

# Economic Security for All

## Fact sheet for financial aid advisors

Economic Security for All (EcSA) is a program that helps people move out of poverty into careers that pay full self-sufficiency wages. It focuses on people of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and on unhoused and rural communities. EcSA was designed in partnership with people experiencing poverty and Washington's 12 Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs). It became state law in 2024. EcSA is run by statewide community service providers, coordinated by the LWDBs.

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### All EcSA participants:

- Are connected with an EcSA case manager who will support them throughout their path to self-sufficiency.
- Develop a career plan, with help from their EcSA case manager, to reach a customized self-sufficiency goal, using the [University of Washington Self-Sufficiency Calculator](#).
- Are connected with education and social services unique to their individual and household needs.
- Can receive \$1,000 per month incentive payments while working on their career plan.
- Can build savings in a Matched Investment Savings Account to contribute towards assets, such as the purchase of a home, education or starting a business.
- Stay enrolled and supported by the program until they become self-sufficient.

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### EcSA and WCG-Connect

As of July 2023, EcSA is a participating program with Washington College Grant – Connect. EcSA program participants are automatically income-eligible for the maximum Washington College Grant. They do not need to complete a FAFSA or WASFA to receive the WCG.

### Learn more from:

- [EcSA 2024 legislative report from the Employment Security Department](#)
- Contact: [ESDGPWorkforceInitiatives@esd.wa.gov](mailto:ESDGPWorkforceInitiatives@esd.wa.gov)