

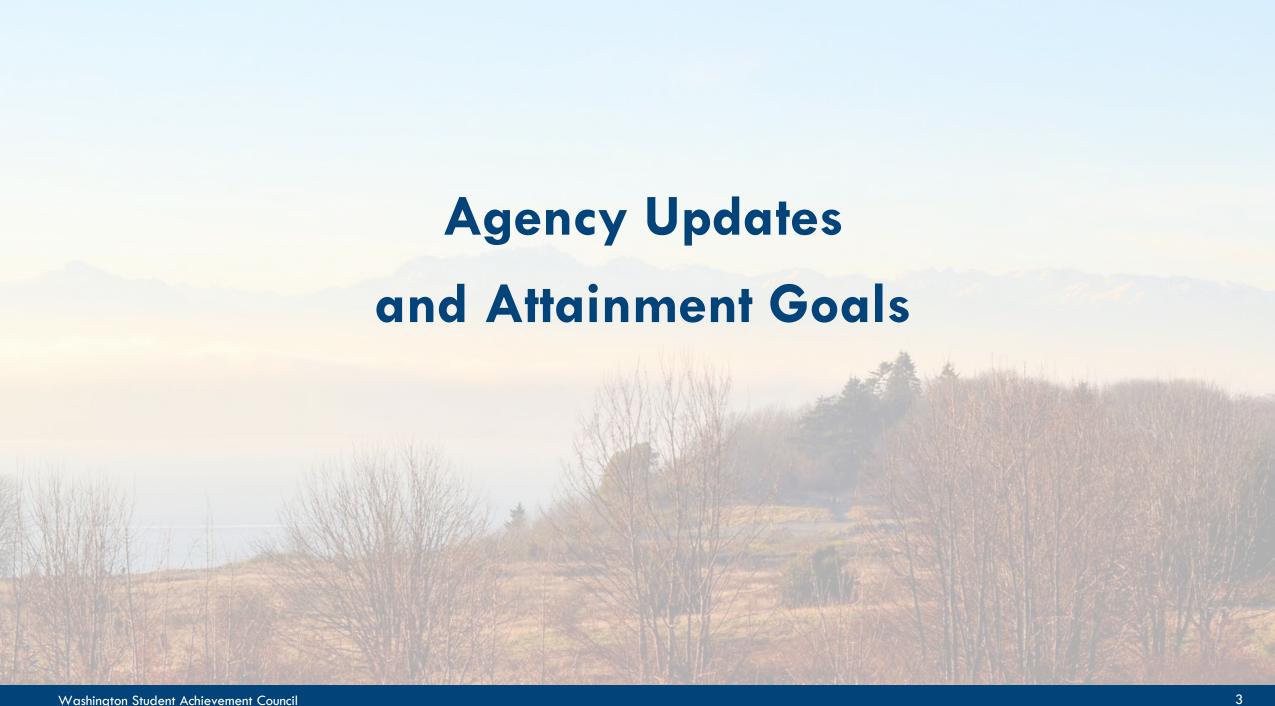
WSAC UPDATE

WFAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 2018



Agenda

- Agency Updates and Attainment Goals
- Legislative Update and Budget Requests
- What's New in State Aid Program Administration
- WASFA
- State Need Grant Program Funding
- State Aid Program Timelines and WSAC Resources



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WSAC's Primary Duties

Policy & Research

- Attainment goals
- System and workforce needs
- Student transition policies

Access & Support Programs

- Ready, Set, Grad
- GEAR UP
- 12th Year
 Campaign
- theWashboard

Savings & Financial Aid Programs

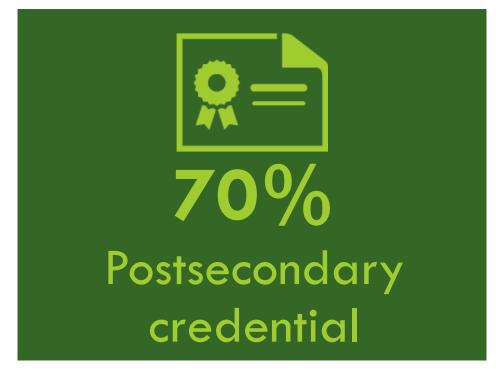
- GET prepaid tuition program
- DreamAhead college investment plan
- Financial aid grant administration
- Workforce shortage loan programs

Consumer Protection

- Degree authorization
- Approval of Veterans benefits
- Complaint resolution
- Program compliance
- Student Loan
 Advocate







90%

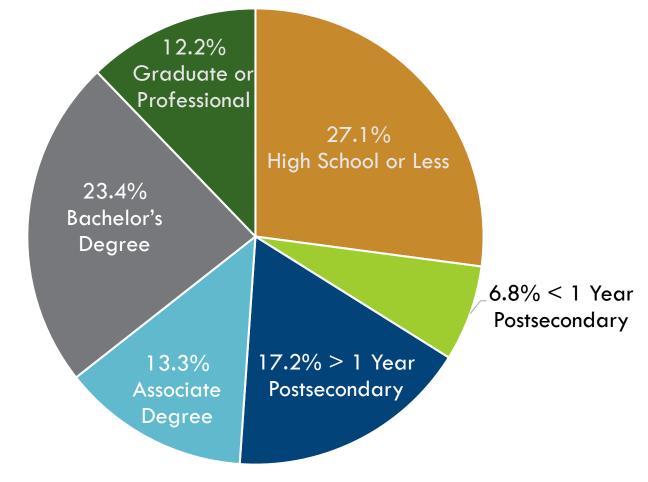
Washington population ages 25-44

52%



- Employers need a highly skilled workforce to remain competitive.
- Our residents are not earning the needed credentials—and there are gaps at every educational level.

Total Projected Job Openings by Education Level, 2020-2025





Key Challenge Areas Impeding Progress

Close Opportunity Gaps

- Remove system barriers for underserved students
- Provide support for underrepresented students

Support Regional Leaders

- Address regional workforce shortages
- Engage and support communities

Reconnect Adult Learners

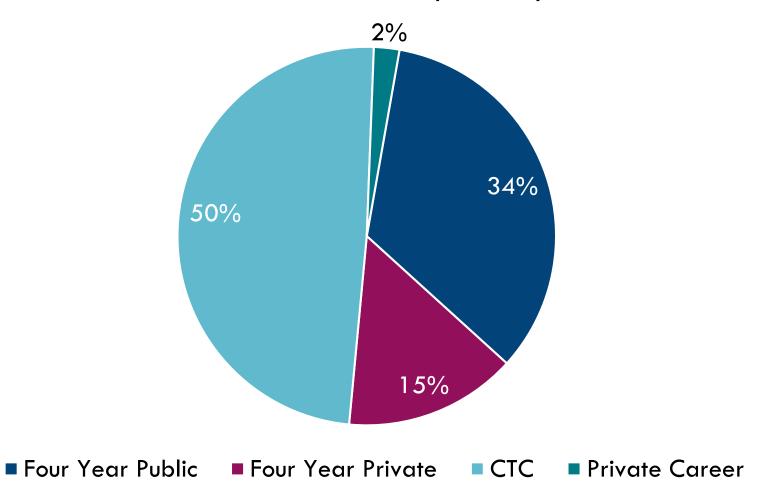
- Recruit and support adult learners
- Target former students with credits

Provide Affordable High-Quality Pathways

- Provide multiple high-quality pathways
- Address financing and affordability gaps

Nearly 165,000 Students Received Need-Based Aid in 2016-17

2016-17 Enrollment of Recipients by Sector



WSAC State Financial Aid Programs

2018-19 Estimated Expenditures - Opportunity Pathways

Program	Fiscal Year 2019	Estimated Students
State Need Grant	\$324 million	72,800
College Bound Scholarship	\$26 million	22,400
State Work Study ¹	\$12.5 million	4,500
Passport to College for Foster Youth ²	\$2.1 million	375
American Indian Endowed Scholarship	\$13,300	12
Aerospace Loan	\$120,000	25
Alternative Routes to Teaching	\$1.4 million	230
Health Prof. Loan Repayment ³	\$4.685 million	70
Federal/State Loan Repayment ⁴	\$1.525 million	30
Total	\$372 million	

^{1.} Includes \$5 million in employer matching funding.

^{2.} Includes support service funding and apprenticeship opportunities.

^{3.} State only funds. Obligated in 2018-19 and disbursed 2019-22.

^{4.} Federal/state match funds. Obligated in 2018-19 and disbursed 2019-21.

2016-17 Program Profile (URR) Information	SNG	CBS	Passport to College
Number of recipients	68,522	1 <i>5</i> ,979	334
Total program funds received	\$287,364,421	\$20,089,283	\$1,160,147
Average award per recipient	\$4,194	\$1 , 2 <i>57</i>	\$3,473
% attended four-year institutions	43%	58%	34%
% attended two-year institutions	58%	44%	66%
% age 23 and under	59%	100%	91%
% age 24 or older	41%	0%	9%
% were dependent students	46%	91%	0%
% were independent students	54%	9%	100%
% attended full-time in fall term	77%	81%	70%
% had children	24%	3%	11%
% were students of color	45%	61%	25%
Average family income of dependent students	\$29,160	\$30,005	N.A.
Average family income of independent students	\$1 <i>5,</i> 980	\$8,971	\$6,182

Students receiving CBS and Passport also received SNG

Source: Data from 2016-17 Unit Record Report

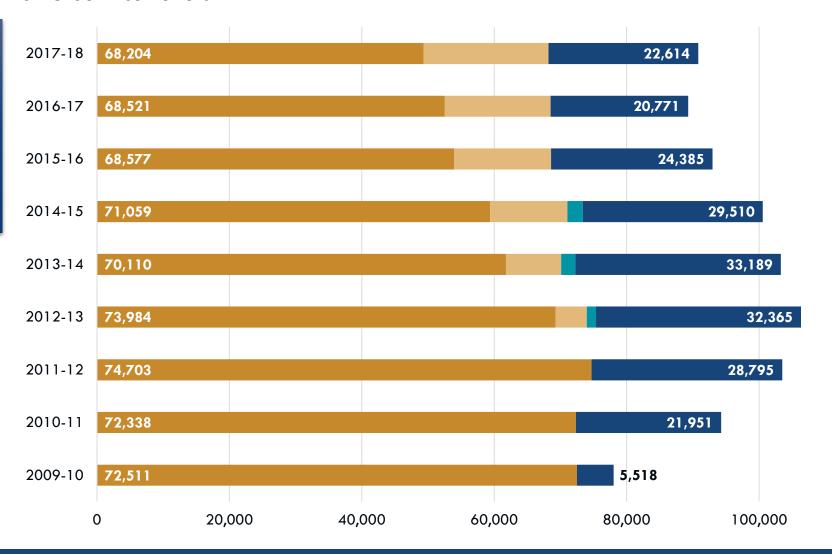
Large Numbers of Students Remain Unserved

Although enrollments have declined in the two-year sector, total eligible students remain high.





SNG Service Levels

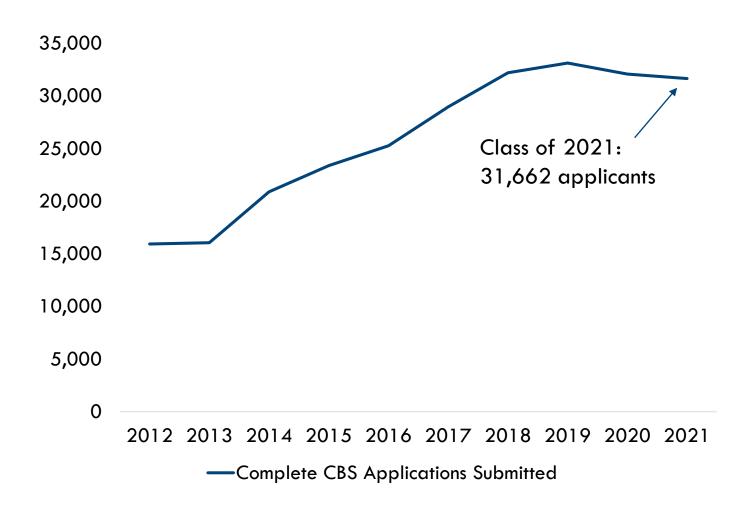


More than 280,000 students have applied for College Bound

Students pledge to:

- Graduate high school with at least a 2.0 GPA
- Stay crime-free
- Prepare for and get admitted to college
- Apply for admissions & financial aid in a timely manner

Complete CBS Applications Submitted





Residency Standards: In-State Tuition and State Aid

DACA

(expired or unexpired)

Same process as U.S. citizens in WA

HB 1079



Reside in WA for 36 months right before earning WA H.S. diploma or equivalent.



High school graduates must complete full senior year at WA H.S.



Continuously after receiving diploma or equivalent until college admittance.



Sign affidavit saying they will file permanent resident app when eligible.

Student Loans

Student Loan Bill of Rights — E2SSB 6029

- Student loan advocate at WSAC
- Student loan disclosure statement must include information about how to contact the advocate
- Student loan servicing licensing requirements

Student Loan Curriculum Development

Will consider financial literacy requirements

Requirement to Make Recommendations to the Legislature

Passport to Careers Program Expansion



Passport to College Promise Scholarship

 Comprehensive supports from high school to higher education.

Passport to Apprenticeship Opportunities

• Career-related training under state approved preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs.

Passport to College Expansion: 2SSB 6274

Passport to Careers

Passport to College Promise

Passport to
Apprenticeship
Opportunities

Passport to Careers Eligibility (phased in):

- State, tribal, or federal foster care
- 2018-19: In foster care after age 15 & apprenticeships
- 2019-20: In foster care after age 14 & unaccompanied homeless
- 2020-21: In foster care after age 13

Passport to College

- In 2017-18, served about 260 students totaling \$1.2 M including support services; maximum annual award of \$4,500.
- Scholarship that assists with the cost of attending college.
 - Tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation, and some personal expenses
- Intensive support services from colleges agreeing to have a "viable plan" for supporting foster youth.
- Priority consideration for the State Need Grant and State Work Study programs.

Passport to Apprenticeships

- Assists students participating in a registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs.
- Covers occupational-specific costs.
 - Tuition, fees, work clothes, rain gear, boots, and occupationrelated tools
- WSAC will contract services through a non-governmental organization for administration.

Passport to Careers – the Future

Goals

- Equitable educational opportunities and attainment
- A seamless system of student support
- Data exchanges that ensure eligible students receive program scholarship and support
- Continuous process improvement

Renewed Commitment

- Every campus to renew their commitment
- Update viable plan using best practices, revisited every two years
- With the expansion, welcome new practitioners
- Student Success

Summary of WSAC Budget Proposals

Challenge	Proposal	Annual Amount
Close Opportunity Gaps	Develop CBS Communications Digital Tools	\$400,000
	Enhance FAFSA/WASFA Training & Outreach	\$200,000
	Address Teacher Shortage	\$1,000,000
	Offer Enrollment Navigation	\$500,000
Support Returning Adults	Provide Campus Technical Assistance	\$500,000
	Expand Child Care Assistance	\$3,000,000
Engage Regional Leaders	Develop Regional Innovation Grants	\$5,000,000
lmprove Affordability	Fully Fund SNG in 2019-21	\$50,000,000 avg
	Forecast SNG	policy
	Expand SNG Income Cutoff	\$47,000,000 avg
	Expand State Work Study	\$5,000,000
	Pilot Savings Match	\$500,000

- The Teacher Shortage Conditional Grant (2016) supported recruitment of future teachers from traditionally underrepresented groups.
 - Grants provided in exchange for teaching in shortage areas.
 - Nearly 900 applications were received and 56 funded.
- Funding would continue and expand the program to serve 120 students.

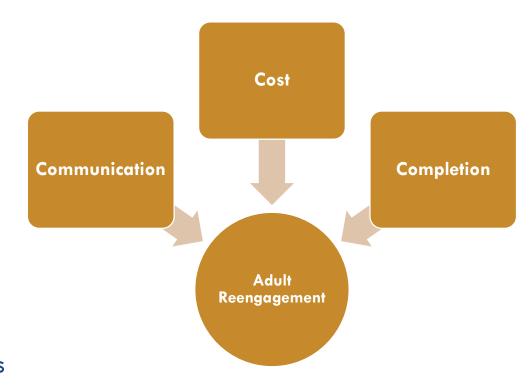


Address Teacher Shortage

\$1,000,000

Reinstate the teacher shortage conditional grant program.

- Provide individualized support to inquiring students to address career, academic program, and financial issues.
- Refer prospective students to campus or regional coaches.
- Provide funding to regional navigators with capacity to support adult learners.
- Provide technical assistance to campuses regarding policies, programs and services.
- Provide funding to campuses to engage in assessment of services.

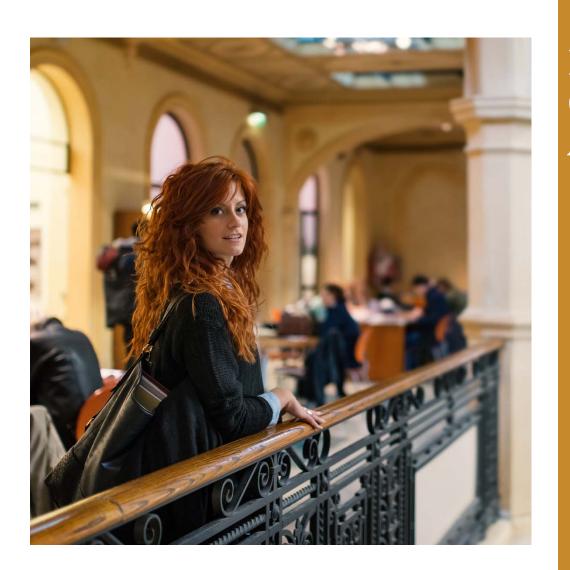


Support Returning Adult Learners \$1,000,000

Ensure returning adult students have access to knowledgeable professionals to navigate enrollment.

Support campuses to assess and improve completion strategies.

- Expand eligibility students attending two- and four-year institutions.
- Prioritize campuses engaged in adult reengagement initiative.
- Coordinate funding with child care subsidies.



Expand Child Care Assistance

\$3,000,000

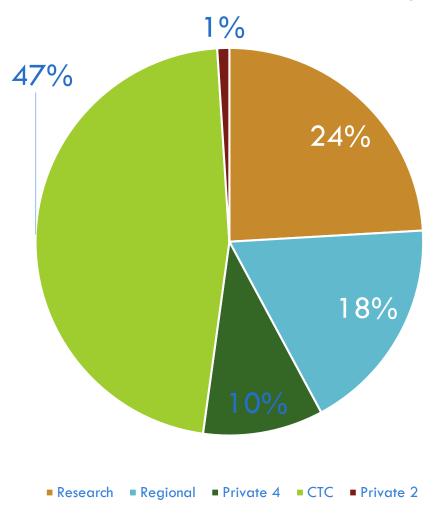
Support 1,200 more student parents with child care funding. 22,600 Unserved SNG Students 2017-18 by Sector

PROPOSAL DESIGN FULLY FUND SNG

- Assume the initial funding provided in the four-year outlook.
- Fully fund the program in the 19-21 biennium.

PROPOSAL DESIGN FORECAST SNG

- Forecast State Need Grant enrollments to support budget decisions.
- Allow the program to be marketed to students in a clear and transparent manner.



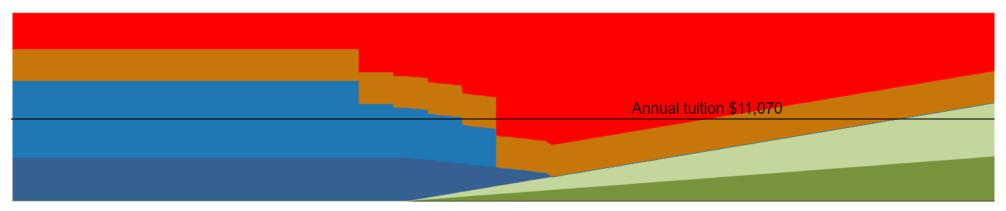
Predictable State Need Grant Funding

\$50,000,000

Full and predictably fund the State Need Grant ensuring all eligible students receive an award.

PROPOSAL DESIGN EXPAND MFI

- Assume initial funding provided in the four-year outlook and full funding of currently eligible students.
- Provide pro-rated awards to an additional 15,000 students up to 100% MFI.



https://college-affordability.css.uwb.edu/

Pell Grant

State Need Grant

Student Work

College Savings

Family Contribution

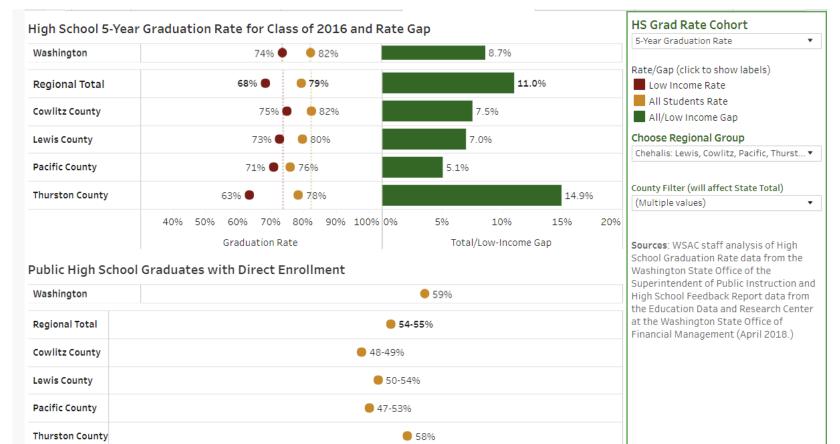
Presumed Debt

Expand State Need Grant

\$47,000,000

Expand service eligibility to lower-middle income families.

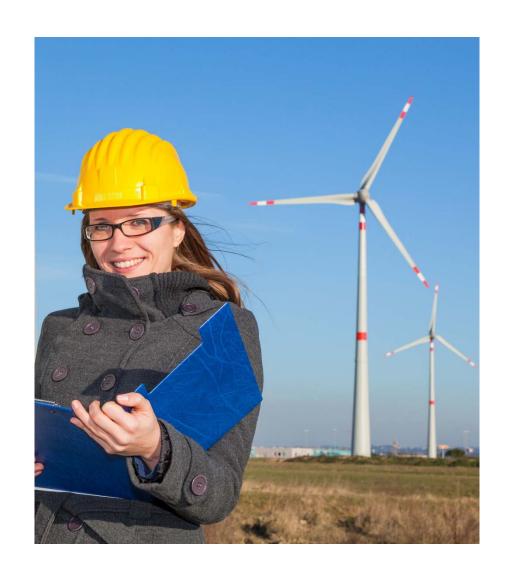
- Create an innovation fund for promising regional initiatives.
- Leverage partnerships to support regions with policy, program and practice.
- Incent innovative practices and scale programs in regions with demonstrated commitment and success.
- Permit a variety of approaches addressing the unique conditions in a region needed to increase attainment.



Engage & Support Regional Leaders \$5,000,000

Establish a competitive grant supporting regional efforts to expand educational pathways and increase attainment.

- Leverage employer match funding to provide an additional nearly \$3 M.
- Coordinate with Career Connect Washington and apprenticeship placements.
- Develop a sub-program to address key state policy areas.



Expand Subsidized Work-Based Learning

\$5,000,000

Support 3,000 students with job placements.

- Provide matching dollars to help low- and middle-income students save for college expenses.
- Allow institutions or regions to combine the program with other initiatives.
- Evaluate the impact of the program on encouraging families to save.



Pilot a Savings Match Program

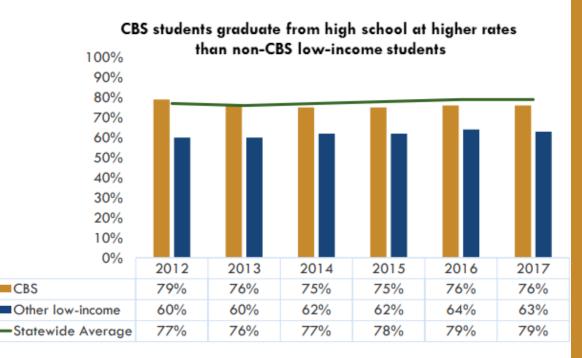
\$500,000

Create a savings matching pilot program in certain regions.

College Bound Scholarship

- Utilize digital platforms to communicate and support 175,000 students in new and innovative ways.
 - Pilot use of a variety of technical tools to provide timely, accurate and relevant information in an engaging format.
 - Leverage the High School and Beyond Plan—Statewide Average working with OSPI, schools and families.

CBS



Support College **Bound Scholars**

\$400,000

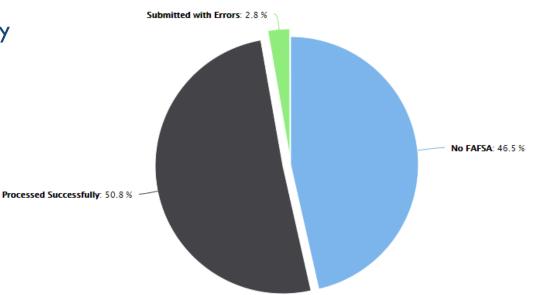
Utilize electronic tools to support College Bound Students and expand guidance.

Source: OSPI Analysis of CBS Applicant Data. Feb. 2018.



- Ensure all districts utilize the studentlevel FAFSA completion portal to support students.
- Expand events in every region.
- Provide technical assistance.
- Expand outreach for WASFA filing.
- Support filers with quality and timely information about admissions and financial aid processes.





Expand FAFSA WASFA Training

\$200,000

Expand
FAFSA &
WASFA
training,
resources
and support
to high
schools and
partners.

Source: WSAC FAFSA Completion Portal bit.do/FAFSACompletionData.



Changes to Participating Institutions List

No longer participating

- Victoria's Academy of Cosmetology
- Art Institute of Seattle

New for 2018-19

- Evergreen Beauty College
- Stylemasters
 College of Hair
 Design

Pending for 2019-20

- Tony & Guy
 Hairdressing
 Academy
- Seattle Film Institute

Pilot State Aid SAP Proposals

Thanks to CWU for leading the way on a new approach!

Other colleges are welcome to submit a proposal:

"An institution may submit an alternative approach to evaluating academic progress that includes a plan for improved student retention and comparison data to ensure state funds are used efficiently. The office will initially determine whether to approve the alternative policy, then evaluate it over a specified timeframe, then determine whether the policy may continue to be approved."

Pilot Requirements

- □ Student Success Focus a focus on increasing student retention and completion.
- Measurable proposal includes baseline metrics and a plan to measure success.
- Reporting to WSAC at least annually.
- □ Aligns with SNG Statute specifically must still require 125% max. timeframe.

Proposals can be submitted by one college or as a group.

State Work Study - 2016-17 Results

2016-17 State Work Study (SWS) Award Earnings

Sector	Headcount	Total Earnings	Average Earnings
Research	572	\$1,736,070	\$3,073
Comprehensive	638	\$2,061,224	\$3,260
Private Four-Year	1,047	\$3,150,855	\$3,114
CTC	1,882	\$4,963,250	\$2,697
TOTAL	4,133 (unduplicated)	\$11,911,399	\$2,882

- 4,133 students earned SWS wages
 - 92% undergraduate
 - 8% graduate

- Average gross earnings were \$2,882
 - 74% earned on-campus
 - 26% earned off-campus

Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML)

PFML is a new insurance program administered by Employment Security (ESD):

- Eligible employees and larger employers pay quarterly premiums to ESD via payroll withholding beginning 1/1/19.
- No exemptions for student employees despite low likelihood to qualify for future PFML benefits.
- Employees qualify for PFML benefits beginning 1/1/20 by working 820 hours in the preceding 12 month and experiencing a qualifying event.
- More information on PFML can be found here: https://esd.wa.gov/paid-family-medical-leave.



WASFA Updates

2019-20 WASFA is Open

- Residency questions are re-ordered for applicants in response to residency changes
- May not need to verify DACA for most students
- Privacy Concerns
- Equitable Consideration of Application
- Rule of One
 - WASFA is a valid state financial aid application for all students
 - If FAFSA is filed and rejected, FAO may calculate EFC for state aid purposes

WASFA Application Statistics

- Applications were down in 2017-18
- Number of WASFA students served in SNG and CBS increasing each year

Year	App Count Full Cycle	SNG Awards	CBS Awards
2018-19	n/a	n/a	n/a
2017-18	4,610	1,973	693
2016-1 <i>7</i>	4,708	1,832	531
2015-16	3,686	1,516	355

2018-19 applications as of October 2018 = 4,172



State Need Grant Fund Management

From college's allocation:

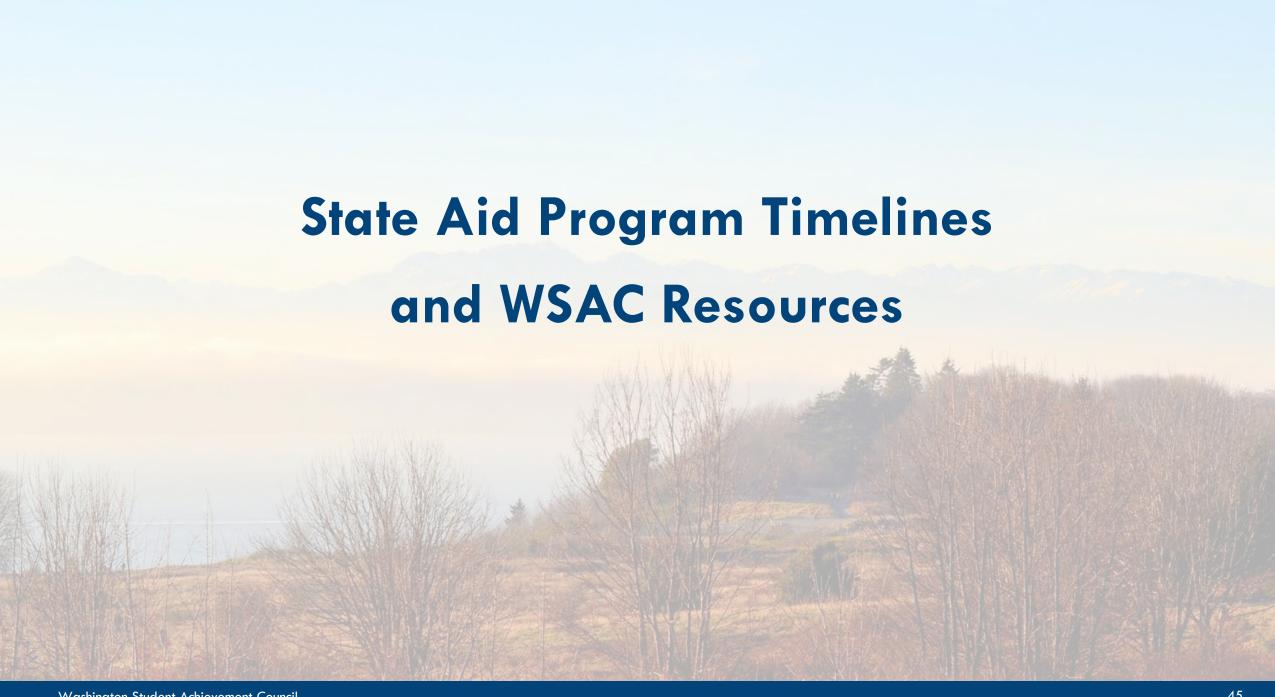
- All CBS students full SNG awards.
 - Colleges must forecast based on past trends and current data analysis.
- If a college wants to award dependent care allowance (DCA) awarded from this allocation.

WSAC's Management:

- Goal is to allocate to colleges as many dollars as possible, as early as possible.
 - This means fewer supplemental dollars during the year.
- Typically \$500,000 of appropriation held for foster youth priority and unanticipated awards.

SNG Funding

- College Bound Scholarship
 - Requires mandatory Coordination = all CBS scholars must receive 100% of their maximum SNG unless need/state dollar commitment met
 - Separate appropriation for the CBS portion ONLY SNG portion is part
 of your regular allocation so you must plan and project needs for all terms
- State Need Grant DCA (Dependent Care Allowance)
 - Institution decides to award or not
 - Part of regular SNG allocation (not in addition to)



2018-19 Interim Reporting Dates

Report	Due Dates
Fall Interim Report	November 9, 2018
Winter Interim Report	February 8, 2019
Spring Interim Report	May 10, 2019
Final Interim Report*	July 5, 2019

^{*}The interim report in CSAW opens three weeks before the interim report due date. Colleges can upload their interim report data any time within that three week window.

2017-18 Unit Record Reporting Timeline

Date	Action
August 2018	URR training webinars – dates TBD
August 13, 2018	URR application available for initial upload of data into WSAC Portal
October 19, 2018	Unit Record Report Final Submission Due
October – November 2018	WSAC staff data editing and review
December 2018	URR data finalized
January 2019	URR Institutional Profile reports available for 2017-18 year

WSAC Website Resources

- Program Manuals
- SFA Partner SFA PARTNER
- WSAC Portal



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SFA Program Manuals and Training



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SFA PARTNER

The SFA Partner is a quarterly update on WSAC programs, designed to support the work of Washington's financial aid administrators.

April 2017 Issue

- Upcoming May SFA Workshops
- Additional Important Dates to Remember
- Supplemental SNG Allocations for 2016-17
- Identifying and Reviewing Conflicting Information for State Aid Eligibility
- Summer 2017 Guidance for Awarding of CBS and SNG
- SNG and Passport to College Self-Help Calculation for 2017-18
- Successful SNG and CBS Training Webinars for Financial Aid Administrators
- Passport to College Seminar on May 10 11, 2017
- Reminder Grant Repayments, Billing and Collections Servicer
- Now Available: WASFA Application Guide
- State Work Study Information
- Changes to "SFA Resources" Page on WSAC Website
- Providing Feedback to SFA
- To Subscribe or Unsubscribe

Program Manuals are available here. Important to read and review regularly!

Program Training is available here!



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RESOURCES

Program Manuals

- Passport to College Scholarship (2016-17) (2015-16)
- State Need Grant & College Bound Scholarship Program (2016-17) (2015-16)
 - MFI Chart for SNG and CBS Awarding (2017-18)
 - CSV Sample file for CSAW Interim Reports (2016-17) (2015-16)
- State Work Study (2016-17) (2015-16)
- Student Teaching Grant Program (2016-17)

Program Training

New Aid Administrator Training Webinars: SNG, CBS, and Passport

- Day 1 (Video 90 minute)(PowerPoint PDF)
- Day 2 (Video 90 minute)(PowerPoint PDF)

Additional Resources

Unit Record Report

Washington Student Achievement Council

WSAC Portal

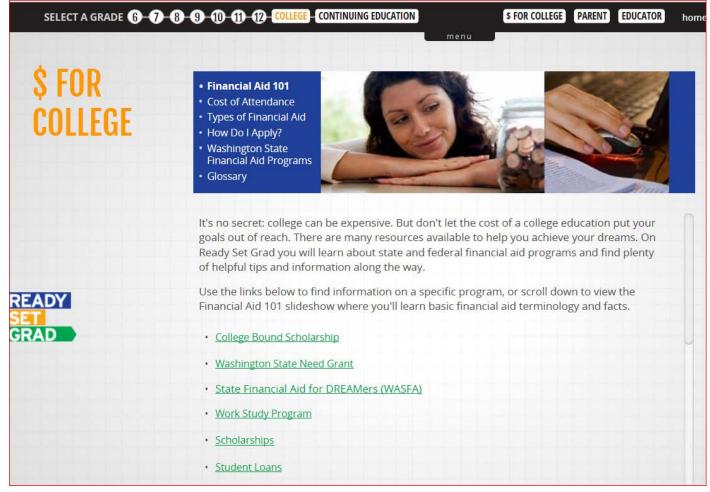
- Each administrator required to have their own login!
- Access CSAW, SNG Archive, CBS Cruncher, Repayment Transmittal
- Portal Training Site available: https://portaltraining/
- Instructions for several Portal tasks located in messages and files section:
 - Portal User Management
 - Accessing WASFA Applications
 - Requesting Funds
 - Interim Report
 - Referring Repayments



For Students: ReadySetGrad.org

www.readysetgrad.org/#college/financial-aid-101





Private Scholarships: the Wash Board.org



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Unit Record Report	unitrecord@wsac.wa.gov	
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2018 Pave the Way Conference

Pave the Way will begin with a pre-conference workshop on adult learners.

November 28.



