

Washington State Passport to Careers



Help for Former Foster Youth

Have you ever been in foster care? Do you want to continue your education or start a career in a trade?

The *Passport to Careers* program can assist you on your journey toward a postsecondary education or apprenticeship. It provides financial assistance and support services, if you meet the following criteria:

- **Foster Care:** You were in the care of the Washington State, tribal, or federal foster care system, or experienced unaccompanied homelessness. (See chart at right for eligibility dates.)
- **State Resident:** You are a resident of Washington, or your case is based in Washington State.
- **Eligible Student:**
 - You are or will be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible institution of higher education or a recognized pre-apprenticeship or registered apprenticeship program in Washington before turning 22.
 - You are not planning to pursue a degree in theology.
 - You have not yet earned a bachelor's degree.

Passport to Careers Eligibility Expansion:

- July 2018: In foster care after age 15.
- July 2019: In foster care after age 14 or experienced unaccompanied homelessness in the prior school year.
- July 2020: In foster care after age 13.

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Passport to College

Through the Passport to College program, students receive support services from college staff, a scholarship that assists with the cost of attending college, and priority consideration for the State Need Grant and State Work Study programs.

Passport to Apprenticeships

The Passport to Apprenticeship Opportunities program will assist students participating in registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs with covering costs such as tuition, fees, work clothes, and occupation-related tools.

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