,896	\$1,976	\$2,743	\$1,694	\$3,025	\$1,412	\$692	\$282

updated 5/7/2020

Please note that annual awards may not be exceeded for 3 quarter/2 semester enrollments. If annual award amounts do not divide evenly, you must round up/down accordingly to ensure you do not exceed the annual limit. However, eligible students will receive more than these amounts if enrolled more than 3 quarters/2 semesters.

Washington College Grant: Income Eligibility

Income level (% of WA Median Family Income)	Income at MFI cap for a family of 4 (2020-21 levels)	Award proration (% of max award)	
		Current through 2019-20	Starting in 2020-21
0 – 50	<see 2019-20>	100%	100%
51 – 55	\$53,000	70%	100%
56 – 60	\$58,000	65%	70%
61 – 65	\$63,000	60%	60%
66 – 70	\$68,000	50%	50%
71 – 75	\$72,500	<i>Not eligible</i>	24.5%
76 – 100	\$97,000	<i>Not eligible</i>	10%

Source: [WSAC Published MFI Chart for 2019-20 WCG](#) and [2020-21 WCG](#)

Washington Administrative Code Update

- **Adoption date will be May 29, 2020**
- **Effective date will be 31 days later**
- **New WAC entirely**
 - WCG – Grants
 - WCG – Apprenticeships



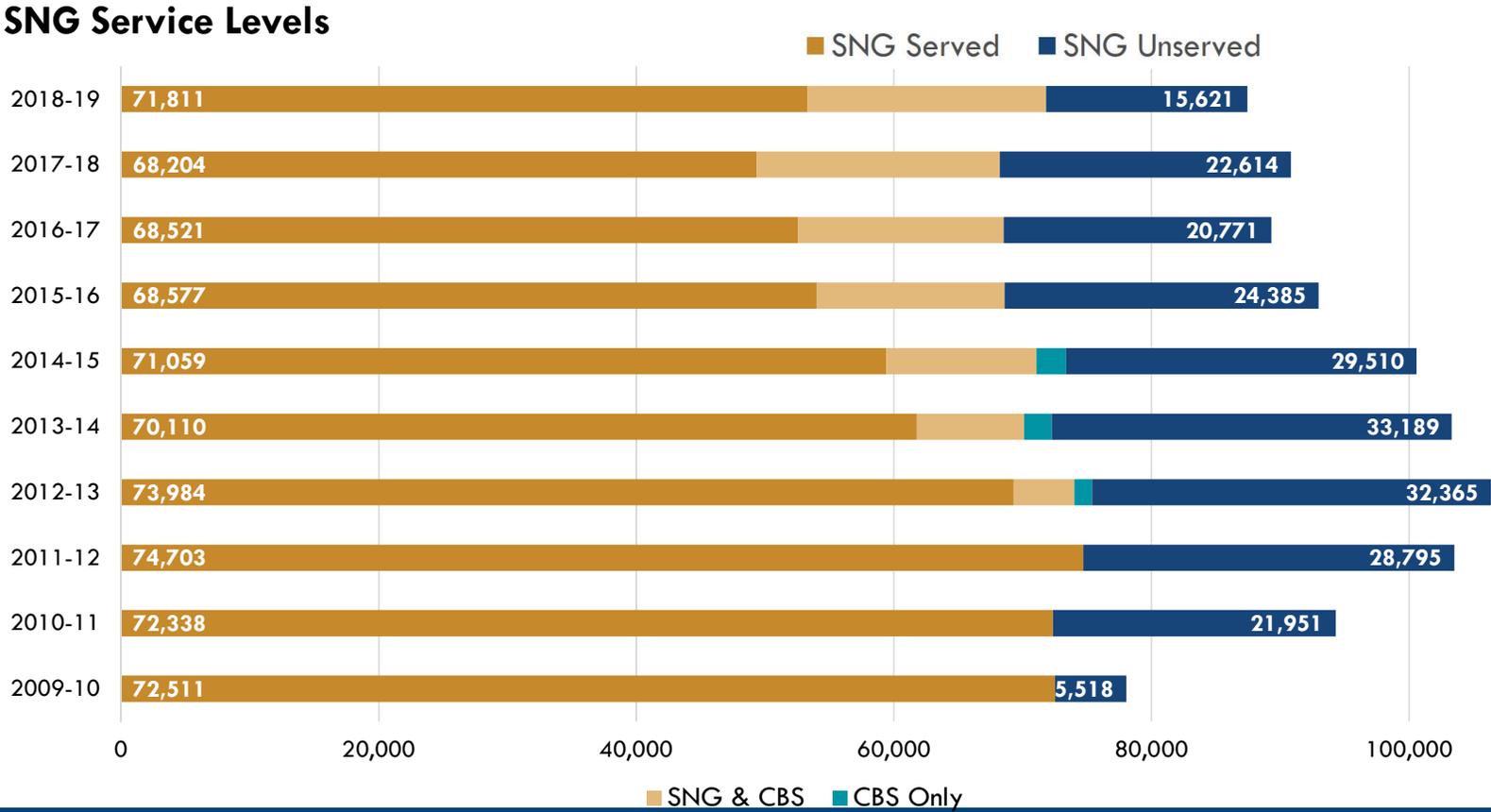
WCG – Operational Considerations

- **Reporting will continue quarterly.**
 - Need ongoing updates for forecasting costs.
- **2020-21 funding and reporting will flow similar to College Bound Scholarship.**
- **Timely, reconciled data from colleges is critical.**



Large Numbers of Students Remain Unserved

Although enrollments have declined in the two-year sector, total eligible students remain high.



WSAC Final Interim Report, 2009-10 to 2018-19. Unserved data for 2012-13 through 2014-15 reflect coordination policy in the 2015 operating budget.

2020-21 Interim Reporting Dates

Report	Due Dates
Fall Interim Report	November 6, 2020
Winter Interim Report	February 5, 2021
Spring Interim Report	May 7, 2021
Final Interim Report*	July 5, 2021

*The interim report in CSAW opens three weeks before the interim report due date. Colleges can upload their interim report data any time within that three week window.

2109-20 Final Interim Reminder

July 6, 2020 Due Date

- Includes reconciled data.
- Funds due to or due from the colleges/WSAC.
- Funds for the new year may not be drawn until all funds are reconciled/returned for your specific college.



CSAW Changes

- Look and feel similar to CBS
 - No allocations
 - No unserved/serve
 - Awards and payments
 - Passport will be included on your dashboard

Upload	Edits	Request Funds	Interim Report	Students	Account Status
Submit					
Awards & Payments					
Total Eligible					
Receivables					
Expenditure Type		WCG	CBS	PTC	
Funds Drawn		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Returned by Institution		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Net Funds Drawn		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Funds Requested		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Awards Reported		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Difference		✓ \$0.00	✓ \$0.00	✓ \$0.00	

DRAFT TOTALS VIEW FOR CSAW FOR 2020-21

Overview							
	Program	Total	Summer 1	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer 2
WCG 	Award Total i	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Served Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Need-Met Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Eligible Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
CBS 	Award Total i	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Served Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Need-Met Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Eligible Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTC 	Award Total i	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Served Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Need-Met Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Eligible Awards i	0	0	0	0	0	0
 download all to csv							

2019-20 Unit Record Reporting Timeline

Date	Action
August 2020	URR training webinars
August 10, 2020	URR application available for initial upload of data into WSAC Portal
October 5, 2020	Unit Record Report final submission date
October – Nov/Dec 2020	WSAC staff data editing and review
December 2020	URR data finalized
January 2021	URR Institutional Profile reports available for 2019-20 year



Participation Renewal Process

Changes to Participating Institutions List

New for 2019-20:

- **Seattle Film Institute**

Pending for 2020-21:

- No pending applications for new WCG colleges.
- Will be opening application for registered apprenticeship programs wanting to participate in Washington College Grant for Apprenticeship (WCG-A), as outline in proposed WAC.

2020-21 Renewal Process

Modified institutional renewal process in 2020-21, per new WAC flexibilities:

- Differences in what need to be submitted in some cases, including use of a certification form.
- See letter sent by Jeffrey Powell for specifics for your institution.

2020-21 Renewal Process

- Deadline for submission is week of June 1
- WSAC seeks to make renewal determinations for all institutions prior to 7/1/20, but institutions approved after this date are approved retroactively back to 7/1/20.



WSAC Initiatives and Resources

Aim Higher Washington



The combination of the Washington College Grant and the investment to increase financial aid applications provides a unique opportunity to engage statewide.

WSAC's affordability initiative focused on increasing financial aid applications (FAFSA/WASFA) for the High School Graduating Class of 2020.

- 12th Year Campaign
- Outreach to students, parents, and local educators
- Partnerships with education and government leaders
- Digital Tools, including texting to CBS seniors

College & Career Compass

- Supports adults to return and complete their education, so they can compete to meet the needs of Washington employers.
- Recently updated to include information for high school students.



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- Finding programs and campuses
- Paying for education and training
- Resources for veterans, immigrants, and others



Contact Information

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WSAC Website Resources

- Program Manuals



- WSAC Portal



- ReadySetGrad.org



- theWashBoard.org



SFA Program Manuals and Training

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RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATORS

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Questions?

Thank you for joining us!

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The 2020-21 SFA Workshops Continue

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

- 10 - 11 a.m. – WASFA and Residency Requirements
- 11 - 12 WSAC – WCG Apprenticeships

Thursday, May 14, 2020

- 2 - 3 p.m. – State Work Study Program Guidance
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. – State Aid Repayment Changes
- 4 - 4:45 p.m. – Passport to Careers, Portal Updates