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Dear High School Senior:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Your hard work has paid off, and now is the time to think about your future. Whether you're thinking about college or planning to find a job, over 70 percent of jobs require some education beyond high school.

Washington state has been hailed for having the most generous financial aid program in the country. I encourage you to learn about the money available for college, apprenticeships, and other certification programs. About half of families in Washington qualify for aid, and for many students, tuition could even be free.

Go to [wsac.wa.gov/apply](https://wsac.wa.gov/apply) to learn more about the Washington College Grant (WA Grant), College Bound, and other aid programs.

State financial aid programs can be used at over 65 public and private colleges, including our state universities, community and technical colleges, and private institutions. WA Grant can also cover job training like certificate programs and registered apprenticeships.

The first step is to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Undocumented students can complete the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). You'll find links to these forms at [wsac.wa.gov/apply](https://wsac.wa.gov/apply).

The newly available FAFSA form is shorter and simpler. To make sure that students have time to complete the new forms and institutions have time to process applications, many colleges have adjusted their deadlines. Once you submit your application, be patient – colleges are working hard to process it as soon as possible! Check in with your college or institution for updates.

Again, congratulations on this important achievement. I wish you the very best as you move into the next chapter of your life. Your skills and contributions to our communities will help keep Washington a great place to live and work well into the future.

Very truly yours,

Governor  
Jay Inslee