

COLLEGE and CAREER RESOURCES

U.S. Department of Education

www.studentaid.ed.gov/

The Student Guide to Financial Aid is a comprehensive source of information to explain the financial aid process and how to apply for it.

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a form that provides the data on which financial aid decisions are based. Students may complete the FAFSA starting on October 1 prior to the fall when they will enroll.

Washington State Financial Aid Programs

<https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/WASFAelig>

The Washington Application for State Financial Aid or WASFA is a free application for state financial aid for students who are not eligible for federal aid because of immigration status, including **undocumented** students. After you complete the WASFA, the college(s) you choose will use your information to determine your state financial aid eligibility. State financial aid could include Washington College Grant (formerly the State Need Grant), the College Bound Scholarship, or State Work Study.

Washington State Department of Labor and Industry Apprenticeships

<https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-preparation>

Interested in an apprenticeship where you get paid to learn a trade? Check out the Washington State Dept. of L&I to learn how to become an apprentice and the careers available.

Health Care and Education Pathways

<https://www.premiernursingacademy.org/certified-nursing-assistant/health-care-education-paths>

A short guide that details various education paths to help students achieve their career goals. Helps students determine the best path to suit their needs and goals in pursuing health care.

9 Reasons to Consider CNA Training after HS

<https://www.premiernursingacademy.org/blog/cna-training-after-high-school/>

Western Undergraduate Exchange Program – WUE & WICHE Scholarships

<https://www.wiche.edu/wue>

Out of state schools may offer a discounted tuition rate if they participate in the WUE scholarship program. Students pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at participating schools, compared with nonresident rates that can exceed 300% of in-state rates. It is important to check the school's **Deadline Date** as well as any requirements (FAFSA filing date, GPA req., specific major req., etc.) that school may have to obtain this award. Check the link for participating schools.

College Affordability and Transparency Center

<https://collegecost.ed.gov/>

Here you will find information about tuition and net prices at postsecondary institutions. The site highlights institutions with high and low tuition and fees, as well as, high and low net prices (the price of attendance minus grant and scholarship aid).

The College Scholarship Guide

<https://www.thesimpledollar.com/financial-wellness/college-scholarship-guide>

This guide provides actionable tips on applying for scholarships. It breaks down the process into applying for scholarships into four main steps: prepare, organize, search, and apply.