Passport to Careers Update

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Due to the number of registered participants, the chat function will be disabled as a group tool.

Please post all questions in the Q & A during the session.

Sessions will be recorded for later viewing.
Understand how the program has expanded to serve more students.

Understand how the Portal works and how it helps with functionality.

Provide information about resources available for administrators, students and supporters.

Provide an opportunity for institutions to ask questions.
PASSPORT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Passport to Careers Eligibility (phased in):

- Expanded to serve students who experienced state, tribal, ICPC, or federal foster care.

- 2018-19: In foster care at any point after age 15 & apprenticeships.

- 2019-20: In foster care at any point after age 14 & unaccompanied homeless youth.

- 2020-21: In foster care at any point after age 13.
PASSPORT STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- Complete FAFSA or WASFA
- Attending an approved institution in WA
- Not pursuing a degree in theology
- Washington resident
- Enroll prior to age 22*

- Student has 15 QER, or the equivalent
- Scholarship expires at age 27*

*Could change as program WAC is updated.
### Passport By The Numbers

#### Foster Youth, Unaccompanied Homeless Youth, and Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice

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<th>Unaccompanied Homeless Youth</th>
<th>Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice</th>
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<td>2020-21</td>
<td>459</td>
<td>409</td>
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<td>2019-20</td>
<td>470</td>
<td>362</td>
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<td>2018-19</td>
<td>317</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
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#### Scholarship Funds and Student Support Funds to Institutions

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<td>2020-21</td>
<td>Over $1.3M*</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
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*Prior to 2021 Legislative increase
The Washington State Legislature increased program funding to accommodate higher numbers of eligible Passport students.

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<td>$2,236,000</td>
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DATA SHARING ENHANCEMENTS
DCYF:
• Comprehensive data exchange agreement implemented
  ▪ Monthly exchange for CBS and Passport

OSPI:
• Data exchange being developed to provide documentation of student’s unaccompanied homeless status in Portal
Passport Eligibility

Use this page to check a student's eligibility, log receipt of a Support Services Release, or confirm the student as an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

This information is to be used solely for the purpose of confirming Passport eligibility for students you are working with. By utilizing this search tool, you are confirming that you are an authorized user of this system and will follow all data safeguards of this information.

Enter the following criteria to search for a student:
- Date of birth
- Last 4 digits of SSN or last name

Date of birth
mm/dd/yyyy

Last 4 digits of SSN or last name

Search
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<th>Last Name</th>
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<th>Eligible</th>
<th>Classification</th>
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Click 'Submit' to log receipt of a Support Services Release for

Note: By utilizing this search tool, you are confirming that you are an authorized user of this system and will follow all data safeguards of this information.
Program Forms and Eligibility Lists
• State dependents are auto-enrolled through DCYF agreement.
• Students submit consent for eligibility verification through:
  ▪ Passport Consent Form
  ▪ FAFSA / WASFA
• Indicate type of foster care.
• Unaccompanied homeless youth do NOT complete this form.
TRIBAL VERIFICATION

- For students who experienced foster care under a tribal court.
- No existing data share with the 29 federally recognized tribes in WA.
- Form is provided to an official tribal representative for eligibility verification.
  - Case manager
  - Social service provider
In most cases, eligibility is determined by the financial aid office.

Student Housing Questionnaire is available as a resource.

In extenuating circumstances, an institution may refer to WSAC for eligibility determination.

Student eligibility could change if there is a gap in enrollment.
IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- List from WSAC:
  - Determined eligible for Passport by DCYF, DSHS or Tribes.
  - Listed as an unaccompanied homeless youth by institution.
  - Student sub-populations are not identifiable.

- Admissions/Registration Materials
- Student self-disclosure
- Referral from SETuP provider, or other student support organization.
REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS
Program Reminders

• Administrators are asked to request funding each quarter. Please do not delay payment requests.

• Foster youth still receive priority funding SWS.

• Program Manual now includes a section for Passport support staff.
Passport Addendum to Participation Agreement in State Aid Programs expires in June 2022.

- Institutions elect to provide individualized support services to Passport students.
- Forty-five colleges have developed a student support plan through:
  - Campus leadership commitment
  - Designated support staff (DSS)
  - Review student financial aid, ensuring all resources are utilized and minimizing a reliance on student loans
  - Connect with social services and Independent Living Providers
• Name Change Reminder
  ▪ Passport Student Support Fund formerly Passport Incentive Grants
  ▪ Passport Student Success Plan formerly Viable Plan

• Ask institutions to review and update their Passport Student Success Plan annually.
• Payment process flexibility for late budget increase.
• Report due by fall may have some modifications to reflect payment changes in 20-21.
• Questions vetted by the Passport Leadership Team, data and research subcommittee.
• Passport DSS will receive a link to the report, FAA’s may be asked to provide some of the information requested.
• Align Passport Statute (RCW) as passed by the legislature with program Rules (WAC).

• In the upcoming months, WSAC will ask for feedback from institutions and the Passport Leadership Team.
From Institutions:
• Flexible use of Passport student support funds (formerly known as incentive grants)

From WSAC:
• Direct email messages to enrolled students
• Otterbot text campaigns

From College Success Foundation:
• Emergency Funding through the Scholar Success Fund.

From Together We Rise:
• Last dollar-in, rapid response emergency funding.
• Referral agency/institution must be approved.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND OTHER RESOURCES
Advisory Membership
• Made up of 30 members
• Representatives from institutions, social services, state agencies, tribes, apprenticeships
• Quarterly meetings, with more frequent workgroup meetings
  ▪ Professional Development
  ▪ Outreach and Communication
  ▪ Best Practices

Projects
• Regional groups
• Resource development
• Policy advising
• Program evaluation advising
• Provide training opportunities
• Development of strategic plan
• In general, for non-campus based apprenticeship programs.
• Assists students participating in a registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs.
• Covers occupational-specific costs.
  ▪ Tuition, fees, work clothes, rain gear, boots, and occupation-related tools.
• WSAC contracted with ANEW for program administration.
• Founded in 1980 to improve access and advancement of women in non-traditional pathways. Now serving both men and women.

• Partners with over 17 apprenticeship programs in the Puget Sound Region.

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EARLY OUTREACH – SETuP PROGRAM

Assists foster youth in successfully making the transition from high school to postsecondary enrollment, career, or service.

• Six providers throughout Washington:
  ▪ Serve 350 students each year.
  ▪ Provide case management to complete developmental tasks to increase high school and postsecondary success.
  ▪ Facilitate youth access to appropriate school and local resources.
  ▪ Collaborate with Treehouse staff.
RESOURCES

• NEW - Passport Program Manual
• WSAC Website
  ▪ Passport Student Guide
  ▪ Outreach Fliers
  ▪ Implementation Timeline
  ▪ Frequently Asked Questions
• Ready Set Grad – Sunsetting
• Washington Passport Network
  ▪ Agreement to Participate
  ▪ Incentive Grant Guide
  ▪ DSS and FAA Role Description
Passport Conference
November 2-3, 2021
Virtual Conference

https://www.washingtonpassportnetwork.org/passport-to-careers-state-conference/

Webinar Training Series
Recorded webinars available on the Washington Passport Network
YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbsZRqRei27526kjEvqMTCg
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