

## Access

## Affordability

## Achievement

### Opportunity Pathways Many Types of Aid

#### Access

- State Need Grant
- State Work Study
- College Bound Scholarship
- Passport to College Promise for Foster Youth

#### Affordability, Merit

- GEAR UP Scholarships
- American Indian Endowed Scholarship

#### Merit

- Washington Scholars
- Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE)

#### Targeted to Employment Needs

- Alternative Routes to Teaching
- Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship
- GET Ready for Math/Science
- Health Professional Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs
- WICHE Professional Student Exchange



**WASHINGTON**  
OPPORTUNITY PATHWAYS

## Overview

In Washington, financial aid programs are known collectively as Opportunity Pathways. The Washington Student Achievement Council administers these programs, helping tens of thousands students annually earn their college degrees and certificates.

Washington has a long-standing commitment to postsecondary education opportunities for all students — regardless of income.

In 2010-11, about \$232 million in state aid was disbursed through programs administered by the Student Achievement Council. More than 87,000 students attending 83 campuses received assistance.

About 95 percent of the total program funds supported need-based programs. Of the remainder, 3 percent was directed to workforce programs, and 2 percent to merit programs.

The Washington Student Achievement Council also administers several activities that indirectly benefit students:

- **College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)** - provides \$25,000 in state funds to seven colleges for educational services to migrant and seasonal farm workers and their children.
- **Leadership 1000** - scholarship program matches private benefactors, family foundations, businesses and corporations with selected economically disadvantaged students, who receive scholarships, mentoring and other support to maximize their chance of earning a bachelor's degree. The College Success Foundation administers the program under a contract with the Council.
- **State Expanded GEAR UP** - received \$1 million in 2010-11, funding that helped Washington leverage \$27 million in federal funding over the next six years. The state funding supplements GEAR UP services and helps the program meet its federal dollar-for-dollar match requirement.
- **Child Care Matching Grants** - provide funding for public four-year institutions to address the need for high quality, accessible and affordable child care for students. This program was suspended in 2010-11, but funding was added back for the 2011-13 biennium at \$75,000 per year.

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Public Purpose	Program	Dollars Expended 2010-11	# of Recipients 2010-11	Estimated Expenditures 2011-12	Est. # of Recipients 2011-12
Access	<b>State Need Grant</b> - Need-based grant for low-income undergraduates whose current income is 70% or less of median family income. Includes less-than-half-time students.	\$204m	72,000	\$267m	70,000
	<b>State Work Study</b> Part-time work for financially needy undergraduate and graduate students.	\$14.3m	7,557	\$7.8m	3,500
	<b>Educational Opportunity Grant</b> Need-based grant for transfer students.	\$940,074	457	N/A	N/A
	<b>Passport to College for Foster Youth</b> Scholarships for eligible former foster youth.	\$1.2m	381	\$1.4m	432
Affordability, Merit	<b>GEAR UP Scholarships</b> Scholarships to students who participate in an early awareness and outreach program.	\$738,000	261	\$416,000	150
	<b>American Indian Endowed Scholarship</b> Funds scholarships for needy undergraduate students with close social and cultural ties to American Indian community.	\$7,750	12	\$14,800	14
Merit	<b>Washington Scholars</b> Four-year merit scholarships to high school students in the top 1% of their class from each legislative district.	\$2.8m	377	\$2.3m	268
	<b>Washington Award for Vocational Excellence</b> Two-year merit scholarship for outstanding vocational students from each of legislative district.	\$95m	205	\$1m	188
Employment Shortages	<b>Alternative Routes to Teaching</b> Supports prospective and current teachers to obtain shortage area endorsements.	\$1.75	531	\$1.5m	450
	<b>Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship</b> Conditional loans or repayments toward federal loans for students pursuing or in high demand teaching fields.	\$380,774	73	\$40,000	8
	<b>Get Ready for Math &amp; Science<sup>2</sup></b> Conditional loans for a cohort of students who major in math or science and work a related field in the state.	\$703,000	98	\$969,500	99
	<b>Health Professional Loan Repayment &amp; Scholarship Programs</b> — Loan repayment assistance students pursuing or in primary care health fields.	\$4.3m	244	\$3m	218
	<b>WICHE Professional Student Exchange</b> Conditional loans to study optometry or osteopathy, programs not offered in Washington.	\$159,400	9	\$71,000	4