



Passport to Careers

Provides scholarship and support services to those who have experienced foster care or homelessness without a guardian.



“Without my Passport scholarship I would not be able to attend college. I do not have a parent to help pay for schooling and working a job and being a full-time student is hard to do. Without my scholarship I don’t know what I would do.”

–Passport student



During the 2023-24 academic year, **1,481** people participated in Passport to Careers. More than **93%** reported that the program helped them.

76% of students said Passport influenced their ability to enroll or stay enrolled in college.

The Passport to Careers Program is a role model to other states for innovative approaches to:

- Providing services to two of the most vulnerable populations.
- Providing eligible citizens with two postsecondary options: College or Apprenticeship/pre-apprenticeship.
- Comprehensive programming: Scholarship and specialized support services offered at 47 institutions throughout Washington State.
- Fully state-funded.
- Developing a strong public-private partnership.
- Data sharing between child welfare, OSPI, WSAC and institutions, streamlining enrollment and reducing barriers for both students and financial aid administrators.
- Annual conference, organized onboardings for new staff, scheduled webinars throughout the year.
- Early outreach through the SETuP program, reaching eligible high-school aged students, assisting with postsecondary planning.



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