

Supporting Seniors' Financial Aid Awareness: **Financial Aid Advising Days**

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Webinar Logistics



This webinar is being recorded and will be posted on OSPI's [YouTube](#) channel



Both the recording and the slides will also be posted ASAP on [WSAC's](#) website and the slides will be on [OSPI's](#) CCR website



2 Clock Hours will be available (remember to explore www.wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign for at least 30 minutes)



Land Acknowledgement

School District &
Nearest Federally
Recognized Tribes*

*Ideally, districts should
consult with tribal
members to draft land
acknowledgement

Washington Tribes
Map



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We acknowledge the pain and trauma resulting from 400 years of racism in the United States. We stand in partnership with our communities of color, especially those who identify as Indigenous and African American or Black.

We will continue to center our work in leading with racial equity to end the injustices experienced by our students and families of color.

We offer a moment of silence and honor the space for people from communities of color to respond to this acknowledgement first.

Please use the chat box.

We invite accountability and partnership.





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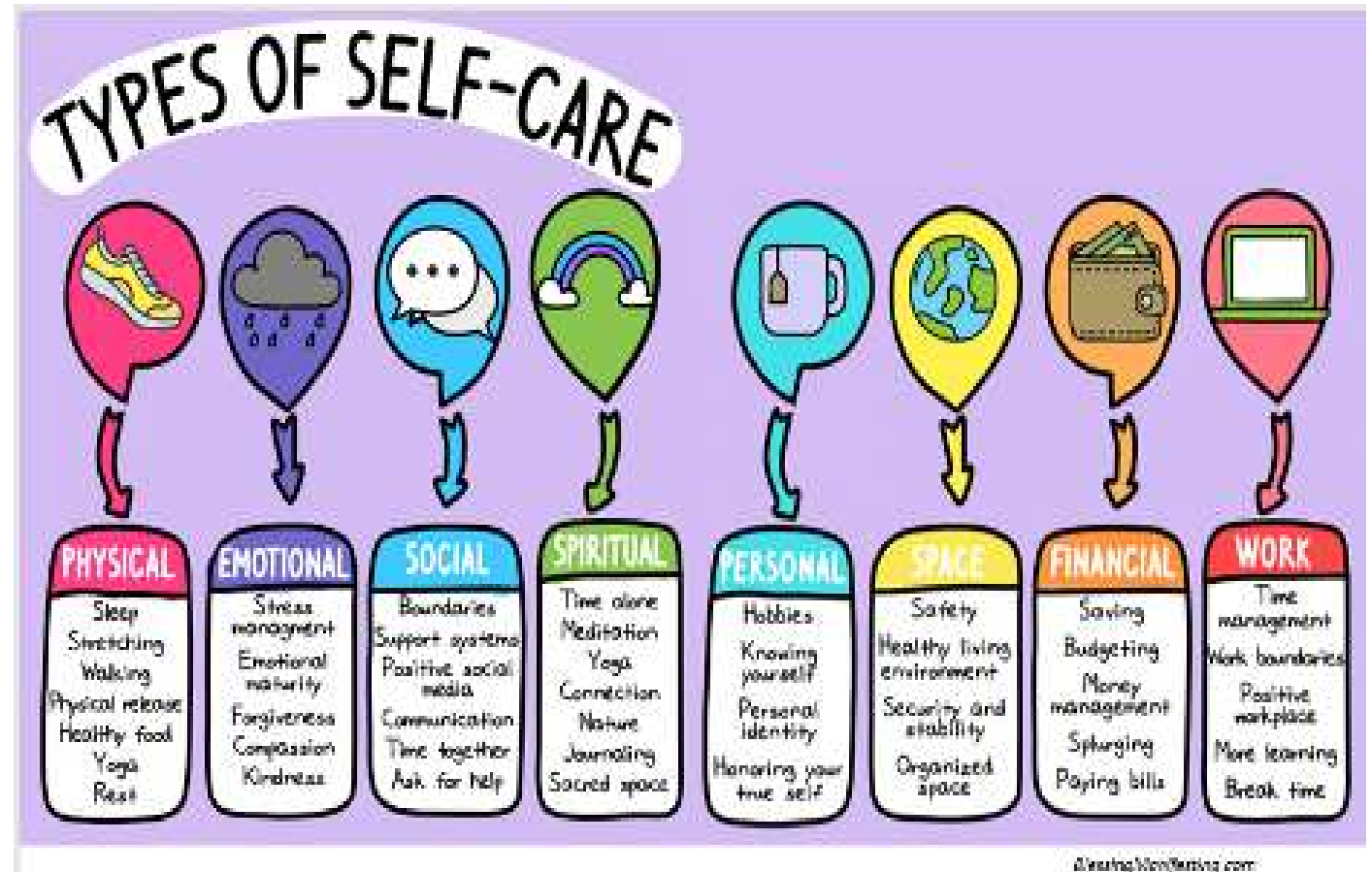
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too!**

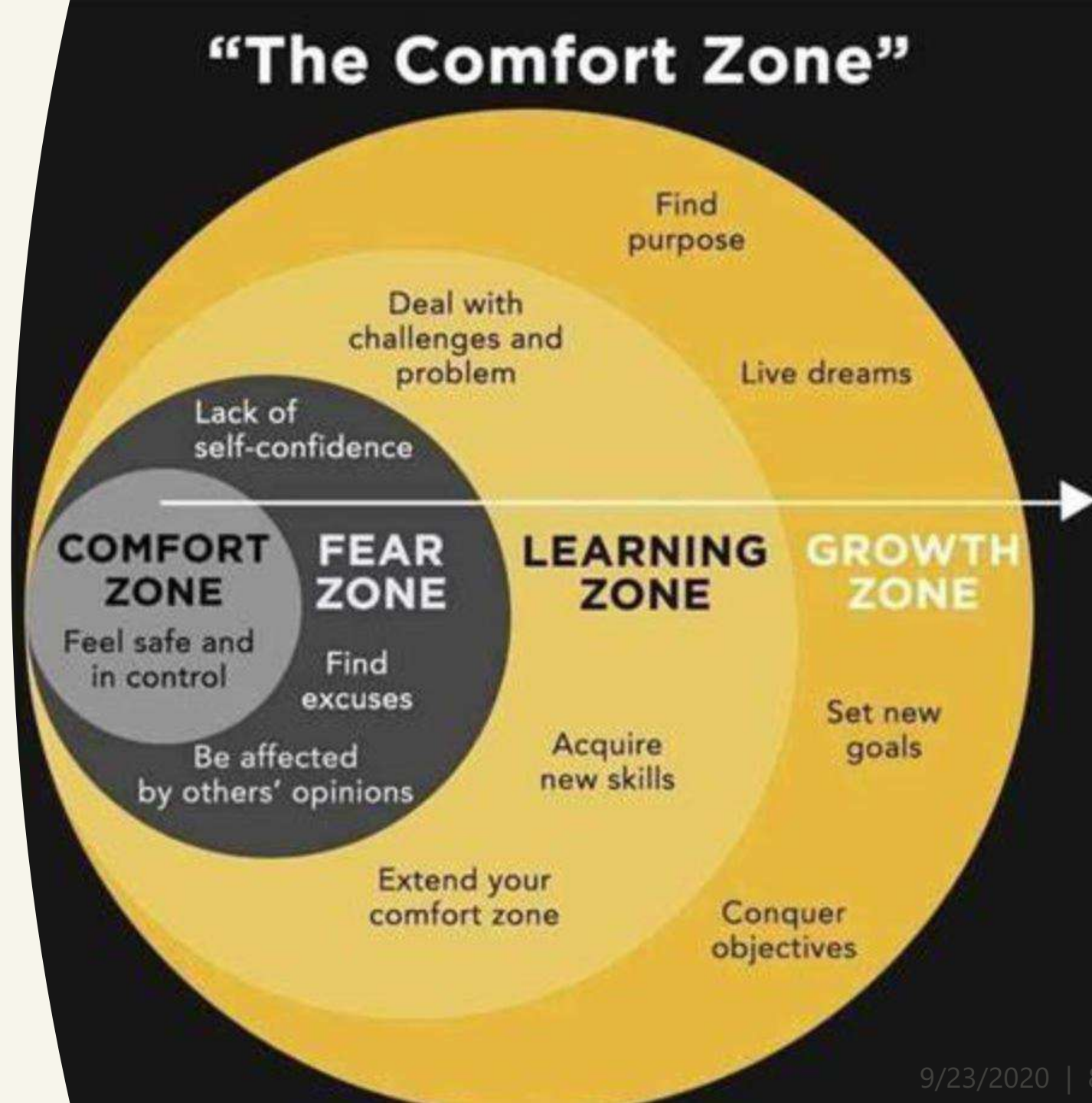


**You
can't fill
others'
cups if
yours is
empty**



Objectives

- Understand related recent & **NEW! 2020 legislative requirements**
- Updates on **processes and best practices** for helping seniors complete financial aid applications
- Get **resources & support!**



Keeping Equity at the Center

How can you use the HSBP and Financial Aid Advising Day to improve college accessibility gaps?

How can previous practices be updated to put equity at the center of all your CCR services and supports?



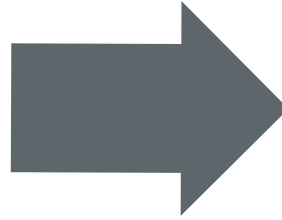
High School & Beyond Plan (HSBP) and Financial Aid Updates



HSBP Updates [HB1599 & SB6141]

Requirements Since 2016

- Starts by 8th grade
 - *Career Interest Inventory*
 - *Career Goal(s)*
- Educational Goals
- Academic Course Plan
 - *Dual Credit*
 - *College Bound Scholarship*
 - *CTE Equivalency Courses*
 - *Support classes (if needed)*
- Résumé/Activity Log



Added by HB1599 (2019)

- **Info about federal & state financial aid** (7 specifics)
- Students with IEPs get same HSBP planning, with similar staff, as classmates
- **10th Grade HSBP Update:** SBA scores* must inform 11th grade course choices
- **Acad. Accel.** by 2021-22

SB6141 (2020)

Financial Aid Advising Day

by 12/1 annually

WSAC Rocks! 😊



HSBP Template Update

MY FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

Since most adults change career paths multiple times during their working years, it is important to understand what financial resources are available for when/if you choose to pursue further education and/or training through an apprenticeship or a 2- or 4-year college or technical/specialty college.

This section of your HSBP is required to ensure all students know what support is available and how to access state and federal financial assistance after high school.

I will find out my financial aid options through either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for Student Financial Aid (WASFA).

- Go to <https://wsac.wa.gov/apply> to access the different materials and information you and your parent(s)/guardian(s)/family need to apply for these sources of financial aid.
- I will be considered a dependent student for financial aid. ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Check for dependency status at <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>).

By (digitally) signing below, I indicate that I know which application I can use (FAFSA or WASFA) and how to find out what information and materials are needed to complete the application.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. These are the colleges I am most interested in attending with their financial aid deadlines:

College: Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority Deadline: Click or tap here to enter text.

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2. If I need help figuring out or applying for financial aid, I'll talk to: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. I can also get help at my school's Financial Aid Advising Day on: Click or tap here to enter text.

4. I applied for financial aid using the FAFSA or WASFA on (date): Click or tap here to enter text. ☐ Not applicable

5. I applied for a College Bound Scholarship in middle school: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable (If not sure, ask your School Counselor, Advisor or Case Manager to help you find out.)

6. I have reviewed and compared my financial aid award offers: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

7. I do not plan to apply for financial aid because: Click or tap here to enter text.

Attestation

FAAD info.



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My High School & Beyond Plan

Name: _____ SSID: _____

School(s): _____ Grad Year: _____

School Counselor/Advisor/Case Manager: _____

PERSONAL PROFILE – WHO AM I?

What interests, skills, abilities, values, goals, dreams, and personality traits fit you?

Class of 2021 HSBP Template



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Equity in Connecting Students with IEP's

HSBP

- Starts in 7th or 8th grade
- Student generated/student facing
- Reviewed and updated yearly
- State graduation requirement
- Usually School Counselor or Advisor facilitated
- Guides course choices and school/community activities

IEP Transition Plan

- Must be in the IEP year that the student turns 16
- IEP team generated
- Reviewed and updated yearly
- Federal requirement (IDEA)
- Case Manager/team facilitated
- Measurable outcomes
- Guides all activities of the IEP



Online Vendors List Update

- By **2020-21**, all schools are required to provide every student with **access to an online HSBP platform**
- OSPI was tasked with creating a list that matched criteria established by legislators, but **SCHOOLS DO NOT HAVE TO USE VENDORS ON THIS LIST**
- See OSPI's [Bulletin 041-20](#) for more details and information

Vendor	80% Aligned by Fall 2020	90% Aligned by Fall 2020	100% Aligned by Fall 2020	90% Aligned by Spring 2021	100% Aligned by Spring 2021
Cirkled In				X	
Kuder**			?		
Maia Learning		X			
Major Clarity			X		
WSIPC (was My Data Solutions)*			X		
Naviance		X			X
School Data Solutions/WOIS*			X		
School Links			X		
Xello (used to be Career Cruising)	X			X	
You Science				X	

HSBP Data to Support College Decisions



Hello _____,

You are receiving an invite to this virtual college tour because you've saved WSU in your High School and Beyond Plan..... (Go Cougs! 😊)



Hello _____,

You are receiving _____ scholarship information because going to college is a goal in your High School & Beyond Plan. Please contact me _____ if you have questions or need help.



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Virtual CCR Counseling Resources



Parent
Engagement
Drives Rising
Achievement

10 Ways to Build
Excitement for
College App
Events (article)

GEAR UP
Resources for
Educators

Supporting
Students in
Building their
College List
(webinar)

Support Seniors
Virtually Through
the College
Admission Process

PNACAC Virtual
College Fairs
(Reg. opens 9/15)

ASCA's Virtual
Counseling
Toolkits

School Counseling
and MTSS
(webinar series)

ASCA's Race and
Equity Resources



Financial Aid Basics and Updates





Why Financial Aid?

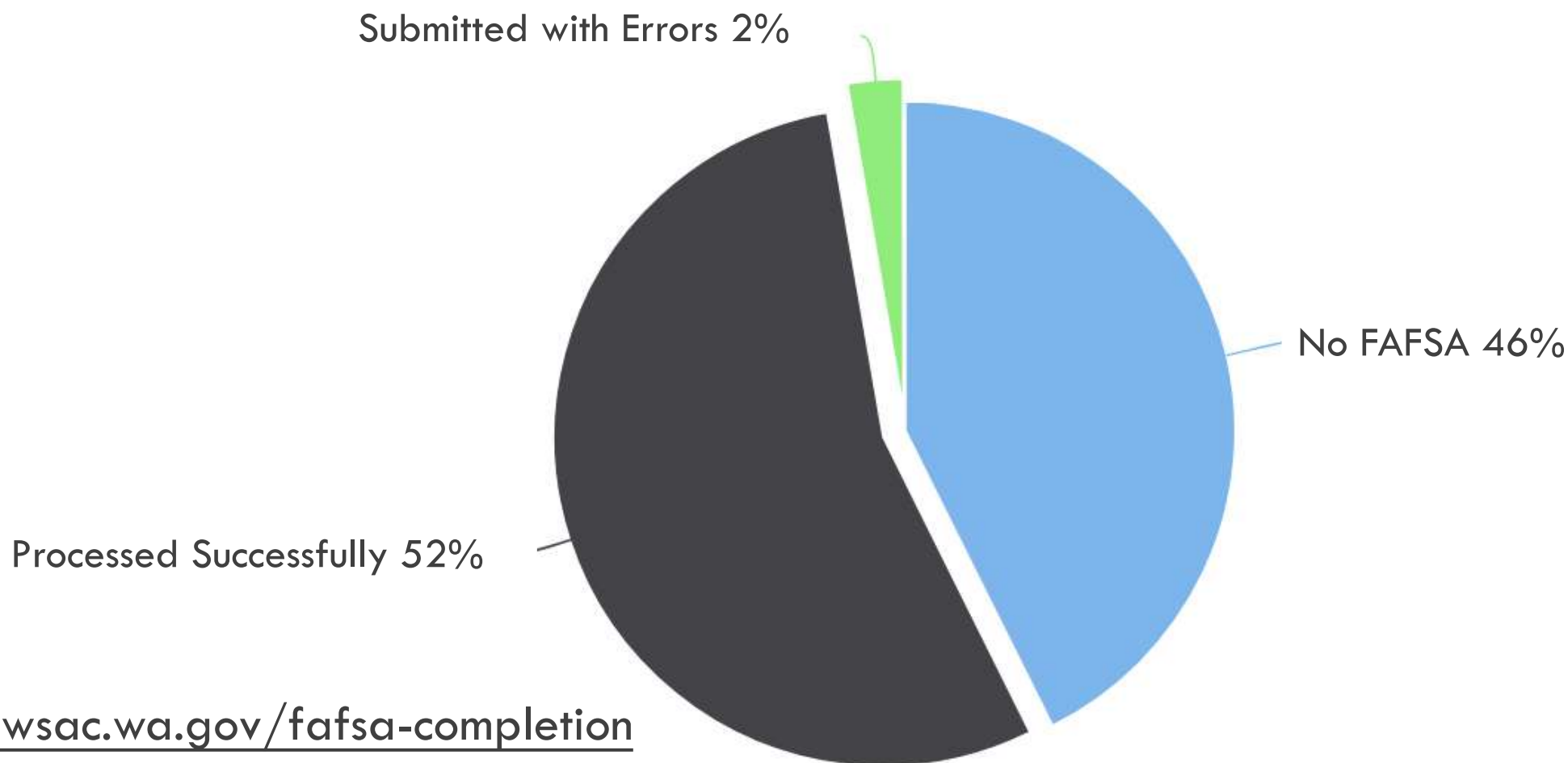
Nationally, seniors who complete a financial aid application are 84 percent more likely to enroll in postsecondary education.

The rate is even higher for students from lower-income families.



Nearly Half of WA Seniors Didn't Complete a FAFSA

WA Public HS Seniors FAFSA Completion 2019-20





Key Concept Overview

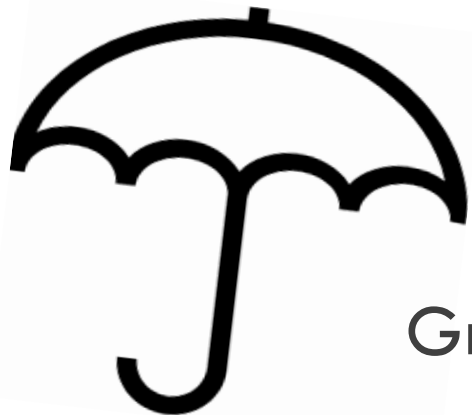
The Umbrella

FAFSA/WASFA: Rule of One

State vs. Federal Programs and Updates



Financial Aid As An Umbrella



Grants

- Income-based, federal, state and institutional.

Scholarships

- Merit and income-based, from public, private, and nonprofit sources.

Loans

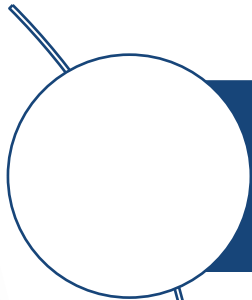
- Income-based, federal and private.

Work Study

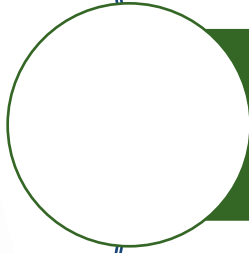
- Income-based, federal, state and institutional.



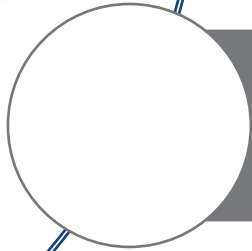
Umbrella Term - Undocumented Students



Non-citizens who meet Washington residency requirements (HB1079).



Non-citizens with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a federal status(expired or not).



Non-citizens who do not meet state residency requirements.



FAFSA/WASFA: Rule of One

FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

OR

WASFA

- Washington Application for State Financial Aid
- ReadySetGrad.org/WASFA



Takeaway: FAFSA and WASFA in October

Mark Your
Calendar!

Fill out 2021-22
FAFSA or WASFA
Using 2019 Taxes





Federal Financial Aid Programs

Pell Grant

Federal Work-Study

Unsubsidized/Subsidized Student Loans

Parent Loans





Washington State Financial Aid & theWashboard.org

Washington College Grant

College Bound Scholarship

State Work-Study

Passport to Careers

Opportunity Grant





2021-2022 FAFSA Changes

Parents that have multiple students who need to file an application may be eligible to transfer their FAFSA information into a new application from the original student's confirmation page.

The Schedule 1 question and associated help text that appear in the Parent Financials and Student Financials sections of the FAFSA form have been revised. Can now be transferred in DRT.

Federal Student Aid is releasing a new version of the myStudentAid mobile app.

- Notification Center – View and manage notifications regarding your student aid.
- Dashboard – Access various types of popular tasks and a personalized page to help you determine what actions to take.
- 2021-22 FAFSA



Common FAFSA Mistakes

Legal information:
Name, Social
Security Number

Correct FAFSA
Year

Correct Year Tax
information

Using the correct
parent information
for dependent
students

Parent using 000-
00-0000 if the
don't have an SSN

Not finishing the
financial aid
process



Verification

There are many reasons students are selected for verification

Random/standard practice

Clarify information



Important for students to pay attention to requests

Different schools have different ways of communicating (e.g. email, portal)

Send in requested items as soon as possible



Resources: ASK QUESTIONS!

Don't be afraid – admissions and financial aid staff want to help!



Special Circumstances

- Families financial circumstances may have changed since 2019.
- Students will need to contact the financial aid department of the colleges they apply to notify them of an income change.
- SwiftStudent is a free tool that helps students understand appeals and provides templates for writing a financial aid appeal letter.
- This tool does not share user data with third parties.



Types of Appeal Templates via SwiftStudent



Ask the financial aid office to exclude parental information when they calculate my financial aid



Ask for financial aid to cover my child care costs



Ask for financial aid to cover expenses associated with my disability



Ask for more financial aid if my financial situation changes after I fill out the FAFSA



Ask for financial aid to cover my dependent care costs



Ask for my financial aid to be reinstated if I miss Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements



Ask for more financial aid if FAFSA does not capture a financial difficulty I am currently facing



Ask for financial aid to help with a car repair



Ask for additional help if I have a financial emergency



Ask for financial aid to cover a computer or other supplies that I need for school



Ask for financial aid to help with food or housing



Ask for an extension if I miss a financial aid deadline



CSS Profile

- The CSS Profile is an online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid.
- The fee for the initial application is \$25. Additional reports are \$16. [Fee waivers](#) are available
- For more information go to cssprofile.collegeboard.org

Financial Aid Advising Day





What is ESSB 6141?

Requires school districts with high schools or serving high school seniors to administer financial aid advising day with information sharing requirements contained in the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP).

Requires that the HSBP include information about the Washington College Grant and other scholarship opportunities.



ESSB 6141

Financial Aid Calculator

- Allows students to estimate Pell and WCG eligibility for all 4-year public institutions
- Estimate aid based on student & family circumstances
- On WSAC website

Alignment of Financial Aid Award letters

- 2-year & 4-year, public & private colleges, & WSAC will collaborate to determine clear and consistent definitions for financial aid award letters.
- Colleges will adopt uniform terminologies and templates so students can easily compare them

Financial Aid Advising day

- Starting in 2020-2021 all districts with a high school must provide a financial aid advising day between Sept. 1 – Dec.1



What you need to know

Schools or districts will need provide financial aid information and host a financial aid advising day before Dec. 1st.

There are resources and information available – You don't have to reinvent the wheel.

There is alignment between the HSBP, the 12th Year Campaign, and other resources you can use during your event.

Virtual statewide financial aid events will be available.



ESSB 6141 District Examples

Examples of
District
Information
Requirements

Eligibility for
Washington
College Grant

Information on
financial aid
applications and
CSS Profile

New financial
aid calculator



ESSB 6141 Notification Requirements

Notification Requirements

School time,
encouraged to support
filing events with
families outside of the
school day

District process for
opting out



ESSB 6141 Resources and Assistance is available

Assistance

Many already doing
similar work!
Partner with other
schools in your
district.

12th Year Campaign
resources and
statewide hosted
financial aid
completion events



Financial Aid Advising Day Event Options

Host your own event

Host a districtwide event

Co-host an event with WSAC



12th Year Campaign Statewide Financial Aid Events

Open to all
students

Hosted on Zoom

Attendees must
register in
advance

12th Year Sites
are invited to co-
host an event with
us.



**Get free expert help completing
the FAFSA or WASFA**

Register in Advance <https://wsac.wa.gov/actionplan>

Tuesday, 10/6/20 5:00-8:00pm

Thursday, 10/15/20 11:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, 10/24/20 11:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, 10/28/20 5:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, 11/10/2020 11:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, 11/19/2020 5:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, 12/1/20 5:00-8:00pm



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Co-Hosting Statewide Financial Aid Events

Register as a 12th Year Site

- Designate a site lead and which staff will be assisting with your event

Select Your Event Date

- Choose from the available dates which one you would like to co-host and register online

Connect with your Volunteers

- Connect with your volunteers and have them register online to support your event.

Order Your Materials

- We have digital and physical resources available for distribution to your students

Training and Action Planning

- FAFSA/WASFA line by line
- Action planning sessions are available



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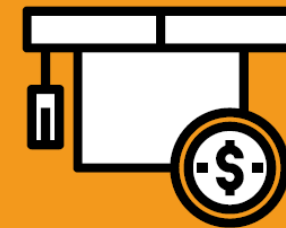
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Financial Aid Advising Week: Sample Schedule

-----SAMPLE----- FINANCIAL AID ADVISING WEEK

www.wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign



DAY 1

Videos

- What is financial aid?
- Where does financial aid come from?
- Washington College Grant

Activity

Sign up for Otterbot & use the financial aid calculator

Kahoot Quizzes

- What is financial aid?
- Where does financial aid come from?

Resources

- What is financial aid & types of aid infographics
- 12th Year Campaign workbook
- Otterbot
- Financial Aid Calculator

DAY 2

Videos

- Which application should I use?
- Whose information will I need for my financial aid application?

Activity

Student Self Assessment

Use the provided resources to determine which application to use and if you need to provide parent information.

Resources

- Federal aid eligibility infographic
- Financial aid dependency assessment
- Who's my parent for financial aid infographic

DAY 3

Videos

- How to create an FSA ID
- Financial aid myths

Activity

Create an FSA ID or a WASFA account & gather required documentation

Kahoot Quizzes

- How to create an FSA ID
- Financial aid myths

Resources

- FSA ID worksheet
- Five Financial Aid Myths infographic
- Documents needed to apply for aid postcard
- Caregiver Support Videos

DAY 4

Financial Aid Advising Day Event

Video

- How to sign your financial aid application

Activity

Attend Financial Aid Advising Day or register for a statewide support event.

Kahoot Quiz

- How to sign your application quiz

Resources

- WASFA Application website
- FAFSA Application website
- CSS Profile website

DAY 5

Videos

- Navigating verification
- Requesting financial aid appeals

Activity

Research colleges financial aid application deadlines.

Kahoot Quizzes

- Navigating verification
- Requesting financial aid appeals

Resources

- WSAC financial aid appeals website
- SwiftStudent
- 12th Year Campaign resources to correct financial aid errors.



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Resources & Best Practices






Resource: State Financial Aid Calculator

This tool calculates potential awards from the Washington College Grant and Pell Grant programs.

There may be more aid available to you from other state and federal programs, private scholarships, or directly from the college you attend.

The only way to know for sure how much financial aid you can receive is to complete a FAFSA or WASFA financial aid application

 Financial Aid Calculator

Enter family information

The following information is used to determine your WCG award.

Please note: if you are considered a dependent student, you should use your and your parents information; if you are considered an independent student, you should use your and your spouse's (if married) information.

1. How many people are in your family, including yourself?
2. How many members of your family, including you, will be attending college in the academic year for which you are applying (Note: only include those family members you used in question 1 above)?
3. How much combined annual income does your family make, to the nearest \$500?

To learn how your award is calculated, see: <https://wsac.wa.gov/wcg-awards>.

[← Back](#) [Estimated family contribution →](#)

portal.wsac.wa.gov/a/aid-calculator



Resource: 12th Year Campaign

Free Materials and Training

- 3 models of participation to fit your needs

FAFSA Completion Portal

- Student-level FAFSA status data





Resource: Otterbot Texting Service - Help with Financial Aid

- Students can access Otterbot via text message 24 hours a day, seven days a week by texting "**Hi Otter**" to **360-928-7281**.
- www.wsac.wa.gov/otterbot





Resource: College Knowledge

Develop in
collaboration with
OSPI, PSSCN, Road
Map Project,
WSAC, and WCAN

Digital Resource: <https://www.wcan.org/college-knowledge/>

Physical copies in Spanish and English can be order from 12th Year
Campaign

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT ACROSS ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE
COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE READINESS INFORMATION

DEVELOPED
WITH
STUDENT
INPUT



CONOCIMIENTO UNIVERSITARIO

UNA COLABORACIÓN GRUPAL DE ORGANIZACIONES PARA PROPORCIONAR
INFORMACIÓN COMPLETA SOBRE LA PREPARACIÓN PARA LA UNIVERSIDAD

DESARROLLADO
CON
LA
PARTICIPACIÓN
DE LOS
ESTUDIANTES



ЗНАНИЯ О КОЛЛЕДЖЕ

КОЛЛЕКТИВНЫЙ ПРОЕКТ НЕКОТОРЫХ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЙ С ЦЕЛЮ
ПРЕДОСТАВЛЕНИЯ КОМПЛЕКСНОЙ ИНФОРМАЦИИ ДЛЯ ПОДГОТОВКИ
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МНЕНИЙ
СТУДЕНТОВ



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HAKULAMWAGDA U CHAHAR GAWWAGA DHAMMAYISKA THAH KE KULLIYADA

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Resource: Junior/Senior Student Workbook

12TH YEAR CAMPAIGN JUNIOR/SENIOR STUDENT WORKBOOK

A GUIDE FOR NAVIGATING COLLEGE
ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID



UNDERSTANDING YOUR AWARD LETTER WORKSHEET: LIVING ON-CAMPUS		
<p>This worksheet will help you understand and compare financial aid award letters. Use one worksheet for each college you received an award letter from. This is not meant to be an official statement on your award letter, financial aid offer, or true costs, but a tool to help you compare your options. For official calculations, please contact the financial aid office at each college.</p>		
College information:		
College:		
Financial Aid Office Email and Phone Number:		
Admissions Office Email and Phone Number:		
COSTS FROM YOUR AWARD LETTER		
DIRECT COSTS	These costs are usually items that the college will bill you for: Tuition, fees, housing room and board/meals. Depending on what housing and meal plan you choose, these costs may change - talk to your college!	\$ <input type="text"/>
+		+
INDIRECT COSTS	These costs are usually listed as estimates and not billed from the college. These are for things like personal expenses, books, and transportation.	\$ <input type="text"/>
=		=
TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE	Find this cost on your award letter. It should equal the direct costs plus indirect costs!	\$ <input type="text"/>
WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR?		
DIRECT COSTS	These costs are billed from the college: Tuition, fees, housing/room, and board/meals.	\$ <input type="text"/>
+		+
INDIRECT COSTS	What do you think you will need from the estimated indirect costs?	\$ <input type="text"/>
=		=
TOTAL REAL COSTS	This amount is what you will want to make sure you have money to cover (financial aid, work, savings, etc).	\$ <input type="text"/>



Resource: College and Career Pathways One-Pagers

12th Year Campaign and Partner Materials

Otterbot	Financial aid event materials	More materials	
Federal student aid infographics	College and Career Pathways one-pagers	Translated resources	

College and Career Pathways one-pagers

[College and Career Pathways](#) An outline of potential postsecondary pathways.

[College Means](#) What do we mean when we say college? Help students understand the diversity of the term.

[How to Become an Apprentice](#) Help students interested in apprenticeships understand how to pursue this pathway.

[Technical and Special Colleges](#) An overview of technical and specialty colleges.

[Military Pathways](#) An overview of the different pathways related to joining the military.

[LGBTQ+ and College Access](#) Supporting LGBTQ+ students through the admissions and financial aid process.

[Youth in Foster Care](#) Supporting youth in foster care through the admissions and financial aid process.

[Financial Aid and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth](#) Supporting unaccompanied homeless youth with the financial aid process.

[Information on Student Loans](#) A brief overview of student loans.



Resource: Student Support Modules

Short
Video

Resources

Quiz or
Activity

Support Modules

Every module features a resource, video, and Kahoot quiz for your use. Use these modules to help prepare students for your financial aid advising day.

What is financial aid?	Where does financial aid come from?	Financial aid myths
Which application should I use?	How to create an FSA ID	Financial aid dependency status
How to sign your application	Navigating verification	Cost of attendance
Understanding award letters	Requesting financial aid appeals	

What is financial aid?

Resource: [What is financial aid infographic](#)

Activity: [What is financial aid quiz](#)

Video: [What is financial aid?](#)

 **What is Financial Aid Grants**  Copy link

A grant is gift aid that often based on financial need and does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund).

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graph TD; A[Grant] --> B[Washington College Grant]; A --> C[Pell Grant]
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WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

FINANCIAL AID IS LIKE AN UMBRELLA



Financial aid is money to help pay for college. Much like an umbrella, the term financial aid covers many types of funding. The four main types of financial aid are grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships. To apply for financial aid you need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). The best part, it's free to apply for financial aid!

GRANTS



Grants are gift aid that are often based on financial need and do not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund). The Washington College Grant is an example of a grant.

WORK-STUDY



Work-Study provides part-time jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. These jobs are typically on-campus and are a great way to build your resume.

LOANS



A student loan is money you borrow for your education, and pay back over time. Unlike grants or work-study you do have to pay back your loans. You do not have to accept all the loans offered to you.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarships are gifts that don't have to be repaid and are designed to help students pay for college. They can be a one-time gift or renewable. You can start your scholarship search by going to [thewashboard.org](#).



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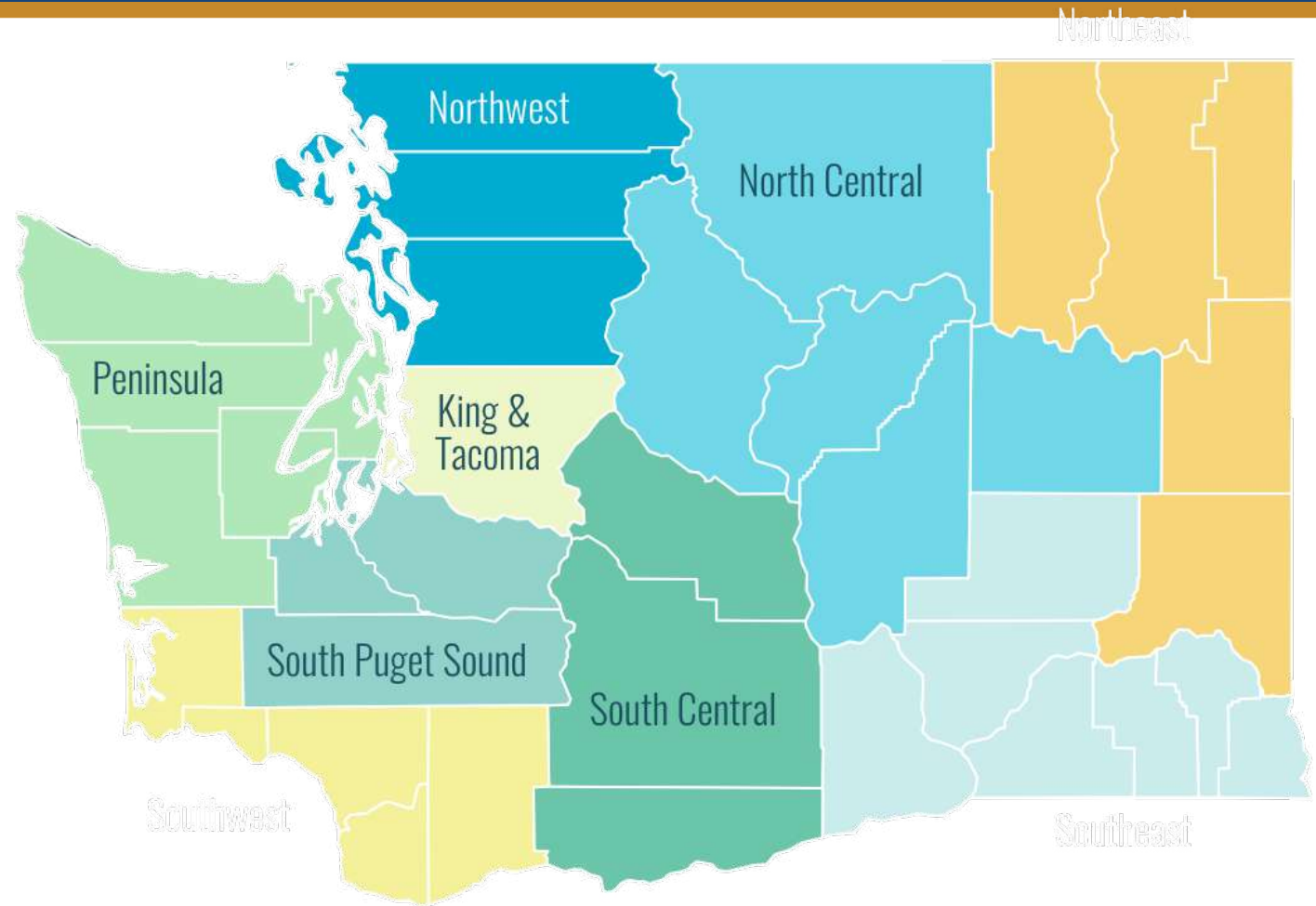
Resource: WCAN Regional Officers

Materials for your students

- College Knowledge Book & Handouts
- College Map
- College Bound Repledge Booklets

Student Engagement Initiatives

- College Bound Scholarship Sign Ups
- FAFSA/WASFA Completion
- College Bound Repledge



<https://www.wcan.org>



Resource: College & Career Compass



PREPARE FOR YOUR JOURNEY

Start your path back to college by getting your questions answered.

The Compass will present you with common topics of interest for many adults returning to college. Select the topics that apply to you, and the Compass will guide you to useful information based on your specific needs and circumstances.

FIND YOUR PATH

Explore nearly 4,000 educational pathways offered by colleges in Washington—from short certificates to prepare you for immediate employment, to four-year degrees to support your career.

The Compass will help you find campuses that offer educational programs that match your goals and interests.



Backpack

Find guidance and resources, organized into four areas.



Costs of College

Explore how financial aid can help you pay for your degree.

5 unread articles



Preparation & Enrollment

Brush up on academic skills to make sure you're ready.

3 unread articles



Education Pathways

Learn about the many pathways through education, and how to find yours.

4 unread articles



Student Supports

Find resources and services to meet your individual needs.

9 unread articles



EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Learn about the many pathways through education, and how to find yours.

Types of Academic Programs

In your High School and Beyond Plan, you probably identified a career path that interests you, and you may have...

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Career Pathways

Identifying your career pathway can help you find the education program that best fits your goals. Career Explorer Do...

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Choosing a College



The Compass can help you find Washington educational programs that meet your needs. Find out more about which college...

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<https://compass.wa.gov/>





Resource: Financial Aid Advising Day Planning Sessions



12th Year Campaign - Christina Winstead



Financial Aid Advising Day Planning Session

 30 min


 Web conferencing details provided upon confirmation.

Financial Aid Advising Days are coming soon, and the 12th Year Team is here to help. Don't know where to start? Just make an appointment to talk with a 12th Year Campaign team member about planning your year.

Select a Date & Time

September 2020  

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
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 Pacific Time - US & Canada (12:24pm) ▼

<https://calendly.com/12thyear/planning>



Best Practices

- These are Financial Aid events, avoid using “FAFSA” exclusive language. Students in Washington have two options, using “Financial Aid Event” includes both options available.
- Don’t assume which application is appropriate for students. That’s for them to determine with their families.
- Translated materials are available in many languages.
- Partner with other high schools in your district.



Supporting Key Student Groups

Supporting Former Foster Youth and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth



Passport to College Promise Scholarship

- Comprehensive supports from high school to higher education

Passport to Apprenticeship Opportunities

- Career-related training under state approved pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs



Supporting Key Student Groups

Supporting Undocumented Students

You don't have to be a U.S. citizen to get state financial aid or resident tuition in Washington.

Undocumented students should assess themselves for WASFA eligibility.

Not all undocumented students will be eligible for state financial aid.

- If a student is not eligible, they can still apply for scholarships. The Beyond Dreaming Scholarship Resource guide has 37 pages of scholarships with no citizenship status required.



Next Steps

Convene your team

- Who needs to be at the table for this work? Can you partner with other schools/organizations?

Make a plan

- Decide how you will inform your students & their families of their financial aid opportunities. Determine how you will provide a financial aid advising event.

Continue the conversation

- Make a plan to support students throughout the financial aid cycle.



Key to Success: Order Yours Today!

Pre-loaded and updatable with tools and resources.

Visit www.wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign to request your key!



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