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Notification of Application for Participation in Washington State Financial Aid Programs

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**Date posted:** March 18, 2026  
**Institution:** Great Northern University (GNU)  
**Location:** Spokane, WA  
**Nature of request:** Institution seeking participation in state financial aid programs  
**Affected programs:** Washington College Grant (WCG), College Bound Scholarship (CBS), Passport to College

**Background:**

The University was founded in January 2018. Visionary, growing, and Christian Bible-centered, Great Northern University currently offers six bachelor's majors and five certificate programs. The school is authorized to confer Bachelor Degrees by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC).

GNU is nationally accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and is fully certified for participation in federal Title IV programs, including the Pell Grant and Direct Loan programs.

**Nature of the review:**

WSAC evaluates the applicant's accreditation status; participation status in federal Title IV programs; financial aid staff qualifications; fiscal operations and systems; facilities; compliance audits and federal program reviews; financial aid policies and procedures; and historical financial strength, enrollment, cohort default rate performance, and student completion and placement outcomes.

The initial review of GNU's application materials indicates the institution meets the requirements for provisional participation in state financial aid programs. The next step in the process is an institutional site visit and evaluation, anticipated to occur in June 2026.

**Timeline:**

WSAC will accept comments on this application until April 2, 2026.

Any individuals with knowledge that may indicate the institution and/or the programs being offered do not meet the institutional eligibility requirements of [RCW 28B.92](#) or [WAC 250-21](#) are requested to submit comments to WSAC's [Student Financial Assistance](#) division.