## Washington College Grant

## Chase your dreams!

Starting in 2020, more Washington residents will be able to attend college for less money. For many, it will be free. The Washington College Grant, formerly the State Need Grant, is a guarantee that students whose family income meets the financial-aid threshold will get the full amount to pay for tuition and fees if they plan to attend a state public school, and a portion of tuition if they attend an approved private college or university. List of eligible institutions: <a href="https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/eligible-institutions.">https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/eligible-institutions.</a>. The new law extends smaller amounts of aid to students whose families make up to the median income. That means college is within reach for many who may not have qualified under the old financial aid cutoff.

## Plan for your future!

The funds can be used for a variety of post-high school education, including two- and four-year schools and trade and technical schools, as well as approved apprenticeship programs.

The Washington College Grant is a grant, not a loan, so you don't need to pay it back.

You can combine the grant with other state and federal aid to cover a significant portion of all education-related expenses, not just tuition.

## Learn more

- Washington College Grant: <a href="https://wsac.wa.gov/pathways">https://wsac.wa.gov/pathways</a>
- To receive a grant, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. If your immigration status prevents you from filling out the federal form, you can fill out the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) form. Filling out either form is the first step in accessing this money. Both forms are available at https://wsac.wa.gov/apply
- Learn how to get help applying for college and financial aid: https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/12thyear

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