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## King County Promise RFP Reminders



The King County Promise Request for Proposals (RFP) will close in less than three weeks. PSCCN wants to make sure you have all the information, tools, and resources to submit your proposal for a King County Promise partnership. Here are some important dates to keep in remember:

- King County DCHS Deadline to submit questions: **Tuesday, March 22, 2022**
- King County DCHS Technical Assistance Deadline: **Monday, March 28, 2022**
- King County RFP Submission Deadline: **Monday, April 4, 2022 at 2:00pm**

**RFP Support and Resources:**

- Feb 23rd & 28th [DCHS King County Promise RFP Info Sessions \(Recording\)](#)
- March 2nd [Budget & Partnership Workshop \(Recording\)](#)
- March 9th [Budget & Partnership Workshop \(Recording\)](#)
- [Budget & Partnership Workshop \(Slide Deck\)](#)
- [KCP RFP Budget Calculator \(Microsoft Excel\)](#)
- [Technical Assistance \(DCHS\)](#)

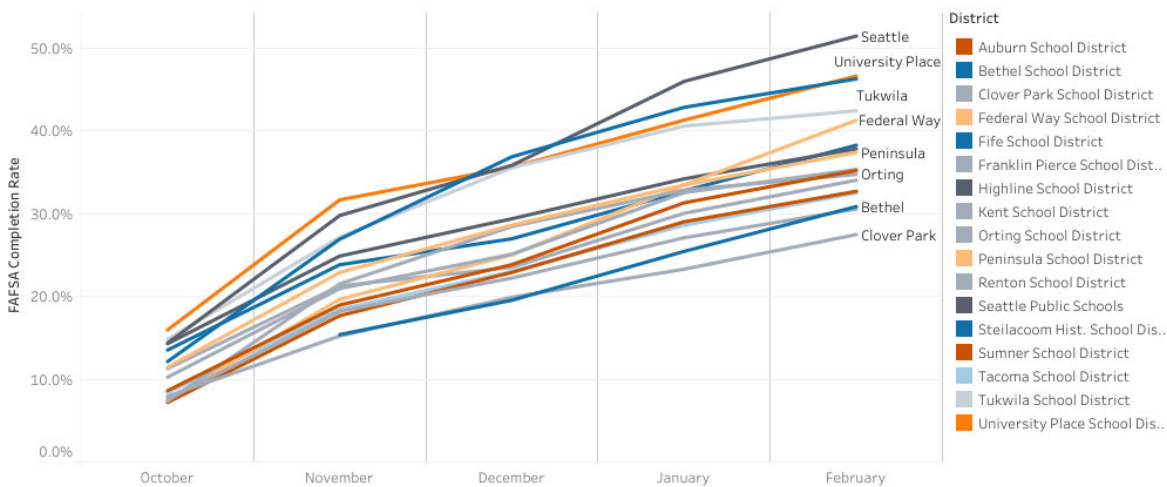
**KCP RFP Contacts:**

- RFP Lead Andria Howerton - direct any RFP related questions to [dchscontracts@kingcounty.gov](mailto:dchscontracts@kingcounty.gov).
  - Remember to put **KCP RFP** in the email's subject line.
- PSCCN the SSO - direct any King County Promise program model questions to [KingCountyPromise@psed.org](mailto:KingCountyPromise@psed.org) or check out the [FAQ's page](#).

[Sign up](#) for the KCP listserv to stay updated.

# Financial Aid Resources

FAFSA Completion Rates: School District Comparison by School Year



At PSCCN, we celebrate every student's financial aid completion. Above is a snapshot of current school districts' financial aid completion rates in the region. Make sure you are keeping track of your school districts' progress by visiting the [WSAC FAFSA Completion Data Dashboard](#).

**Financial Aid Support and Resources**

Here are some resources for educators, youth program workers, and others assisting students with navigating the financial aid application process, including completing financial aid forms.

### Financial Aid Workshops

- [Financial Aid: 201](#)
  - Understanding Verification, Appeals and Award Letters
- [Financial Aid Navigation](#)
  - Understanding the Financial Aid application process

### PSCCN Resources

- [Financial Aid Toolkit](#): The PSCCN Financial Aid Toolkit is an online resource designed for schools, district staff and community organizations to access financial aid resources to support students and families with the financial aid application process.
- [College Knowledge](#): Includes 23 digital handouts, covering the college readiness topics most requested by students. Materials are available in English, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese.

### WSAC Resources

- **Student Financial Aid Resource Padlet**: [Click here](#) to access the resource
- **12th Year Campaign**: Access financial aid completion data and financial aid resources to better support your institution's capacity for tracking and completing your student financial aid applications.
- **12th Year Campaign Resources**: Order free postcards, workbooks and more via [this link](#)

## Opportunities in the Region

### Grants for Washington State K-12 Public School Teachers!

Applications are now being accepted for Ellison Education grants. Grants are for K-12 public school educators in Washington State. The Ellison Foundation has awarded **66 grants and \$288,000** to Washington State educators in the past five years.

The Ellison Foundation is awarding grants ranging from **\$1,000 to \$10,000** in the spring of 2022 (for use during the 2022-2023 school year).

**Applications must be submitted by March 26th, 2022.**

To learn more about Ellison Education grants please click the following link: <http://ellison-foundation.org/ellison-education>

## Student Opportunities



### **Leaders in Training (LIT) High School Internship**

Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) is an educational organization that works to eliminate the opportunity gap by leading with racial equity. We are seeking up to **twelve high school interns** to help us accomplish this goal. **High school students are invited** to learn with us and influence the work of the organization into the future. Interns will be part of LIT (Leaders in Training) and participate in learning and leadership sessions prior to starting their internship with a PSESD department. More information about the timeline can be found here: [Leaders in Training Internship](#)

To apply, please complete the application here by **March 31, 2022**: [PSESD Leaders in Training Application 2022](#)

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### **Career Pathways in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health**

Green River College, in partnership with the University of Washington, invites students and educators to attend this virtual event to learn about a Career in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health.

DATE: **April 7, 2022**

TIMES: 12:00-1:00pm or 6:30-7:30pm

LOCATION: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/92765038385>

[Green River College's Bachelor of Applied Science](#) (BAS) in Early Childhood Education: Infant and Child Mental Health (ICMH) focuses on the importance of relationships to the social and emotional well-being of infants, toddlers, and young children. The next cohort will start in September 2022 and be completely virtual. Funding, financial aid, and scholarships are available.

For more info about Green River College BAS, email Leslie Kessler at [lkessler@greenriver.edu](mailto:lkessler@greenriver.edu).

For more info about the meeting, email Joyce Yang at [joycehc@uw.edu](mailto:joycehc@uw.edu).

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### **Washington State Fair Foundation Scholarships**

The Washington State Fair Foundation awards more than \$120,000 in scholarships annually to students living in Washington. 2022 Scholarship applications are now open. To learn more, [click here](#).

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### Study.com Scholarships

The team at Study.com recently developed [a complete guide to scholarships for college](#). The following scholarships are \$500 awards that will be accepting applications now through July 1st:

- [Scholarship for Homeschool Students](#)
- [Scholarship for First Generation Students](#)
- [Scholarship for Asian American & Pacific Islander Students](#)
- [Scholarship for Mothers](#)
- [Scholarship for Students of Color](#)

Contact [studentsuccess@email.study.com](mailto:studentsuccess@email.study.com) for more information.

## News from the Region



As president of TCC's Black Student Union, I know Tacoma colleges need more state support. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Financial aid flexibilities will remain as president Biden extends COVID national emergency. [Click here](#) to read the article.

What's changing—and what's not—after WA schools go mask optional. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Job opportunities spotlight need for postsecondary credential. [Click here](#) to read the article.

What survivors should know about Title IX and sexual misconduct at Washington colleges. [Click here](#) to read the article.



In Seattle, students are reclaiming prom with free venues and homemade dresses. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Keeping kids in school during the pandemic has been tough. In WA, at least 29,000 can't be found. [Click here](#) to read the article.

### **Partner Content:**

**Students get deeper HSBP experience through school + community partnership.** The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has partnered with school districts to support students with efforts to slow down the High School and Beyond Planning process and add more time and resources to reflect, learn, and explore. Read the blog [here](#).

**Encourage your student to plan for the future.** This month, Ready WA is highlighting a [fact sheet](#) for parents that includes an overview of three state graduation requirements, as well as financial aid resources.

**WA's Postsecondary Enrollment Crisis Intensifies.** According to this new report from the Washington Roundtable and Partnership for Learning, employers will add 373,000 net new jobs in Washington state over the next five years. An estimated 70% of these jobs will require or be filled by workers with a post-high school credential. The report highlights how increasing the postsecondary enrollment rate is the most significant opportunity to accelerate progress toward 70% credential attainment. Read the report [here](#) and the fact sheet [here](#).

**CISWA Affiliates Receive Game Changing Donation:** Thanks to a transformative gift of \$133.5 million nationally from MacKenzie Scott, Communities In Schools will be able to continue its work to create equitable outcomes for kids across the country, including Communities In Schools of Washington. \$5.85 million invested in Communities In Schools of Washington and three Washington state CIS affiliates: CIS of Benton-Franklin, CIS of Peninsula and CIS of Renton-Tukwila! View the press release [here](#).

### **Student Voices:**

[How three Seattle youth music programs are rebounding as the pandemic wanes.](#)

[How to Better Support Students in Their Journey From High School to College.](#)

[Student Voices: My STEM education won't matter if it's not inclusive.](#)

[Student Voices: Why Black faculty matter on university campuses.](#)

[Student Voices: It is time we stop pay-to-win testing within the public education system.](#)

## **Upcoming Events and Trainings**



### **Charting Our Future**

Graduate Tacoma's second annual [Charting Our Future conference](#) brings together change agents for student achievement for a two-day event unlike any other. This year's theme: *Changing Systems, Changing Lives*, empowers our community to confront, disrupt, and transform the education system to meet the real needs of our children.

**April 5-6, 2022** - [click here to register](#)

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