

## The WA Grant Umbrella

SFA Workshop Webinar Series

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- We will utilize the Q&A feature for questions. Please ask anything using that feature!
- Reactions are available! Let us know what you think.





DAY/DATE/TIME	SESSION TITLE AND PRESENTER		
June 18 9:00 – 10:00 am	Improving Your Unit Record Report Experience: From Interim Report to URR Carlie Curlee and Ann Voyles	DAY/DATE/TIME	SESSION TITLE AND PRESENTER
June 18 11:00 am– 12:00 pm	WASFA Application and Portal Functionality Leslie Gonzalez and Victor Fernandez	June 24 10:00 – 11:30 am	State Financial Aid Training for CTCs Carlie Curlee (WSAC) and Kelly Forsberg (SBCTC)
		June 24 1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>WG-A</b> Lyle Irimata and Remy Plate
This	week!	June 25 2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>College Bound from A to Z</b> Carlie Curlee and Kathie Pham
		June 26 1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Passport to Careers</b> Dawn Cypriano-McAferty



## Today we'll be covering:

- History of the State Need Grant (SNG) /Washington College Grant (WCG) Programs
- WA Grant (WG) Marketing and Concept
- WCG
- WCG-Connect (WCG-C)
- WG-Apprenticeship (WG-A)



Q&A



# In a few words, how are you feeling this morning?



		2019:			
		Washington College Grant (WCG) program was established, replacing the State Need Grant (SNG)			
<b>1969:</b> State Need Grant (SNG) program established		The Workforce Education Investment Act (HB 2158) added guaranteed funding to WCG for all eligible apprentices, starting in the 2020-21 Academic Year.		2022: Washington College Grant – Connect is established through SSHB1835 beginning the 2023-24 AY.	
	2014: The Legislature enacted the REAL Hope Act, granting students SNG, often referred to as "1079" requirements. This includes non-U.S. citizens, including undocumented students.		<b>2020:</b> WCG guaranteed funding for all eligible students in statute.		





Making free college or career training possible

WA Grant: better promotes the Washington College Grant as a flexible option to be used for many college and career training pathways.





## WA Grant is:

- Generous → Find out if you qualify!

### Resources

## **WAgrant.org:** in Spanish at WAgrant.org/ES

- Links to applications, eligibility charts, apprenticeship info
- Financial aid calculator to estimate WA Grant and Pell

## Financial Aid Toolkit: wsac.wa.gov/fa-toolkit

• Branded social media content, promotional flyers, etc.



Free college or career training-it's possible!











Washington residents (including those with any immigration status)



Recent high school graduates or any adult (no age restrictions!)



Low- to middleincome families and individuals



People who plan to attend an approved certificate program, job training, apprenticeship, or college, part-time or full-time



Washington College Grant is one of the most generous financial aid programs in the country. The award amount a student receives depends on family size, income, and the cost of their school or program.



Need is determined by Median Family Income (MFI), which is different from Federal programs that use the Student Aid Index (SAI)



#### Median Family Income (MFI) Levels for 2025-2026 Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarship Program Eligibility

Family Size	60%	65% (CBS Maximum)	70% (WCG only)	75% (WCG only)	100% (WCG only - Maximum)
1	\$41,000	\$44,500	\$47,500	\$51,000	\$68,000
2	\$53,500	\$58,000	\$62,500	\$67,000	\$89,000
3	\$66,000	\$71,500	\$77,000	\$82,500	\$110,000
4	\$78,500	\$85,000	\$91,500	\$98,500	\$131,000
5	\$91,000	\$99,000	\$106,500	\$114,000	\$152,000
6	\$104,000	\$112,500	\$121,000	\$129,500	\$173,000
7	\$106,000	\$115,000	\$124,000	\$132,500	\$177,000
8	\$108,500	\$117,500	\$126,500	\$135,500	\$181,000
9	\$111,000	\$120,000	\$129,500	\$138,500	\$185,000
10	\$113,000	\$122,500	\$132,000	\$141,500	\$188,500
11	\$115,500	\$125,000	\$135,000	\$144,500	\$192,500
12	\$118,000	\$128,000	\$137,500	\$147,500	\$196,500
13	\$120,500	\$130,500	\$140,500	\$150,500	\$200,500
14	\$122,500	\$133,000	\$143,000	\$153,500	\$204,500
15	\$125,000	\$135,500	\$146,000	\$156,500	\$208,500
16	\$127,500	\$138,000	\$148,500	\$159,000	\$212,500
17	\$129,500	\$140,500	\$151,500	\$162,000	\$216,000
18	\$132,000	\$143,000	\$154,000	\$165,000	\$220,000
19	\$134,500	\$145,500	\$157,000	\$168,000	\$224,000
20	\$137,000	\$148,000	\$159,500	\$171,000	\$228,000

MFI is determined annually – specific to an academic year.



## For Example:

Family Size	Full Award	Partial Award
	Income	Income
Eligible Student Family of 1	\$41,000 or less	Up to \$68,000
Eligible Student Family of 4	\$78,500 or less	Up to \$131,000

Students and families can use the <u>financial aid</u> <u>calculator</u> to estimate their potential WA Grant award.





## **Program Requirements**

#### A student must:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Be a resident of Washington state, attending an approved participating institution or apprenticeship program
- Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent
- Not be pursuing a degree in theology
- Not already achieved a bachelor's degree or higher
- Not be in default or owe a repayment on another state financial aid program



### How are MFI levels/need determined?





WCG can cover tuition and fees.

Students can apply for federal aid in addition to the state aid they receive.

Completing the FAFSA can qualify a student for up to \$7,395 in additional aid.

#### Federal Student Aid

FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form ~ Loans and Grants ~

Loan Repayment ~

Loan Forgiveness ~

#### New to the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Process? Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now. Complete the FAFSA<sup>®</sup> Form Start Here

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

**Returning User?** Correct info | Add a school

View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa



- Financial Aid Office
- Check with your public library
- Federal Student Aid help center
  - <u>https://studentaid.gov/help-center</u>
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year Campaign events
  wsac.wa.gov/financial-aid-events



It's never too early to plan ahead or too late to apply. Financial aid applications for the 2023-24 academic year is now open. The same time as the 2024-25 FAFSA, currently projected for December 2023.

You do not need to know whether or where you plan to go to school or what programs you might be interested in to apply for fin

Some colleges may have additional financial aid forms for you to complete. Check their website or contact their financial aid offi admitted, talk to each college's financial aid office to ensure your application information is received accurately and on time.



2025-26 WCG Only Amounts										
Institution/Sector	0% - 60% (100% - full award)	61% - 65% (60% of full award)	66% - 70% (50% of full award)	71% - 75% (24.5% of full award)	76% - 100% (10% of full award)					
University of Washington	\$12,780	\$7,668	\$6,390	\$3,131	\$1,278					
Washington State University	\$12,287	\$7,372	\$6,144	\$3,010	\$1,229					
Central Washington University	\$8,322	\$4,993	\$4,161	\$2,039	\$832					
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The Evergreen State College	\$8,357	\$5,014	\$4,179	\$2,048	\$836					
Western Washington University	\$8,510	\$5,106	\$4,255	\$2,085	\$851					
Private Four-Year Non-Profit	\$9,739	\$5,843	\$4,870	\$2,386	\$974					
Private Four-Year For-Profit	\$8,517	\$5,110	\$4,259	\$2,087	\$852					
WGU Washington	\$5,619	\$3,371	\$2,810	\$1,377	\$562					
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Awards for full-time enrollment (12+ credits or 300 clock hours) for the 2025-26 Academic Year







- What is the maximum time frame to receive WCG?
  - Students can receive the full-time award for up to 18 quarters or 12 semesters. That is 6 years of eligibility and aligns with Pell Grant limits as well!



#### The Archive

- Identifies students with 5 or less ٠ QERs remaining in WCG
- Will indicate if they are In Repayment, but the Repayment Checker should be used to identify a comprehensive list of students

### Common ¥

Home ¥

Archive

#### WCG Archive Search

Targeted Search	Search by SSNs Search by File Upload
Search by full/partial	name or SSN
SSN	
Name	last first
Archive Status	Any 🗸
	Search CSV

Showing 1-10 of 580 results

Maximum QER increased on July 1, 2024 for 2024-2025 programs.

<u>SSN</u>	Name ( <u>last, first</u> , <u>MI</u> )	In Repayment	Quarters Used	Quarters Remaining	Initial Archive Date
		No	14.750	3.250	3/21/2023
		Yes	2.000	16.000	4/27/2024
		No	14.625	3.375	8/16/2012
		No	16.750	1.250	9/29/2022





#### **Repayment Checker**

 Identifies students who owe a repayment and cannot be awarded state financial aid until it is resolved





#### Dual Enrolled | Unserved Only | Unpaid Awards | Reimbursed Awards | Adjusted Awards | Need Met | All Payments | Cancelled Awards | All Awards

Reports

 There are a variety of reports in CSAW to help identify students with a variety of situations. Reports

Home V | Csaw V | Reports V

All Student Awards

Displays all students at the institution and downloads in upload-csv-file format.

Go to report

**Dual-Enrolled Report** 

Displays all students in your institution that are attending another institution for the same term.

Go to report





#### CSAW > Students

• You can search for a list of all students by fund.

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	Student Search					
Upload		Edits	Request Funds	Interim Report	Students	Account Status
Search SSN/SID Search						
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#### CSAW > Grant Amounts

WCG Tools in the WSAC Portal

• Find grant award amounts by credit enrollment.

Choose a menu item

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#### Grant Amounts

2025-2026 🗸



The following chart reflects maximum award amounts for eligible students.

Most award amounts are not divisible by two or three. For schools whose systems require even disbursements, the per term award may be rounded, up or down, by one dollar. This may not result in more than a two-dollar difference over a three quarter academic year.



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			Annual An	nount	MFL	50%	MFL	5%	MFI	70%	MFI	75%	MFI	100%
Institution	Calendar Type	Enrollment	CBS	WCG	CBS	WCG	CBS	WCG	CBS	WCG	CBS	WCG	CBS	WCG
	Quarter	12+	\$5,423	\$4,923	\$167	\$1,641	\$823	\$985	\$0	\$821	\$0	\$402	\$0	\$164
	Quarter	11.00 credits	\$4,989	\$4,529	\$153	\$1,510	\$757	\$906	\$0	\$755	\$0	\$370	\$0	\$151
	Quarter	10.00 credits	\$4,501	\$4,086	\$138	\$1,362	\$683	\$817	\$0	\$681	\$0	\$334	\$0	\$136
	Quarter	9.00 credits	\$4,067	\$3,692	\$125	\$1,231	\$617	\$738	\$0	\$615	\$0	\$302	\$0	\$123
	Quarter	8.00 credits	\$3,633	\$3,298	\$112	\$1,099	\$551	\$660	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$110
	Quarter	7.00 credits	\$3,145	\$2,855	\$97	\$952	\$477	\$571	\$0	\$476	\$0	\$233	\$0	\$95
	Quarter	6.00 credits	\$2,712	\$2,462	\$83	\$821	\$412	\$492	\$0	\$410	\$0	\$201	\$0	\$82

- Several sorting features available
- Downloadable to CSV



2SHB 1835 (2022) allows for automatic WCG income eligibility for students receiving any of the following public benefit programs:

- Aged, blind, or disabled assistance (ABD) benefits
- Essential needs and housing support program (HEN) benefits
- Pregnant women assistance program (PWA) financial grants

Effective July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 Academic Year and beyond

APPROVED PROGRAM in 2023: Economic Security for All (EcSA)

WCG Connect (WCG-C)



The Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C) is intended to reduce the initial barrier to enrollment of a financial aid application.

These students will be verified as meeting the income requirement for WCG without having to complete a FAFSA or WASFA.

WCG Connect (WCG-C)

Washington Student Achievement Council



Students who meet eligibility under this category are referred to being eligible under the Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C).

Program is still WCG, just a different way to qualify.

> WCG Connect (WCG-C)



WCG Connect (WCG-C)

## A Student Must:

- Be a resident of Washington state
- Demonstrate financial need by being in ABD, HEN, PWA, or EcSA
- Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent
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   participating institution or
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## WCG-Connect Eligibility

- FAFSA or WASFA not required
- Qualify for maximum WCG award





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WCG-C students qualify for maximum WCG Awards.

> WCG Connect (WCG-C)

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Student receives notification from approved Agency that they can qualify under WCG-C.

WCG Connect (WCG-C) Student applies to the college they want to attend.

Financial aid office identifies WCG-C eligible students through the WCG-Checker.

Financial aid office to work with their admissions office to identify students who may not have filed a FAFSA/WASFA.



#### WCG-Connect - Eligibility Checker

Maximum QER in	creased on Ju	ly 1, 20	24 for 2024-2025	programs.									
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Washington
 College Grant –
 extended to
 State-Registered
 Apprentices.







#### E2SSB 5764 (2022) – Washington College Grant for Apprenticeship

- Changed WG-A maximum award value to align with CTC WCG award.
- Apprentices doing RSI at CTC, to receive WG-A via college by 2025-26.
- Study by Ruckelshaus Center final report due in 2026.
- <u>SSHB 1835</u> (2022) Postsecondary Enrollment Outreach and Completion Initiatives
  - Eligibility for maximum WCG awards extended to those who receive eligible public assistance programs



- ESSB 5187 (2023) 2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium Operating Appropriations
  - Apprentices with 0% to 65% MFI are eligible to receive Maximum WCG award and \$500 WA Bridge Grant.
- <u>SB 5904</u> (2024) Higher Education Financial Aid Programs Eligibility
  - Expanded WCG eligibility for six (6) years (18 quarters, 12 semester, or the equivalent hours).



# <u>SSB 5785 (</u>2025) – Washington College Grant and College Bound Scholarship – Modification

- Beginning on July 1 for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year:
  - The Median Family Income (MFI) required for a maximum WCG award was adjusted from 65% to 60%.
- Beginning for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year:
  - WG-A Awards will be reduced to 50% of the WCG CTC award amount.
- <u>ESSB 5167 (</u>2025) 2025-2027 Fiscal Biennium Operating Appropriations
  - WA Bridge Grants eliminated

# 2025-26 CTC Costs Compared with Apprenticeship Costs

	CTC Academic Year (9-month Full-Time AY)	Inside Electrician (2,000 OJT/160 RSI)
ltem	Cost	Cost
Tuition	\$4,923	\$2,300
Books & Supplies	\$528	\$1,700*
Transportation	\$2,790	\$3,720
Sub-Total	\$8,241	\$7,720
Misc. / Personal	\$1,908	\$2,544
Housing & Food	\$17,702	\$23,603
Total	\$27,851	\$33,867

\*Books & Supplies include:

- Boots/Clothing
- Tools/Equipment
- Certification/Licensure
   /Examination Fees
- Additional Evaluation of Costs will focus on Costs
   Above this Line.



	Healthcare	Auto	Maritime	Adv. Mfg.	Building	Building
ltem	Med. Assistant	Master Svc. Tech.	Maritime Svc. Tech.	Machinist	Inside Wireman	Truck Driver
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,140	\$2,300	\$0
Books & Supplies	\$575	\$250	\$275	\$275	\$0	\$1,820
Tools/Equipment	\$955	\$1,650	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,650	\$500
Cert/Lic/Exam Fees	\$40	\$106	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$1,000
Transportation	\$3,720	\$3,720	\$3,720	\$3,720	\$3,720	\$12,000
Total	\$5,290	\$5,726	\$6,735	\$6,735	\$7,720	\$15,320







✓ Washington State Resident for at least 1-year

- High School Diploma or Equivalent or Ability to Benefit (ATB)
- Cannot have a bachelor's degree or higher
- Cannot owe money for state grant/loan
- Meet income requirements
- ✓ Be in an approved state-Registered Apprenticeship Program (RCW 28B.92.200)
- For returning applicants, meet satisfactory program progress (SPP) requirements





- Established under chapter 49.04 RCW and corresponding WAC.
- Pre-Apprenticeship or State Recognized Apprenticeship Preparation Programs are not eligible.
- Minimum of 2,000 On-the-Job Training (OJT) Hours
- Minimum of 144 Related/Supplemental Instruction (RSI) Hours/Year







2023-24	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025
<ul> <li>SBCTC</li> <li>Workgroup with</li> <li>6 Pilot Campus</li> <li>Established</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SBCTC &amp; WSAC Partner to Develop</li> <li>Online Funding</li> <li>Application</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WSAC targeted outreach to Apprenticeship Sponsors</li> </ul>	Anticipated implementation of WG-A at 6 pilot campuses.

## **Pilot Campuses**

- Spokane College
- Columbia Basin College
- Everett College

- South Seattle College
- Renton College
- Bates College





Washington College Grant and General Financial Aid Toll Free Line 1-888-535-0747, Option 3 > 1 <u>Finaid@wsac.wa.gov</u> (students and families) WCG@wsac.wa.gov (FAAs)



WSAC's Financial Aid Website https://wsac.wa.gov/apply

WA Grant for Apprenticeship Toll Free Line 1-888-535-0747, Option 9 Apprenticeship@wsac.wa.gov



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## Thanks for your time!

Contact Us at <u>wcg@wsac.wa.gov</u>or <u>apprenticeship@wsac.wa.gov</u>

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