



# WASHINGTON COUNCIL FOR HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE RELATIONS

2015 Fall Counselor Workshop



WASHINGTON STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL  
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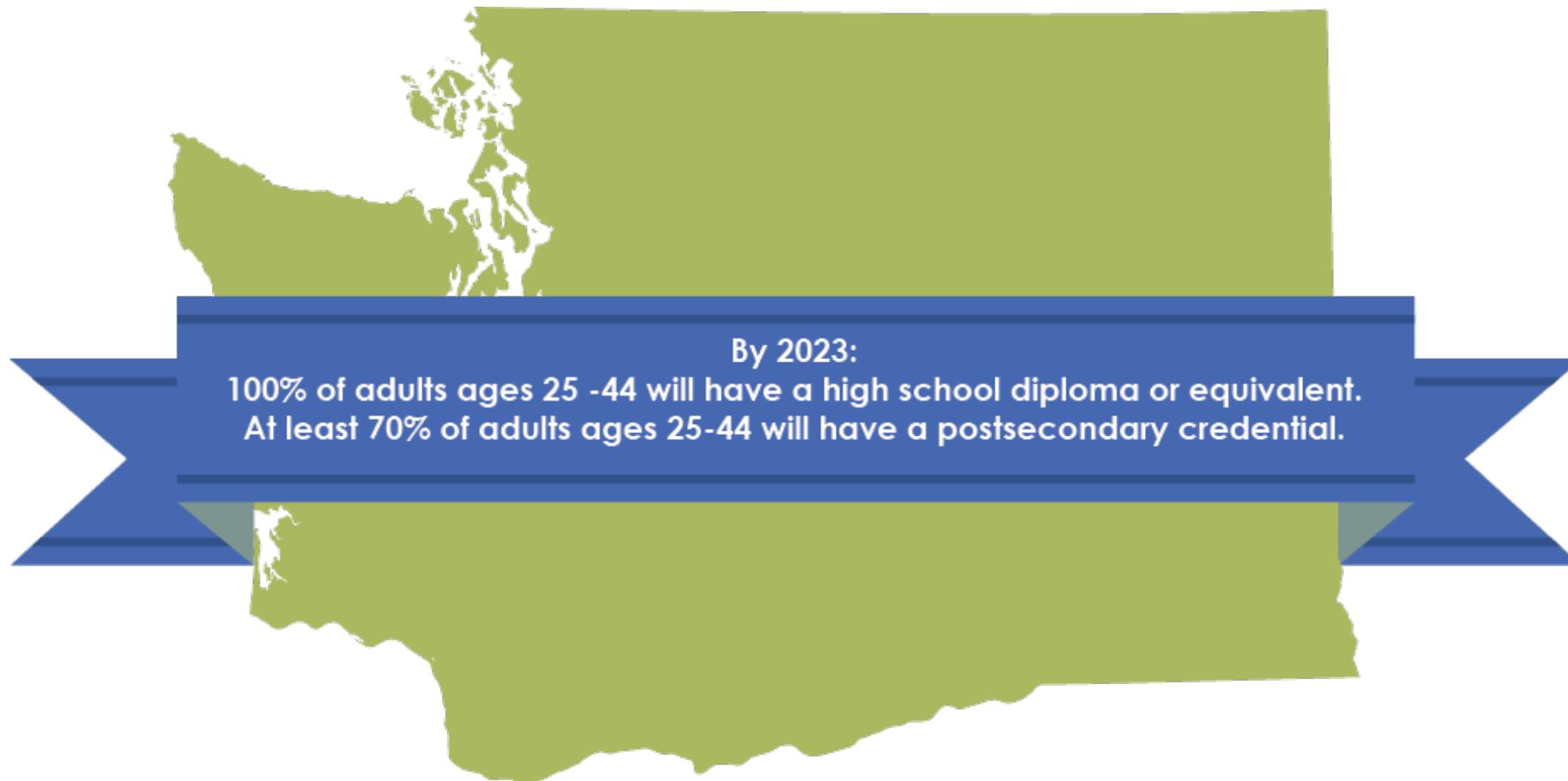
## Our Mission:

We advance educational opportunities and attainment in Washington. In pursuit of our mission, the Washington Student Achievement Council:

- Leads statewide strategic planning to improve educational coordination and transitions.
- Supports Washingtonians through the administration of financial aid, a college savings plan, and support services.
- Advocates for the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education.



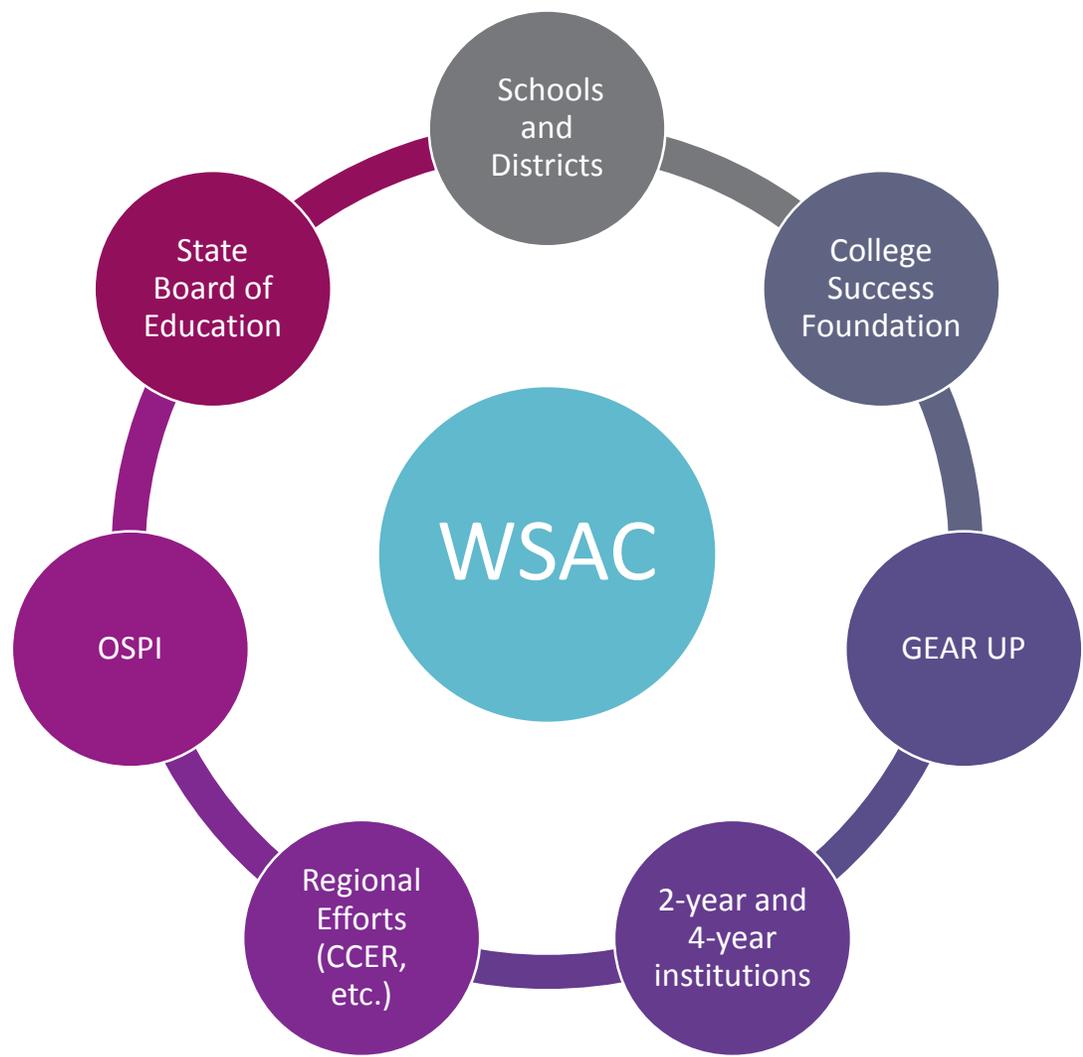
# STATEWIDE ATTAINMENT GOALS





# PARTNERS IN STUDENT SUCCESS

Strong partnerships are critical to the success of the agency and students statewide.





# READY, SET, GRAD

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'READY, SET, GRAD' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'SELECT A GRADE' (1-12), 'COLLEGE', 'CONTINUING EDUCATION', '5 FOR COLLEGE', 'PARENT', 'EDUCATOR', 'home', 'about', and 'updates'. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads 'SO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, NOW WHAT?'. To the right of this heading are links for 'TEXT ALERTS' and 'TWITTER'. The central content area features a large graphic with the text 'I'M A 6th GRADER' inside a stylized orange arrow pointing right. To the right of this graphic is the 'READY, SET, GRAD' logo, where 'READY' is in a blue box, 'SET' is in an orange box, and 'GRAD' is in a green arrow pointing right. Below the main graphic is an 'EMAIL SIGN UP' button. At the bottom of the page, there are social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and a plus sign, along with links for 'contact', 'privacy policy', 'sitemap', and '© washington student achievement council'. A 'Select Language' dropdown menu and 'Powered by Google Translate' are also visible in the footer.



# FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS



# COLLEGE BOUND AND STATE NEED GRANT

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Since 1969, Washington State has assisted low-income residents with State Need Grant (SNG).

There are currently 68 colleges, universities, and other institutions participating in state aid programs.

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The legislature created the College Bound Scholarship (CBS) Program in 2007.

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In 2014-15, 73,000 students received CBS or SNG funding totaling \$335 million.

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However, during the same time period, another 27,000 eligible students did not receive SNG funding.

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# COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP



College Bound is an early commitment of State Need Grant to eligible students.



# COLLEGE BOUND PLEDGE



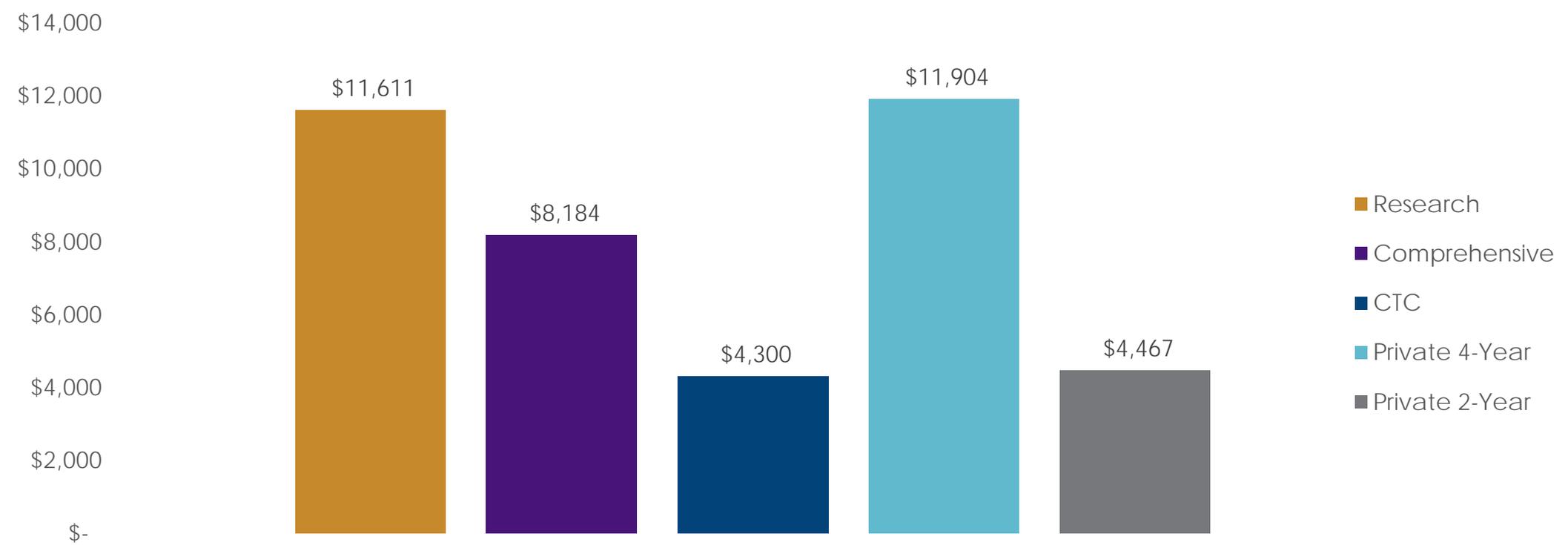
In middle school, eligible students pledge to:

- Graduate high school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Stay crime-free.
- Prepare for and be admitted to college.
- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA or WASFA) in a timely manner.



# 2015-16 COLLEGE BOUND AWARD AMOUNTS

Maximum Award Amounts for CBS Students Attending Full-Time

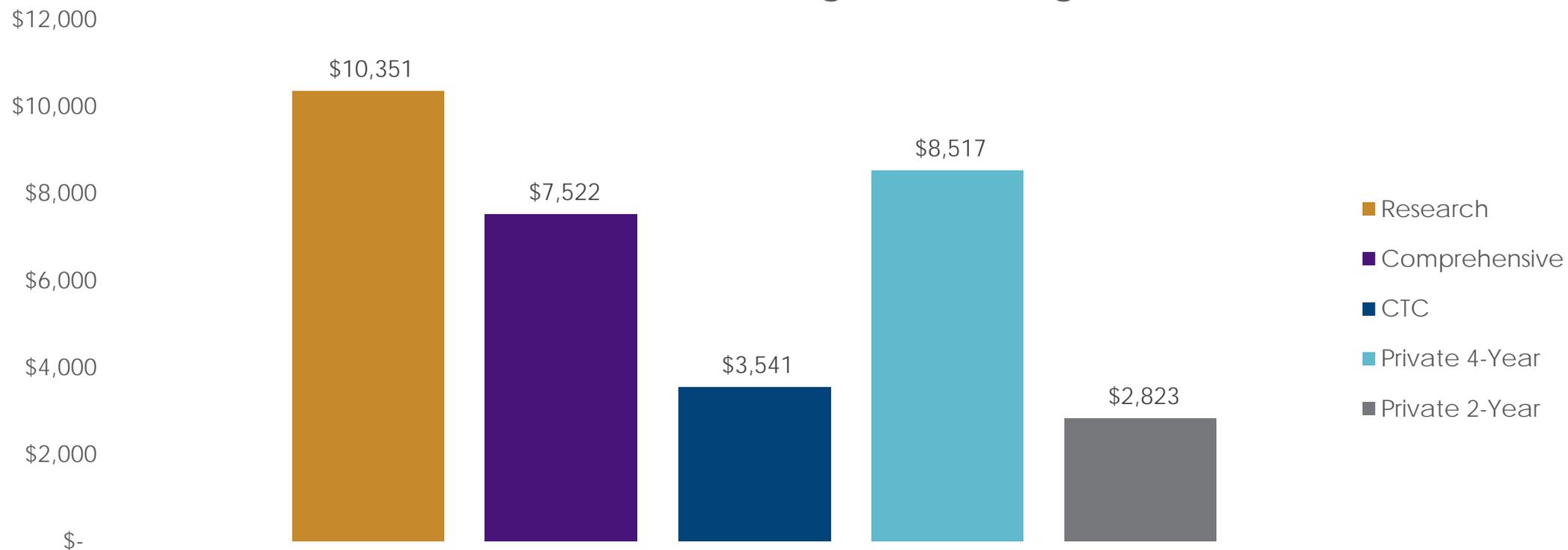


\* Award amounts vary by school.



# 2015-16 SNG AWARD AMOUNTS

Maximum Award Amounts for SNG Students Attending Full-Time  
*and Not Receiving CBS Funding*



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# OPTIONS FOR DREAMERS

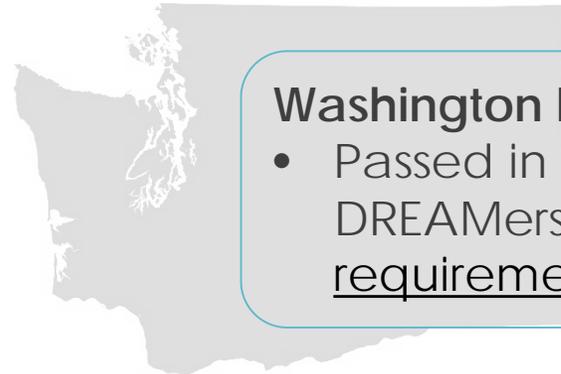
## DREAMers

- Come from all backgrounds and life circumstances.
- Majority are youth brought to the U.S. by their parents at an early age.
- Living in the U.S. without immigration papers; Sometimes referred to as “undocumented.”



### Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Federal status granted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Must meet qualifications and pay an application fee.
- Provides employment authorization.



### Washington House Bill 1079

- Passed in 2003 allowing in-state tuition for DREAMers who meet non-citizen residency requirements.



# STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR DREAMERS

**As of 2014, State Need Grant funding was available to non-citizens who meet the residency requirements established in HB 1079:**

- Have a Washington high school diploma or a GED®
- Be a Washington resident for three years prior to, and continuously since, earning the high school diploma or equivalent.
- Sign a written promise to apply to become a permanent resident of the United States, when eligible.

**As of 2015, State Need Grant and the College Bound Scholarship are available to students who have DACA status.**

- Must meet the same residency requirements as U.S. citizen (typically parents living in the state for one year prior to college).
- Must provide DACA documentation.
- Eligibility for College Bound Scholarship still restricted to those who successfully applied in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



# APPLYING FOR STATE AID

- Each college determines financial aid eligibility based on awarding policies (State Need Grant awards may vary by college).
- State funding is limited. Students should apply as early as possible after January 1.



**Students who are eligible for federal student aid submit a FAFSA to be considered for federal, state, and institutional aid.**

- Apply online at [FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov)



**Students who are not eligible for federal student aid submit a WASFA to be considered for state and institutional aid.**

- Apply online at [ReadySetGrad.org/WASFA](http://ReadySetGrad.org/WASFA)



# OTHER STATE AID PROGRAMS

## State Work Study Employment

- A public-private partnership providing employment and funding to eligible students.
- 4,396 students received \$12.2 million in 2013-14.

## Passport to College Promise Scholarship

- Scholarship for foster youth.
- 379 students received \$1.3 million in 2013-14.

## Washington Opportunity Scholarship Program

- A public-private program providing scholarships to students interested in STEM fields of study.
- 2,300 students received \$8.8 million in 2014-15.
- Administered by the College Success Foundation.



# COLLEGE ACCESS & SUPPORT



# 12<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CAMPAIGN

American College  
Application Campaign  
*October/November*

College Goal  
Washington  
*January/February*

FAFSA Completion  
Initiative



To become an official site, contact Anna Batie at [annab@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:annab@wsac.wa.gov) or visit [Bit.do/12<sup>th</sup>YearForm](https://bit.ly/12thYearForm).



# FAFSA COMPLETION INITIATIVE

The FAFSA Completion Initiative allows participating districts access to individual students' FAFSA completion status.

This data allows FAFSA completion intervention at the school level.

## Background:

- First Lady's Reach Higher Initiative and FAFSA Completion Challenge.
- Over 60% of districts have returned data usage agreements in first months to access the portal.
- Publically available aggregate FAFSA filing data:  
[bit.do/FAFSACompletionData](http://bit.do/FAFSACompletionData).
- Contact Sarah Weiss at [SarahWe@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:SarahWe@wsac.wa.gov).



## What it does:

Offered \$41.6 million in scholarships last year.

Matches scholarships to interests and goals.

Web-based; can be used in school, libraries, or at home and contains no ads or SPAM.

Is a **free** resource for Washington students or residents attending college outside of Washington.

## Who it helps:

33% of scholarships require a GPA higher than 3.0.

62% of listings are not based on financial need.

81% do not require the FAFSA .

27% of scholarships listed are renewable.



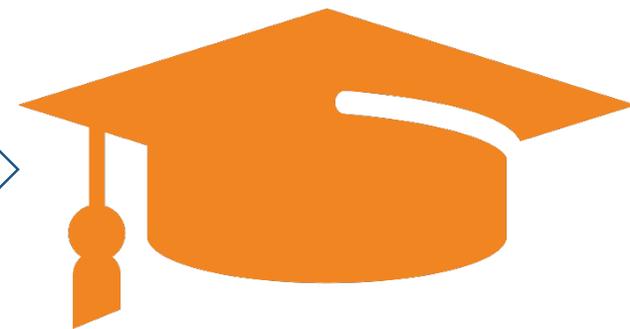
# COLLEGE READINESS



# SMARTER BALANCED 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ASSESSMENTS

Students benefit from doing well on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade assessment.

- Score 3 or 4:
  - Place directly into college-level courses; shorten time to degree; reduce costs.
- Score 1 or 2:
  - Consider Bridge Courses to prepare for postsecondary options.





# MINIMUM COLLEGE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

4 credits

- English: Including 3 credits of college preparatory composition or literature.

3 credits

- Mathematics: Algebra I, geometry, and Algebra II (intermediate algebra), or Integrated Math I, II, and III. (Pre-calculus level meets 3 credits plus senior year req.). Must include Senior Year Math-Based Quantitative Course (may be met through completion of higher level math prior to senior year or AP Computer Science).
- Social Science: History or other social science.

2 credits

- Science: Laboratory science.
- World Languages: Must be earned in the same World Language, Native American language, or American Sign Language

1 credit

- Arts: Fine, visual, or performing arts, or one additional credit in other CADR academic subject.



# UPDATES ON DUAL CREDIT

## 2015 legislative changes to dual credit:

Establishes distinction between College in the High School and Running Start programs (no more RS in the High School model).

Allows access to existing OSPI grant funds for textbooks, fees, and transportation to support Running Start students.

Expands College in the High School to 10th grade students.

College in the High School may include both academic and Career and Technical Education courses.

Establishes state funding prioritization for rural and small schools, and students who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch.



# DUAL CREDIT LOOK-UP TOOL

Institution	Credits	Area	Course	
University of Washington			Chemistry Score: 5	
	15	Q/NW		
			CHEM 142, 152, 162	
Clark	10	N/A		
			CHEM& 141, 142	

**Colleges and Universities**  
University of Washington  
<http://admit.washington.edu/Admission/Freshmen/College>  
(206) 543-9686

## Students enter:

- Test Type (i.e. AP or IB)
- Exam taken (e.g. Chemistry, Spanish)
- Score earned (3, 4, 5)
- College or university they plan to attend (select up to 5)

## The dual credit look-up tool will tell them, based upon the institution's posted policy:

- How many credits they will receive.
- In what discipline area they will receive them.

[readyssetgrad.org/rsg\\_cred\\_wiz/form](http://readyssetgrad.org/rsg_cred_wiz/form)



**Vision:**

**We inspire and foster excellence in educational attainment.**

## Financial Aid

- FAFSA or WASFA, college access, student support initiatives

## College Readiness

- Smarter Balanced, Bridge Courses, Dual Credit, MCAS



# PAVE THE WAY



## SAVE THE DATE!

October 5-6, 2015 | Tacoma Convention Center | Tacoma, WA

**Pave the Way: Advancing Equity, Access, Readiness & Support**

**Attention P-12 and postsecondary educators, practitioners, and leaders:**

You are invited to help *Pave the Way* for educational attainment in Washington! Conference topics include diversity, culturally relevant practices, cross-sector alignment, outreach, and support for underserved students throughout the P-20 education system.

Keynote Speaker: Educator, sociologist, and author Pedro Noguera



<http://wsac.wa.gov/2015pavetheway>

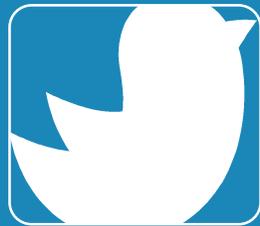


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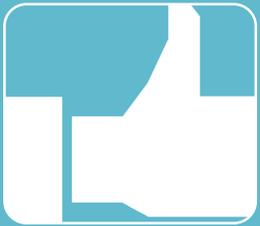
## Online:

- [www.wsac.wa.gov](http://www.wsac.wa.gov)
- [www.readysetgrad.org](http://www.readysetgrad.org)
- [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org)
- [www.get.wa.gov](http://www.get.wa.gov)



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