



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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Dear High School Senior:

Now is the time to think about your future. I have good news about the career pathways and financial help available here in Washington. Whatever path you choose, the state of Washington is here to support you.

Countless possibilities lie ahead in higher education, job training and apprenticeships. Washington state has the most generous financial support available to you. This money can help manage your costs. You'll never know how much money you can get for school or training unless you apply. **Go to wsac.wa.gov/apply to get started and complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) today!**

Many of you may qualify for free college and job training. For example, about half of Washington families qualify for the Washington College Grant (WA Grant) and it pays for more than just for college tuition. For example, a student from a family of four making \$72,000 or less can get the equivalent of free public college tuition and fees for their post-high school program paid.

Yes, it's true: the state could cover all your tuition and fees if you are eligible. Learn more and check your eligibility at <https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg>.

Many opportunities are open to you, whether you're thinking about college or planning to transition into the workforce but, keep in mind, over 70 percent of jobs require some education beyond high school. State financial aid programs like the WA Grant and College Bound can be used at over 65 public and private colleges in Washington, including our state universities, community and technical colleges, and private institutions. The WA Grant can also cover job training like certificate programs and registered apprenticeships.

To access this money, **you must apply** for financial aid using a federal or state application: either the FAFSA or the WASFA. **Need help? Text "Hi OtterBot" to 360-928-7281 to get free help** and remember that the new FAFSA is now shorter and simpler, making it quicker and easier to complete.

I wish you the very best as you move into the next chapter of your life.

Sincerely,

Bob Ferguson
Governor

