

# **WCG** for Apprenticeship

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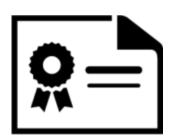


# Washington's Attainment Goals



100%

High school diploma or equivalent



**70**%

Postsecondary credential degree, certificate, apprenticeship



# Washington College Grant (WCG)

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





# Washington College Grant for Apprenticeship (WCG-A)

The Legislature renamed and expanded the state's largest financial aid program.

#### Beginning for AY 2020-21

- Supports people in registered apprenticeships
- Guaranteed funding for eligible participants
- Expanded eligibility to more low- and middle-income families, with partial grants up to 100% of Median Family Income



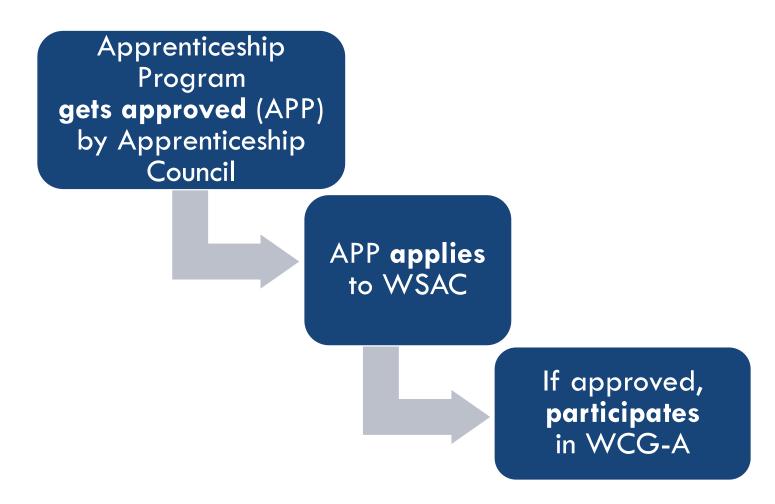
# WCG Income Eligibility

Award amounts vary based on income, family size, and program attended.

Family Size	Full Award	Partial Award
	Income	Income
Eligible Student	\$27,500 or less	Up to \$50,500
Family of 1  Eligible Student  Family of 4	\$53,000 or less	Up to \$97,000



### WCG-A Program Approval Process





#### Apprentice WCG-A Process

Apprentice applies to apprenticeship program provider (APP)

 Required financial aid application for WCG-A. Differs from FAFSA/WASFA

APP determines eligibility

- Residency
- Income
- Standard program cost

APP **requests money**from WSAC

- WSAC pays program
- Program pays apprentice
- Program reporting requirements



- Must be an approved apprenticeship program
  - Defined by RCW 49.04, a long standing, established Apprenticeship Council, administered by Labor and Industries
    - Does not include pre-apprenticeship programs
- Maximum award amount: "tuition and fees, as determined by the office, in addition to required program supplies and equipment."
  - "Office" is WSAC's student financial aid division



#### WAC will define – some examples

- WSAC review process for APP to participate and renew annually
- Program progress is required
- Usage limit for all WCG recipients
- Disclosures to apprentices, including disbursement directives

Public Hearing held in April, will be established by July 1, 2020. <a href="http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/law/wsr/2020/06/20-06-052.htm">http://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/law/wsr/2020/06/20-06-052.htm</a>



#### Ongoing program development

- WCG-A will have a program manual, like WCG, where operational requirements are established.
  - Stakeholder involvement
- As APPs come on board, ongoing promotion will be needed.



# Approved Apprenticeship Program (APP) Requirements

#### Administrative capability

- Promote, collect, review financial aid applications
- Determine program costs relevant to WCG-A award
  - Instructional Costs/Tuition
  - Equipment and Supplies
- Payment request via online portal tool
- Reporting requirements



## Apprentice – Financial Aid Application

#### Must include:

- Residency
- Dependency determination questions
- Income
- Household size/number in college or apprenticeship



#### Introducing - Program Associate for Apprenticeships

- Jeff Southard spent most of his working life helping others to do their best with personal finances through behavioral coaching and partnering with non-profits throughout the United States.
- Jeff majored in Theater Arts at Emerson College in Boston and earned his Master's degree at Western Washington University.





# Continue the conversation

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