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Legislative Overview & General Session

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Agenda

- **Legislative Update**
- **Washington College Grant**
- **Program Updates**
- **Participation Renewal Process**
- **WSAC Initiatives and Resources**
- **Questions**





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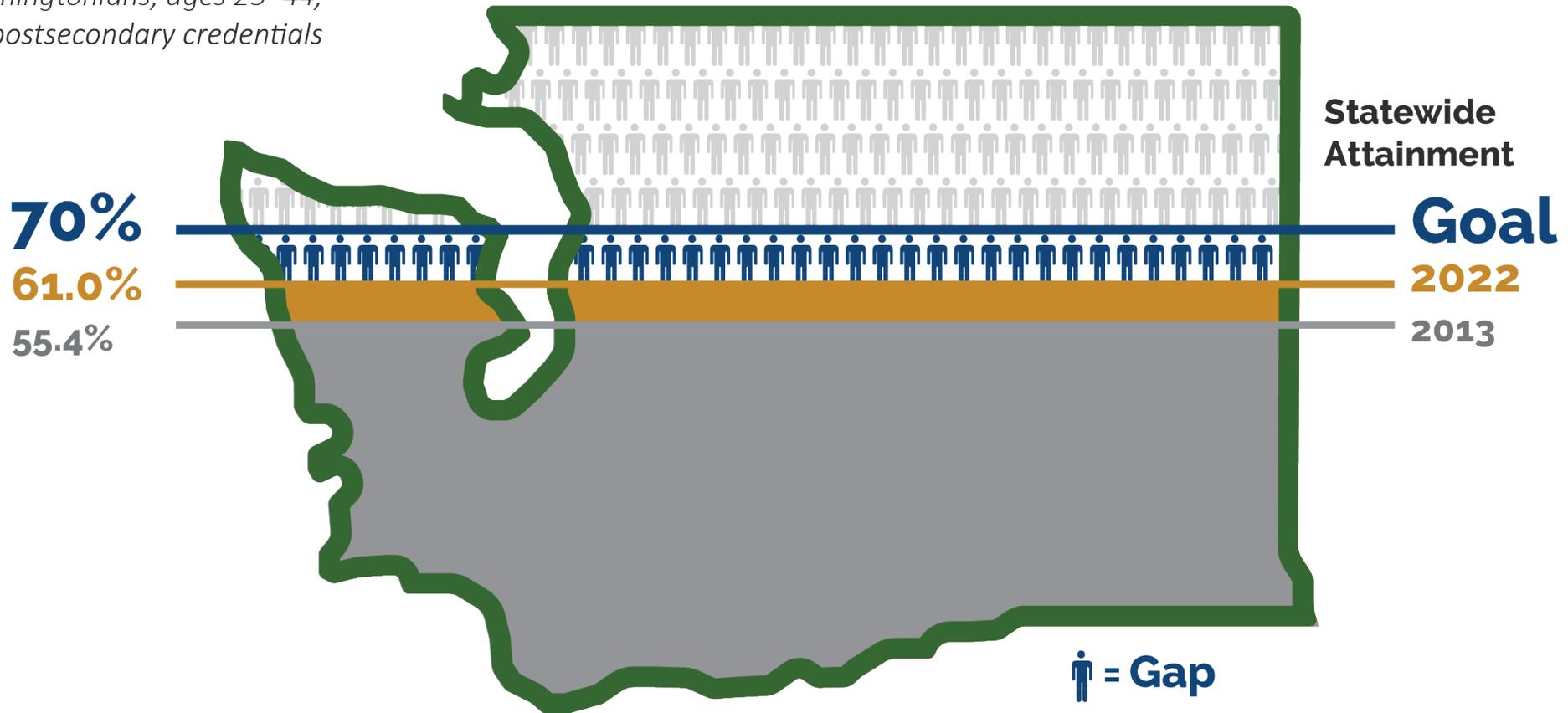


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Statewide Attainment Goal Progress

*Washingtonians, ages 25–44,
with postsecondary credentials*

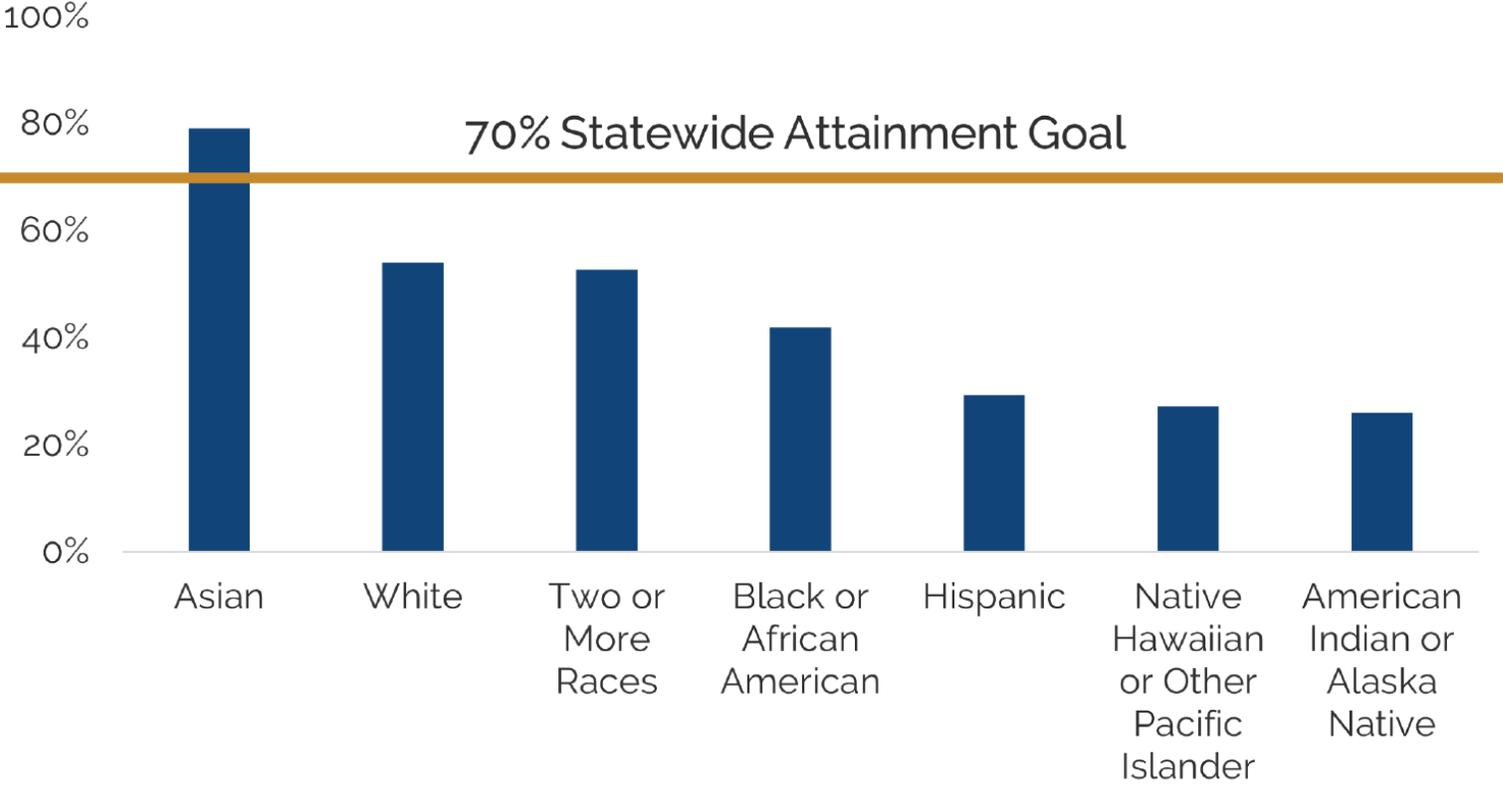




Equity in Educational Attainment

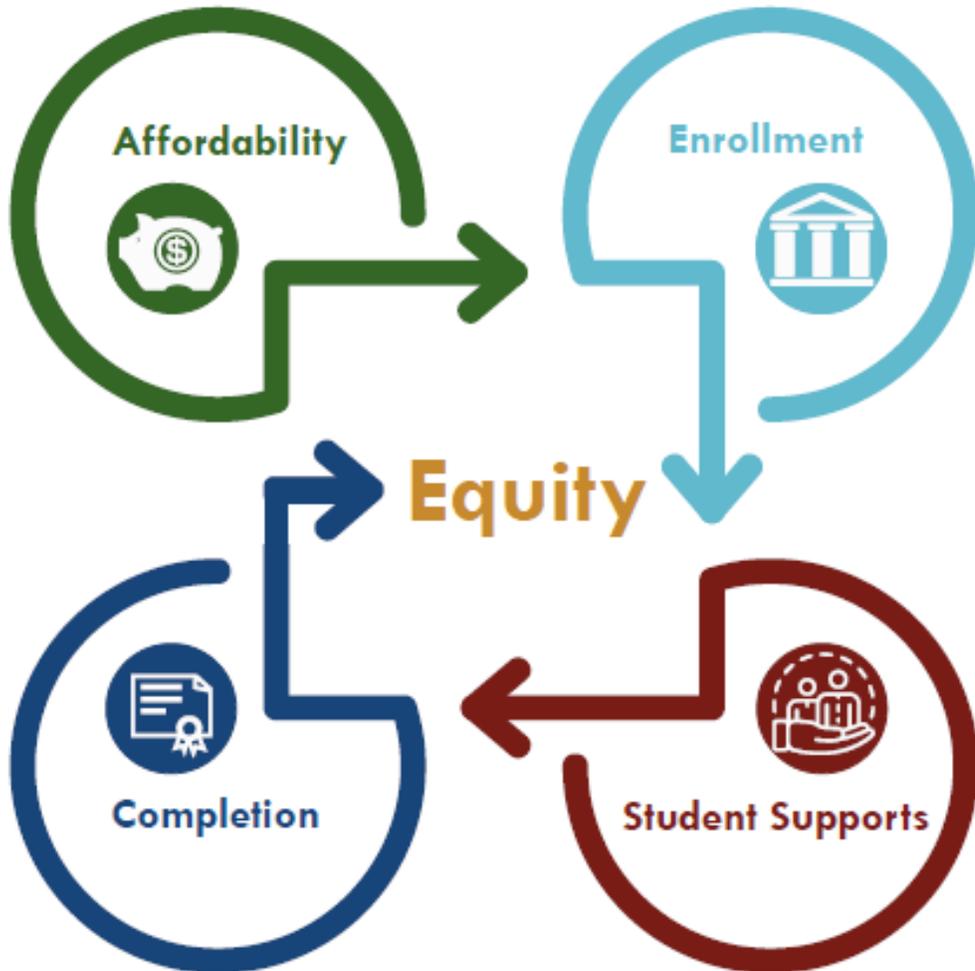
2022 Attainment by Race/Ethnicity

Washingtonians, ages 25–44, with postsecondary credentials





Strategic Framework



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

Equity is an outcome in which justice is realized within our society through a continuous, intentional process of identifying and abolishing racism and all forms of oppression designed to marginalize students, communities, and families who are Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, regardless of immigration status, and all oppressed groups.

WSAC Equity Definition



2024 Legislative Session



2024 Legislative Session

- **The 60 Day Legislative Session started January 8, and ended on March 7, 2024.**
- **WSAC tracked a number of bills related to student financial aid, apprenticeship, student basic needs, the supplemental budget, and more.**





2024 Session Update – House Bills

Bill	Title	Status	Notes	Sponsor
HB 1146	Notifying HS students and families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.	Governor Signed	Chapter 44/ Law 24	Paul
2E2SHB 1541	Lived Experience/Establishing the nothing about us without us act.	Governor Signed	Chapter 283 / Law 24	Farivar
SHB 1889	Allowing persons to receive professional licenses & certifications regardless of immigration or citizenship status.	Governor Signed	Chapter 50 / Law 24	Walen
HB 1917	Adopting the Physician assistant compact	Governor Signed	Chapter 53 / Law 24	Leavitt
SHB 1939	Adopting the social work licensure compact.	Governor Signed	Chapter 176 / Law 24	Orwall
HB 1943	Modifying the WA national guard postsecondary education grant program.	Governor Signed	Chapter 178 / Law 24	Leavitt
HB 1946	Creating the WA health corps behavioral health scholarship program.	Delivered to Governor	Chapter 369 / Law 24	Eslick
HB 1950	Adopting the social work licensure compact.	Governor Signed	Chapter 2 / Law 24	Slatter
HB 2004	Early registration at institutions of higher education for military students.	Governor Signed	Chapter 89 / Law 24	McEntire
2SHB 2014	Definition of veteran and restoring honor to veterans.	Governor Signed	Chapter 146 / Law 24	Volz
ESHB 2019	Establishing a Native American apprentice assistance program.	Governor Signed	Chapter 203 / Law 24	Stearns
SHB 2025	Modifying placement and salary matching requirements for state work-study.	Governor Signed	Chapter 182 / Law 24	Reed
2SHB 2084	Establishing oversight committee to improve construction-related training and pathways to state registered apprenticeships in correctional facilities.	Governor Signed	Chapter 355 / Law 24	Fosse
HB 2110	Reorg. statutory requirements governing HS graduation.	Governor Signed	Chapter 66 / Law 24	Nance
HB 2111	Clarifying requirements for subsidized child care.	Governor Signed	Chapter 67 / Law 24	Nance
2SHB 2214	Permitting beneficiaries of public assistance programs to automatically qualify as income-eligible for Washington College Grant (SNAP/WSAC-Request)	Governor Signed	Chapter 116 / Law 24	Slatter
SHB 2216	Reducing barriers to state employment by eliminating unnecessary two-year and four-year degree requirements.	Governor Signed	Chapter 70 / Law 24	Cheney
SHB 2230	Economic inclusion by creating the economic security for all grant program.	Governor Signed	Chapter 92 / Law 24	Peterson
ESHB 2236	Expanding and strengthening career and technical ed. core plus programs.	Governor Signed	Chapter 234 / Law 24	Shavers
ESHB 2441	Establishing a pilot program eliminating college in the high school fees for private not-for-profit four-year institutions.	Governor Signed	Chapter 240 / Law 24	Corry

SFA-Related Bills
WSAC Tracked Bills



2024 Session Update – Senate & Budget

WSAC SFA Bill Tracker – Senate and Budget Bills Bills Passed During 2024 Legislative Session

SFA-Related Bills
WSAC Tracked Bills

Bill	Title	Status	Notes	Sponsor
E2SSB 5670	Title Revised: Providing summer running start for rising juniors.	Governor Signed	Chapter 159 / Law 24	Hawkins
2SSB 5780	Encouraging participation in public defense and prosecution professions.	Governor Signed	Chapter 293 / Law 24	Torres
SB 5904	Extending the terms of eligibility for financial aid programs. (Max. time frame) (WSAC Request)	Governor Signed	Chapter 323 / Law 24	Nobles
E2SSB 5908	Extended foster care services to youth ages 18 to 21.	Governor Signed	Chapter 192 / Law 24	Wilson, C.
SSB 5953	Concerning financial aid grants for incarcerated students.	Governor Signed	Chapter 272 / Law 24	Wilson, C.
SSB 6025	Protecting consumers from predatory loans.	Governor Signed	Chapter 249 / Law 24	Walen
SSB 6053	Improving equitable access to postsecondary education. (WSAC Request)	Governor Signed	Chapter 324 / Law 24	Holy
ESB 6296	Establishing a retail industry work group.	Governor Signed	Chapter 43 / Law 24	Boehnke
Budget				
SSB 5950	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	Governor Signed	Chapter 376 / Law 24	



2024 WSAC Request Legislation

Bill Number	Sponsor	Topic	Passed?	Final Budget
HB 2214	Rep. Slatter	Automatically qualifying students in grades 10–12 on SNAP for the maximum WA Grant award	Yes	\$239,000
SB 5904	Sen. Nobles	Aligning eligibility time frames for WA Grant, College Bound, and Passport with Pell	Yes	\$1.5 million
SB 6053	Sen. Holy	Enabling OSPI to share high school student data with WSAC	Yes	\$3,000
<i>HB 2025 (not funded in Governor's budget)</i>	<i>Rep. Reed</i>	<i>Eliminating State Work Study salary matching requirements for college access work</i>	Yes	\$200,000



2024 Session Update – House Bill 2214

2SHB 2214 - Permitting beneficiaries of public assistance programs to automatically qualify as income-eligible for the purpose of receiving the Washington College Grant.

- **WSAC Request Legislation**
- **SNAP** - Expands income eligibility for the Washington College Grant to students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade whose families are recipients of Washington Basic Food (SNAP) or Washington Food Assistance programs **beginning the 2025-26 AY.**



2024 Session Update – Senate Bill 5904

SB 5904 - Extending the terms of eligibility for financial aid programs.

- Extends and aligns the maximum time frame allowed to receive WCG, CBS, and Passport to Careers to 18 full-time quarters/12 full-time semester, or the equivalent clock hours of full-time eligibility.
 - Removes the 5-year eligibility window for CBS, after enrollment but keeps the one-year enrollment requirement from high school graduation.
 - Removes the age restriction for PTC on the back end but still requires enrollment by age 22.



New for 2024-25 AY

You get 3 more QER (WCG),

You get 3 more QER (PTC),

You get 6 more QER (CBS)



SB 5904

Aligns the maximum time frame to 18 quarters/12 semesters for WCG, CBS, and PTC



2024 Session Update – House Bill 2025

HB 2025 - Modifying placement and salary matching requirements for the state work-study program.

- Off-campus community service placements, and public and nonprofit employers that seek to increase postsecondary enrollment for high school students, may receive more than 80 percent reimbursement of work study student wages.
 - WSAC will be piloting with a few programs in 2024-25
 - WSAC reviewing all reimbursement rates



2024 Session Update – Senate Bill 5953

SSB 5953 - Concerning financial aid grants for incarcerated students.

- Allows incarcerated students in approved PEP programs to use federal and state financial aid programs to cover tuition and other education related expenses.
 - WSAC working with Dept of Corrections
 - Colleges must submit application to WSAC to add PEP program, once approved by DOC, accreditor, and U.S. Dept of Education. (Similar to an additional location.)



2024 Session Update – House Bills 1943 & 1946

HB 1943 - Expands eligibility to the Washington National Guard Postsecondary Education grant program to include active drilling members' spouses and dependents.

HB 1946 - The Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (Conditional Scholarship) is created under the Washington Health Corps for credentialed health professionals serving in underserved behavioral health areas.



2024 Session Update – House Bill 2019

ESHB 2019 - Establishes the Native American apprentice assistance program.

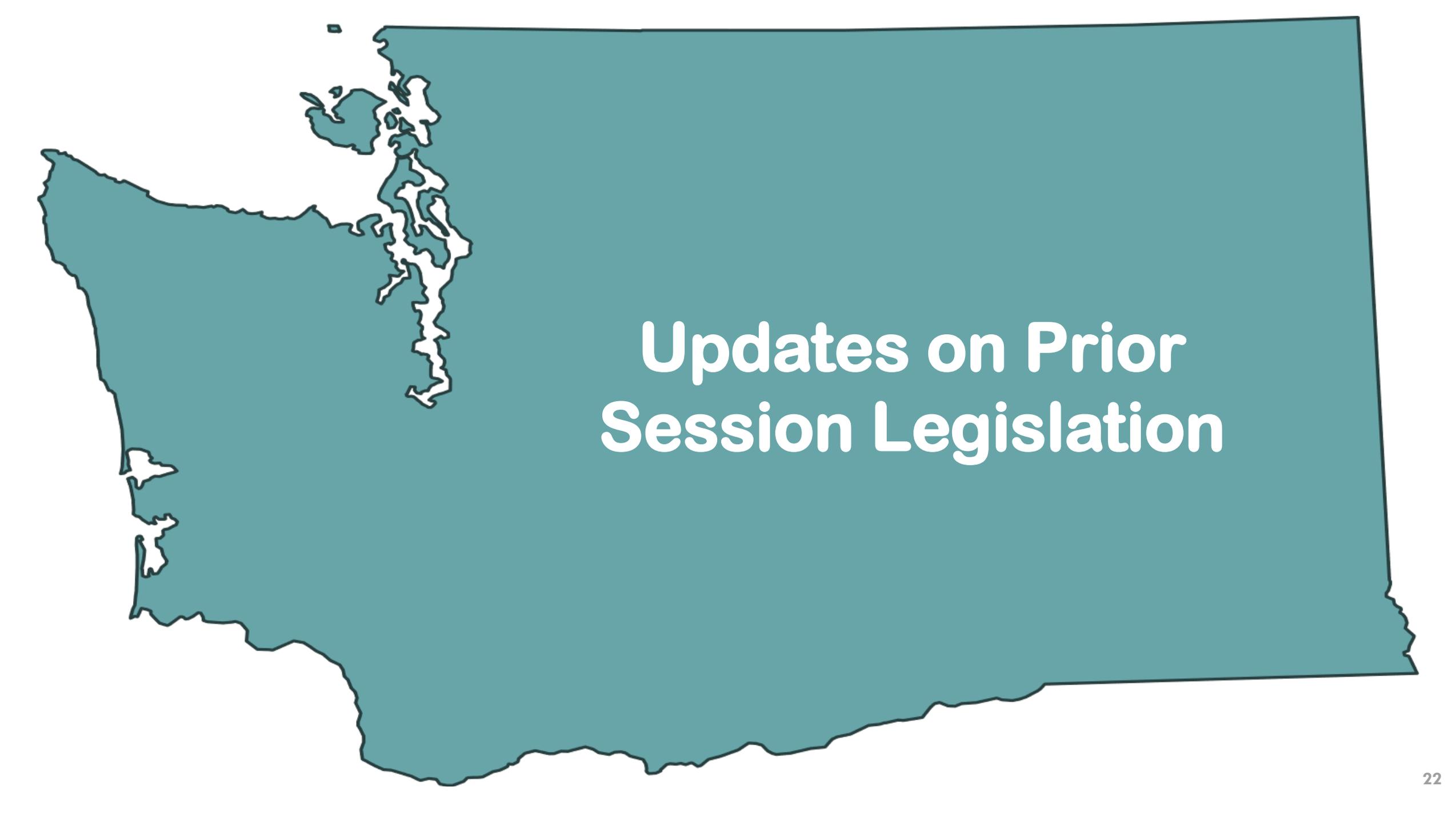
- For members of federally recognized Indian tribes whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington beginning in 2025.
- Awarding priorities and award amounts to be determined.



2024 Session Update – Senate Bill 6053

SSB 6053 - Improving equitable access to postsecondary education.

- Requires WSAC to enter into data-sharing agreements with OSPI to facilitate the transfer of high school student directory information for informing high school students of postsecondary financial aid and educational opportunities available in the state.

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Updates on Prior Session Legislation



Update on 2022 & 2023 Legislation

SHB 1736 – Establishing a state student loan program.

- Language stated: WSAC must design a student loan program in consultation with the State Treasurer and State Investment Board, and submit a report by Dec. 2022, determining the feasibility.
 - WSAC may award loans beginning 2024-25.

NOTE: Updated via HB 1823 in 2023.



Update on 2023 Legislation

HB 1823 – Modifying the state student loan program.

- The office may begin awarding student loans under the program beginning in the 2025-26 academic year.
- Interest rates not to exceed 2.5%.
- Maximum borrowing limits per borrower \$20,000 annually.
- Maximum loan repayment period is 25 years.
- WSAC to obtain consulting services with national expert(s) and involve the WSAC financial aid workgroup in program design.

Note: this bill originally passed in 2022 as HB 1736 - Establishing the state student loan program.



Update on 2023 Legislation

HB 1823 – Modifying the state student loan program.

- Eligibility limited to graduate students enrolled in high demand advanced degree programs.
- High demand - in statute:
 - Health Care
 - Behavioral Health
 - Education
 - Law Enforcement
 - Public Safety
- Others determined by WSAC



Washington Bridge Grant



WA Bridge Grant

The Washington Bridge Grant is an annual stipend awarded in addition to WCG for students who are not CBS eligible.

- To provide supplementary financial support to low-income students to cover higher education expenses beyond tuition and fees.



Washington Bridge Grant

WA Bridge Grant continues for the 2024-25 award year.

- ESSB 5187 (Budget Bill)
- The Legislature would need to take action for it to be effective beyond 2024-25.



Washington Bridge Grant

Maximum annual award amount is \$500

- Disbursed as either a lump sum payment or may be disbursed proportionately over enrolled terms.
 - Award in the first term the student is eligible
 - Award at the same time WCG is awarded
 - **NOTE: WSAC encourages institutions to award proportionately.**
- Each institution will determine which is in the best interest of the student.
- If a student ceases enrollment, not required to retroactively award up to \$500 in the terms they attended.
- Award amount may be less - based on student need.



Washington Bridge Grant

Who is eligible to receive the WA Bridge Grant?

- Students who receive a maximum Washington College Grant award, are not CBS, and still have need remaining;
 - 0-65% MFI
- Are enrolled in at least 3 credits at an eligible institution;
- Meet satisfactory academic progress.



**Washington College Grant (WCG)
and
College Bound (CBS)**



Washington College Grant Reminders

Reminders for 2024-25

- Guaranteed funding for eligible students
- Median Family Income to 100% MFI
- Must have unmet need
 - Exception is WCG-C students w/o need-based federal or state aid
- Aid-eligible programs that contain apprenticeships remain eligible for regular WCG
- Registered apprenticeships award amounts match CTC award amounts



Washington College Grant Reminders

New for 2024-25

- Increased maximum timeframe to 6 years or 18 quarters/12 semesters
- Enrollment Intensity

- Incremental file upload available only





Washington College Grant: Award Amounts



Max award amounts for public institutions cover full tuition and estimated fees.



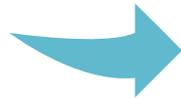
NEW!

- Must be awarded for all terms a student is enrolled and eligible.
- Award amount is prorated based on income eligibility (MFI level) and the ***actual credits a student is enrolled in (enrollment intensity)***.
- Cannot exceed need.
- Awards should be reported and funds requested at the beginning of each term.



Washington College Grant: Award Amounts

ENROLLMENT INTENSITY



Awards will be reported and calculated based on the number of credits a student is enrolled in.

- **Old:** Awards were reported based on fulltime, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, $\frac{1}{2}$ time, and less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time.
- **New:** Awards are calculated based on actual number of credits.



Washington College Grant: Award Amounts

Quarter Institution Enrollment Intensity for Awards and Quarters of Eligibility Used Calculations (WCG Max Award)

Credits Enrolled	Enrollment Intensity	Quarters of Eligibility Used	Award Amount at UW \$12,378	Award Amount at CTC \$4,763
12+	1	1	\$4,126	\$1,588
9.75	0.81	0.81	\$3,342	\$1,286
9.50	0.79	0.79	\$3,260	\$1,255
9.25	0.77	0.77	\$3,177	\$1,223
9.00	0.75	0.75	\$3,095	\$1,191
6.75	0.56	0.56	\$2,311	\$889
6.50	0.54	0.54	\$2,228	\$858
6.25	0.52	0.52	\$2,146	\$826
6.00	0.50	0.50	\$2,063	\$794
3.75	0.31	0.31	\$1,279	\$492
3.50	0.29	0.29	\$1,197	\$461
3.25	0.27	0.27	\$1,114	\$429
3.00	0.25	0.25	\$1,032	\$397

Semester Institution Enrollment Intensity for Awards and Quarters of Eligibility Used Calculations (WCG Max Award)

Credits Enrolled	Enrollment Intensity	Quarters of Eligibility Used	Award Amount at WSU \$11,887	Award Amount at Private 2-Year For-Profit \$2,823
12+	1	1.50	\$5,944	\$1,412
9.75	0.81	0.81	\$4,815	\$1,143
9.50	0.79	0.79	\$4,696	\$1,115
9.25	0.77	0.77	\$4,577	\$1,087
9.00	0.75	0.75	\$4,458	\$1,059
6.75	0.56	0.56	\$3,329	\$790
6.50	0.54	0.54	\$3,210	\$762
6.25	0.52	0.52	\$3,091	\$734
6.00	0.50	0.50	\$2,972	\$706
3.75	0.31	0.31	\$1,843	\$438
3.50	0.29	0.29	\$1,724	\$409
3.25	0.27	0.27	\$1,605	\$381
3.00	0.25	0.25	\$1,486	\$353

***NOTE: Sample charts only. Comprehensive chart and amounts can be found at www.wsac.wa.gov/faa-resources or in CSAW > Grant Amounts**



Washington College Grant: Income Eligibility

Income level (% of WA Median Family Income)	Income at MFI cap for a family of 4 (2024-25 levels)	Award proration (% of max award)
		2024-25
0 – 65	\$78,500	100%
66 – 70	\$84,500	50%
71 – 75	\$90,500	24.5%
76 – 100	\$120,500	10%

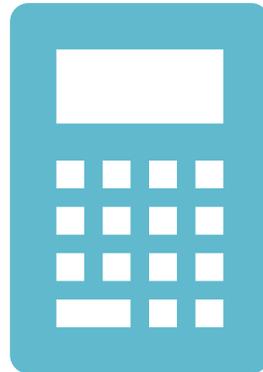
Source: WSAC Published MFI Chart for 2024-25 WCG



MFI Calculation Updates

MFI CALCULATIONS

Untaxed income aligns with 2024-25 FAFSA.
Note: Do not include any rollover amounts.



Number in College no longer factored into MFI calculation.



Prorated SAI – Institutional Methodology Option

- Colleges may prorate SAI for other than 9 month enrollment periods for state aid purposes.
 - $SAI/9 \text{ mo} = \text{per month SAI}$
 - COA and SAI would be based on same duration



College Bound Scholarship and WCG

College Bound Commitment

- Only students seeking direct admission to a public or private four-year institution are required to graduate with at least a C grade point average. (HB1232).
- Provides additional funding for a small book allowance.
- Total of CBS + WCG is considered a student's College Bound Commitment.
- CBS eligible students receive funding up to 65% MFI and are eligible for WCG up to 100% MFI.
 - Must award WCG first.





College Bound Commitment

- Must be awarded Passport to College and WCG before awarding CBS.
 - Students need to be awarded all aid for which they are eligible at the beginning of each term to ensure students receive the full amount to which they are entitled.
 - Passport, in combination with WCG, often surpasses the CBS maximum state aid amount, but with reduced awards, some private institutions may find that a student is eligible for a small amount of CBS funding, in addition to WCG and Passport.
- Students who are receiving or are eligible (even likely eligible) to receive CBS, are not eligible to receive the WA Bridge Grant.

- Schools can now align their SAP policy with federal policy.
- The Program Manual outlines this as an option as well as the existing state SAP policy.
 - For 2024-25 institutions can choose what they want to do.
 - Either state SAP or aligning with federal SAP policy



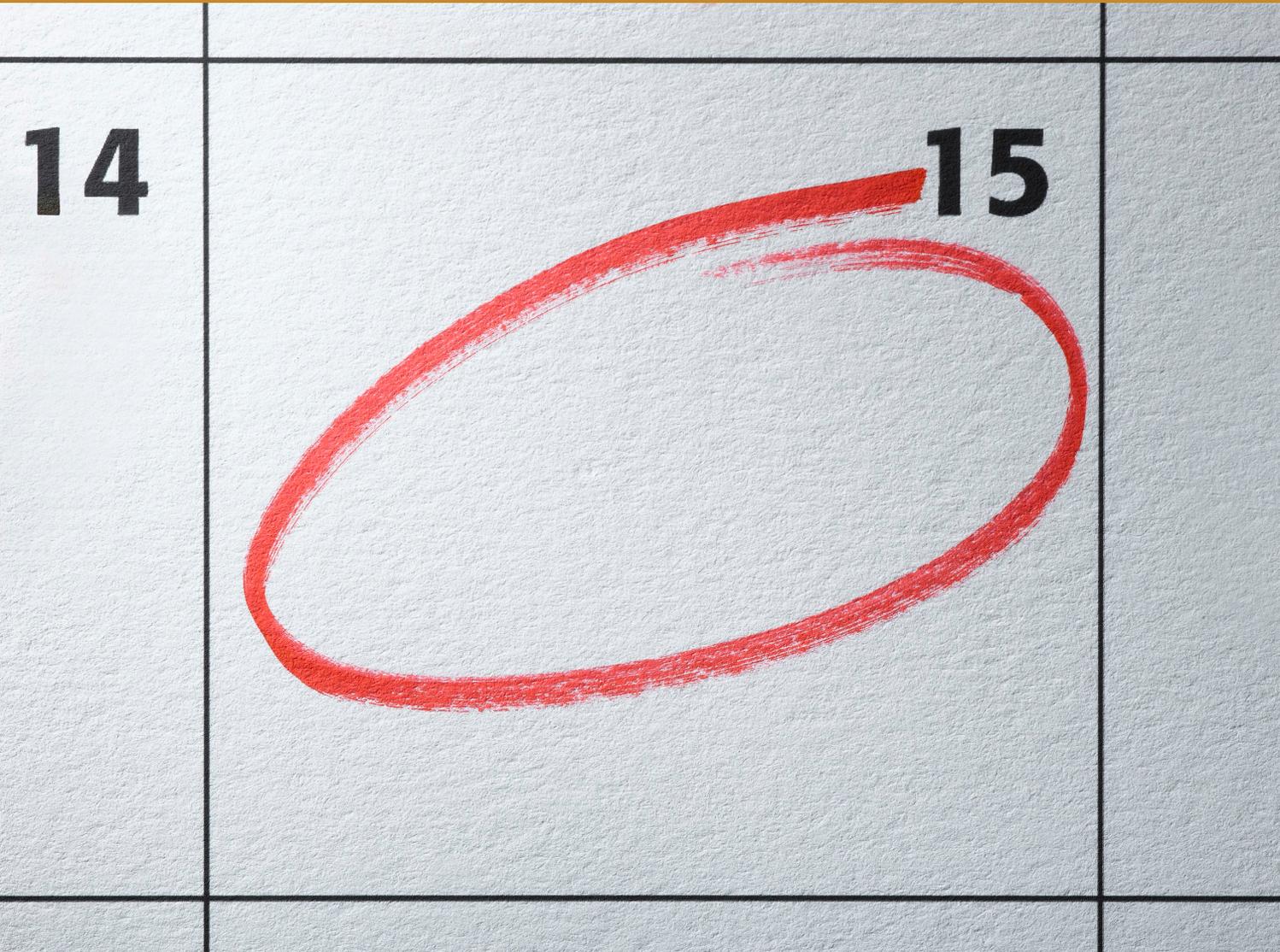
WCG – Operational Considerations

- **Timely, reconciled data from colleges is critical.**
- **Reporting will continue quarterly.**
 - Need ongoing updates for forecasting costs – including projected awards and payments requested timely.
- **Do not wait until your interim report is due to request funds.**





2023-24 Final Interim Reminder



**Final Interim Due
Date: July 15, 2024**

- Includes reconciled data
- Funds for 2024-25
- Funds for the new year may not be drawn until Participation Agreement renewals are approved



2024-25 Interim Reporting Dates

Report	Due Dates
Fall Interim Report	November 12, 2024
Winter Interim Report	February 18, 2025
Spring Interim Report	May 5, 2025
Final Interim Report*	July 14, 2025

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



2023-24 Unit Record Reporting Timeline

Date	Action
July/August 2024 (dates to be determined)	URR Training Webinars (wsac.wa.gov/unit-record)
August 12, 2024	Unit Record Report Portal opens for institution file uploads
October 14, 2024	Unit Record Report final submission due date
October – Nov/Dec 2024	WSAC staff data editing and review
December 2024	URR data finalized
January 2025	URR Institutional Profile reports available for 2023-24 year



2024-25 Award Chart and Other Resources

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RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATORS

Administrative Guidance

Program Guidance	2024 Legislative Session	Residency
COVID-19 Guidance	Program Manuals, MFI & Award Charts	

Program Manuals, MFI & Award Charts

- [Passport to Careers Program Manual \(2023-24\)](#)
- [Washington College Grant, Washington Bridge Grant, and College Bound Scholarship Program Manual \(2024-25\) \(2023-24\)](#)
 - [MFI Chart for WCG, Bridge Grant, and College Bound Awarding \(2024-25\) \(2023-24\)](#)
 - [Maximum WCG, Bridge Grant, and College Bound Awarding \(2024-25\) \(2023-24\)](#)
 - [CSV sample file for CSAW Interim Reports \(full upload\) \(2023-24\)](#)
 - [CSV sample file for CSAW Interim Reports \(incremental uploads\) \(2023-24\)](#)
- [WA Grant for Apprenticeship Manual \(2023-24\) \(2022-23\)](#)
 - [MFI and Award Chart for WG-A \(2024-25\) \(2023-24\) \(2022-23\)](#)
 - [CSV Sample File Layout for WG-A Apprentice Awards \(2023-24\)](#)
 - [Excel Sample File Layout for WG-A Quarterly Reporting \(2023-24\)](#)
- [Educator Workforce Program \(2022-23\)](#)
- [National Guard Postsecondary Education Grant \(2022-23\) \(2021-22\)](#)
- [State Work Study Program Manual \(2023-24\)](#)
- [WAVE/Washington Award for Vocational Excellence \(Fall 2022\)](#)

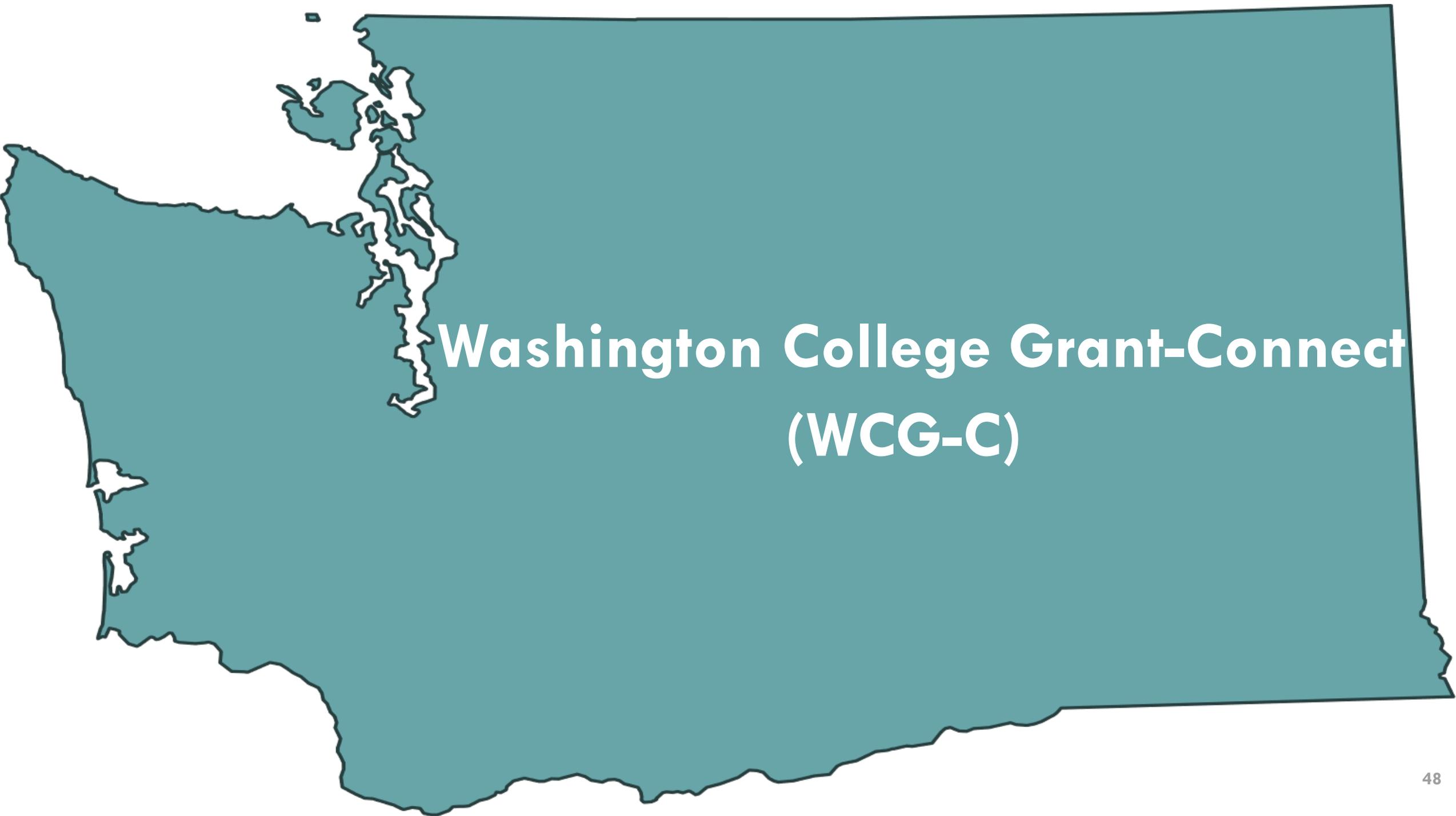
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RESOURCES

- [Unit Record Report](#)
- [Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators \(WSASEA\)](#)
- [Consumer Protection Rules on Third-Party Disbursements of Financial Aid](#)
- [Repayment Policy Options for 2024-25 PPA](#)



Washington College Grant-Connect (WCG-C)



Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

What is Washington College Grant – Connect?



Students who are participants in an approved program, are deemed **income eligible** for Washington College Grant purposes without having to complete an aid application (WASFA or FAFSA) and are eligible for maximum WCG and WA Bridge.

WCG-C is not a separate fund.



Washington College Grant is a program under the WA Grant Umbrella

WA Grant

WCG for College

WA Grant Apprenticeship (WG-A)

WCG Connect (WCG-C)



Three Pathways to Offer WCG-Connect

2SHB1835/2214

- Legislatively mandated
- Requires data transmission from agency to WSAC
- WSAC houses data
- WSAC verifies student eligibility
 - ABD/HEN/PWA
 - COMING 2025-26- SNAP high school

WSAC Approved

- WSAC authority - Agency applies to WSAC to participate
- Requires data transmission from agency to WSAC
- WSAC houses data
- WSAC verifies students eligibility
 - EcSA

Pilot

- WSAC authority - College applies to WSAC to participate in Pilot
- College has data that student qualifies
- College marks student eligible in WSAC Portal



WCG-C Goal

The Washington College Grant-Connect (WCG-C) is intended to reduce the initial barrier to enrollment of a financial aid application.

These students will be verified as meeting the income requirement for WCG without having to complete a FAFSA or WASFA.



WCG - Connect Program Requirements

A Student Must:

- ☑ Be a resident of Washington state
- ☑ Demonstrate financial need by being in ABD, HEN, PWA, or EcSA
- ☑ Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent

- ☑ Attend an approved participating institution or apprenticeship program
- ☑ Not be pursuing a degree in theology
- ☑ Not be in default or owe a repayment on another state financial program.



Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

- WCG-C students who filed FAFSA or WASFA
 - Must be awarded maximum WCG and WA Bridge Grant even if MFI is over 65%
 - Awards will need to be adjusted
 - Not need-based unless receiving \$1 of federal or state need-based aid
- Awarding students CBS and/or PTC
 - Must have a FAFSA or WASFA
 - MFI must be met and is not included under WCG-Connect
 - CBS students not eligible to receive the WA Bridge Grant



Washington Grant for Apprenticeships (WG-A)



WCG-A 2024 Legislative Overview

NEW SB 5904 (2024) – Extending the terms of eligibility for financial aid programs.

- Apprentices can also receive up to 6 full-time years of eligibility (12 semesters/18 quarters or the equivalent hours).

NEW ESHB 2019 (2024) – Establishing a Native American apprentice assistance program.

- Not directly connected to WCG-A but will be another financial aid resource available for eligible apprentices.



Washington College Grant for Apprenticeships (WCG-A)

Third-Party Servicer: ANEW

- Contract with ANEW for apprenticeship awards began in 2023-24 with the goal of increasing the number of participating apprenticeship Sponsors and increasing access to eligible apprentices.
- Apprenticeship sponsors can now opt to utilize ANEW to assist with administering WCG-A.
- ANEW added 13 Apprenticeship Sponsors in 2023-24.





Washington College Grant for Apprenticeships (WCG-A)

2023-2024 Preliminary Data

- 15 Participating Apprenticeship Sponsors:
 - AJAC: Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeships
 - Atarashii Apprentice Programs
 - Construction Industry Training Council
 - Evergreen Rural Water of Washington
 - Inland Empire Electrical Training
 - Ironworkers Local 14 JATC
 - Ironworkers Local 86 JATC
 - Machinists Institute
 - Northwest Laborers Apprenticeship
 - Northwest Maritime Apprenticeship
 - Northwest Washington Electrical Industry JATC
 - Performance Electrical Apprenticeship Committee
 - Puget Sound Electrical JATC
 - Southwest Washington Electrical JATC
 - Spokane Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers

- 686 Apprentices awarded more than \$2.25 million in WCG and \$232,000 in WA Bridge Grant. *As of 6/21/2024



Passport to College (PTC)



Passport Program Budget

- Legislature provided half of what was requested by WSAC.
- Student awards reduced to \$2,800 for regular academic year.
- Support funding will be the same as what was paid to each institution in 2023-24.
- Will re-evaluate after fall 2024 interim reports are finalized.

Total Biennial Allocation	2023-24 Allocation	2024-25 Allocation
\$15,998,000	\$6,999,000	\$7,999,000



Passport By The Numbers

Academic Year	Foster Youth	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice
2023-24	452	1,004	TBD
2022-23	445	695	62
2021-22	445	488	32
2020-21	467	416	16
2019-20	470	362	34
2018-19	317	0	0
2017-18	257	0	0



Passport by the Numbers

Academic Year	Scholarship Funds	Student Support Funds to Institutions
2023-24	\$5,937,472*	\$1,774,500*
2022-23	\$4,670,398	\$1,427,250
2021-22	\$3,493,188	\$1,915,400
2020-21	\$2,886,778	\$2,564,750
2019-20	\$2,917,017	\$966,500
2018-19	\$1,160,000	\$340,000
2017-18	\$883,000	\$274,000

* Data as of 6/24/2024



State Work Study (SWS)



2023-24 SWS Operational Updates

As a result of the 2024 Legislative Session:

- New Legislative Changes - Substitute House Bill 2025-Modifying placement and salary matching requirements for the State Work Study Program.
- SWS Appropriation remains at \$7.8 million.



SHB 2025 – Modifying Placement & Salary

Employer Eligibility – Public and Non-Profit employers

Employer Criteria – Placements at public and nonprofit employers that seek to increase postsecondary enrollment for high school students.

Employer Match Rates – To be determined

Job Development – Collaboration with eligible employers and institutions.



SWS Portal Updates

Year End Report and 3 Percent Administrative Allowance (Public Institutions Only)

- SWS Year End Report is now done in the Portal, no more PDF.
- Portal data is automatically populated.
- Real time edits, such as does the institutional SWS expenditures match funds drawn down.
- No more signatures, Portal uses login ID.



2022-23 SWS Expenditure Profile

- **\$8.9 million** in gross earnings; over \$3 million in employer match.
- **2,650 students** earned an average of \$3367 in SWS dollars.
 - 34.% earned by students attending public four-years
 - 35.3% earned by students attending private four-years
 - 30.6% earned by students attending public two-years
- **91%** of gross SWS earnings earned on-campus, 9% earned off-campus.
- **91%** earned by undergraduate students, 9% by graduates.



Current SWS Status

- SWS earnings for the current 2023-24 year are higher than any year since 2020-21.
- We appreciate all that you do!

If you have any questions about SWS,
please contact us at: sws@wsac.wa.gov





Participation Renewal Process



2024-25 Renewal Process

- Deadline for submission was extended to June 21, 2024. Renewal memo was sent third week in May.
- Institutions received fillable .pdf certification with which to affirm institutional policies are compatible with WSAC policy.
- WSAC seeks to make renewal determinations for all institutions prior to 7/1/24 but institutions approved after this date are approved retroactively to 7/1/24.
- Emergency financial aid policy must be developed per Department of Education guidance.

Note: The renewal memo outlines documents that need to be submitted since it is different depending on Sector.





WSAC Initiatives and Resources



Student Access to SNAP Benefits

- National research indicates nearly 3 in 5 college students have experienced basic needs insecurity since the pandemic.
 - Encourage colleges to provide proactive communication to students who are likely to be eligible for Washington Basic Food/SNAP.
 - WSAC has provided a template letter.



Resource: Student Loan Advocate



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