THE **EVERGREEN** STATE COLLEGE

Evergreen's Shelton Promise

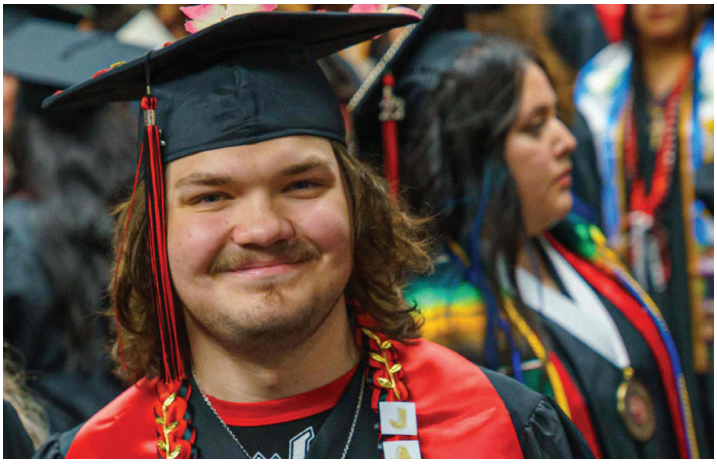
"Shelton Promise" is the name of a pilot proposal in Evergreen's proposed 2024 supplemental budget.

The idea is to use existing federal and state financial aid as a foundation to make a simple and direct offer to all 2025 and 2026 Shelton graduates. That upfront offer is: admission to Evergreen, 100% paid-for tuition, and targeted support to get them to their degrees.

Why Shelton? A year after graduation, only 31% of Mason County's Shelton School District students are attending college, compared to 65% next door in the Olympia School District. Even though most qualify for substantial financial aid, worry over how to pay tuition and navigate college is a daunting barrier for Shelton students and their families.

Almost 70 percent of family-wage jobs in Washington require a post-secondary credential, according to the Washington Roundtable. Evergreen can close this gap and help Shelton students gain the degrees and credentials they will need for future employment.

The college is asking for $285,000 to fund the program in the first year and estimates the total for four years to be $3.5 million.



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