

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state offers one of the most generous and equitable state financial aid programs in the nation to support students in accessing postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, completing a financial aid application is a critical step to making postsecondary education and training affordable and accessible to Washington students; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Completes FAFSA Campaign was established through a 2025 executive order to increase financial aid completion rates for Washington high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) leads Campaign efforts throughout Washington, engaging with partners in schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Campaign created an Advisory Board, including college and high school students, to lift up financial aid support strategies, raise awareness, coordinate efforts, and reduce duplication; and

WHEREAS, the Campaign is engaging with partners to support students in their post-high school planning, including funding opportunities for college and career training; and

WHEREAS, WSAC provides free resources like OtterBot to support students navigating the financial aid process and technical training to schools and communities to help young people and families access financial aid; and

WHEREAS, Washington is committed to providing a quality education through college or a registered apprenticeship for all students, helping them to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, the Campaign includes a dedicated week in April to encourage students and families to complete their financial aid application before the end of the school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 20-24, 2026, as

Financial Aid Completion Week

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this week of action.

Signed this 17th day of April, 2026


Governor Bob Ferguson

