



Passport to Careers Update

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SPRING TRAINING SESSION TECHNOLOGY

- ❑ 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.





OBJECTIVES

- ❑ 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

Academic Year	Foster Youth	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	Apprentice or Pre-Apprentice
2020-21	459	409	17
2019-20	470	362	18
2018-19	317	0	0
2017-18	257	0	0

Academic Year	Scholarship Funds	Student Support Funds to Institutions
2020-21	Over \$1.3M*	\$19,500*
2019-20	\$2,917,017	\$966,500
2018-19	\$1,160,000	\$340,000
2017-18	\$883,000	\$274,000

*Prior to 2021
Legislative increase



PROGRAM BUDGET

The Washington State Legislature increased program funding to accommodate higher numbers of eligible Passport students.

Initial Allocation	Supplemental Allocation	Total 2020-21 Allocation
\$2,236,000	\$3,640,000	\$5,876,000



DATA SHARING ENHANCEMENTS



SYSTEMS UPDATES

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



PORTAL UPDATES

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

Last 4 digits of SSN or last name



PORTAL UPDATES

SSN 	Last Name 	First Name 	Eligible	Classification	QER 	Support Services Release
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Support Services Release ×

Click 'Submit' to log receipt of a Support Services Release for ██████████




PROGRAM FORMS AND ELIGIBILITY LISTS



PASSPORT CONSENT

- 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.

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Passport Consent Form

Eligibility Information
Please review Passport eligibility requirements on page 2.

I have experienced:

☐ **Unaccompanied Homelessness**
You do not need to complete this form if you are applying as an unaccompanied homeless youth. Contact the financial aid office of the [college you wish to attend](#), or if you wish to pursue an apprenticeship, contact ANEW at 425-786-6512.

☐ **Foster Care – Indicate Placement Type:**

☐ **State Dependent**
State: _____
Date of last placement: _____

☐ **Federal Refugee**
Service provider: _____
Date of last placement: _____

☐ **Tribal Dependent**
Tribe name: _____
Date of last placement: _____

Student Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____
Include area code

Cell Phone Number _____
Include area code

Email Address _____
Required

Last 4 Digits of SSN _____
Optional

I am interested in: ☐ College ☐ Apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship

Authorization to Release Information

I authorize the recognized staff of the Department of Children, Youth & Families; tribal foster care; federal foster care; SETuP; Labor and Industries; and any nonprofit organizations contracted with the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to provide verification of eligibility or services for the Passport to Careers program to release and receive information regarding my foster care status; college, pre-apprenticeship, or apprenticeship enrollment; financial aid; and academic standing to and from WSAC and Passport-eligible colleges, pre-apprenticeship programs, and apprenticeship programs. I understand I may be asked for additional information from WSAC, the program administrator.


Student Signature _____

Date _____




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



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Passport to Careers Program
Dependent/Ward of the Court Verification

Student Information

First name	Middle name	Last name	Date of birth
Date and age dependency was established	Date and age dependency was dismissed	Amount of time spent in care <small>Years Months</small>	Date of last placement
Name of federally recognized tribe		Tribal foster care contact phone number	

This statement is to confirm the following:

- The above-named person was in the care of the tribal foster care system of the above-named tribe in Washington State, and placed in out-of-home care at any time since turning 14 and before turning 21.*

* Note: This is the current requirement. Beginning July 1, 2020, eligible persons can have been placed in care between turning 13 and turning 21.

I certify that the information provided in this document is true and accurate.

Tribal Representative Information

Name of authorized tribal representative		Title	
Mailing address	City	State	Zip code
Authorized tribal representative signature		Date	

For more information, contact:
Washington Student Achievement Council
PO Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430
Email: passportcollege@wsac.wa.gov
Phone: 1-888-535-0747, option 3, then select 1
Fax: 1-360-704-6246



HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

- 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.

Passport to Careers Student Housing Questionnaire



Applicant Information

Name

SSN

Date of Birth
MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address
Street

City, State, Zip

Phone Number
Include area code

Email Address
Required

College(s) Attending

Class Standing ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Housing Declaration

An unaccompanied homeless youth is an individual under age 21 who is not in the physical custody of their parent or guardian, and lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

In order to qualify for Passport to Careers assistance as an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2019, a student's status as an unaccompanied homeless youth within the prior one-year period must be verified through review of the information provided below.

I live with a parent or guardian:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Living Situation (check all that apply):

☐ Hotel or motel

☐ Shelter or other temporary housing program

☐ Couch surfing

☐ Car, park, campsite or sleeping on the street

☐ Transitional housing

☐ Doubled up with another family due to hardship

☐ In a residence with inadequate facilities (no heat, water or electricity)

☐ Other _____



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 AGREEMENT

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



PASSPORT AGREEMENT

- 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.

Student Support Plan

Institution Name

Office, Contact Person
Institution Address
City, State, Zip



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Passport Student Support Plan for (INSTITUTION NAME)

Date

[Date]

Developed By:

Institution Name
Office, Contact Person
Institution Address
City, State, Zip

Reported to:

Washington Student Achievement
Council
Passport to College Program
PO Box 43430
Olympia, WA 98504-3430

The state of Washington created the Passport to Careers program through RCW 28B.117. The Passport to Careers program is administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) and helps current and former foster youth and unaccompanied homeless youth enroll, persist, and complete a postsecondary education, apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship. WSAC provides institutions with financial incentives for agreeing to have a viable plan for supporting Passport students by:



2020-21 STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

- 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.



PASSPORT – WAC UPDATE

- 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.





SOURCES OF SUPPORT TO STUDENTS

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



PASSPORT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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



PASSPORT TO APPRENTICESHIPS

- 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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Apprenticeship and Outreach Specialist

425-786-6512

Deaunte@anewaop.org

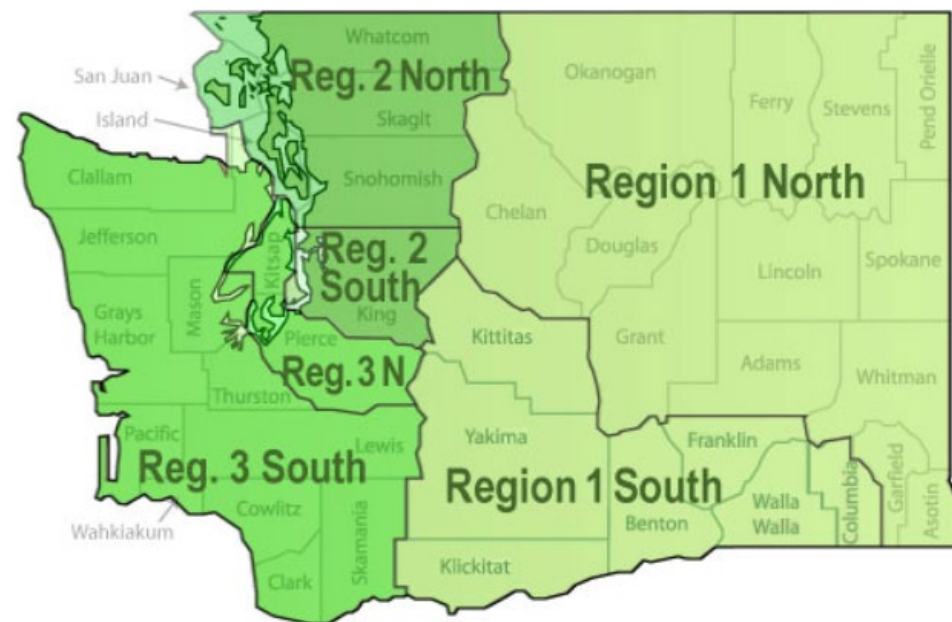
www.anewaop.org



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 TO CAREERS

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE FOR COLLEGE CAMPUSES

FOR THE PASSPORT TO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND ELIGIBLE CAMPUS-BASED APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PATHWAYS

2021-22



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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