



Financial Aid for Future Teachers

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What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is money to help pay for college or career school.

Grants, work study, loans, and scholarships help make college affordable.



Grants

A grant is gift aid that often is based on financial need and does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund).

Washington
College Grant

Pell Grant



Washington College Grant (WCG)

Washington State made a groundbreaking commitment to financial aid for low- and middle-income people of all ages with the new **Washington College Grant (WCG)**.

The new **Washington College Grant** gives **more money to more students** for **more kinds** of education after high school.



Welding

or



English

or



Apprenticeship

or



Nursing?



Computer Science?



College Degree?

Whatever the goal, Washington College Grant can help.



Washington College Grant

An eligible student from a family of four making around \$56,000 or less per year would receive a full award.

Partial grants are available for families making up to the state's median family income, around \$102,000 per year.



State Financial Aid (Educator Workforce Programs)

Include Options for:

- Paraprofessionals
- Future Teachers
- Current Teachers
- Student Teachers



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TEACHER PROGRAMS

Overview

The Washington State Educator Workforce Program (EWP) provides financial aid to attract and retain teachers to work in subjects or locations of high need known as *shortage areas*.

EWP includes options for current teachers, student teachers, paraprofessionals, and non-educators hoping to move into the teaching field. Most are conditional scholarships that encourage individuals to pursue teaching in subjects or locations of high need, also known as "[Shortage Areas](#)," in return for funding received.

Conditional scholarship participants must:

- Commit to teach at a Washington K-12 public common school for a specified amount of time.
- Complete and submit a signed Promissory Note.
- Repay any funding received—plus interest and fees, but adjusted for any service completed—if the participant fails to fulfill the teaching service obligation.

Components that may be implemented soon could provide financial aid for:

- Current teachers with federal loan repayment help in exchange for teaching in a shortage area.
- Current students during their student teaching assignment.

NOTE: Applicants may only apply for one conditional scholarship at a time. Applicants may apply for both a Student Teaching Grant and one of the conditional scholarships at the same time.

View the [Quick Look Chart](#) to compare basic information for each component.

Conditional Scholarships

Conditional scholarship means a loan that is forgiven in whole or in part in exchange for service as a certificated employee in an approved education program.



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FOUNDATION

[RCW 28B.102](#) Educator Scholarship and Repayment Programs

[RCW 28B.76.699](#) Student Teaching Grant

RESOURCES

[Educator Workforce Program Reference Guide \(2022-23\)](#)

[Educator Programs at a Glance](#)

[Teaching Service Verification Form](#)

[Pipeline for Paraeducators Handout](#)

[Shortage Areas](#)

- [Unique Local Shortage Administrator Support Letter Template](#)



EWP Conditional Scholarships

Conditional Scholarships:

1. Commit to teach in a WA public K-12
2. Complete a Promissory Note
3. Teach in a shortage area
4. Repay if fails to fulfill obligation



Educator Workforce Program

Quick Look Chart for Prospective Participants

| Component | Type of Financial Assistance (only grants have no service obligation) | Application Availability | Applicant Eligibility by Teaching Status | Years of Eligibility and Maximum Award Amounts per Year |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Educator Retooling | Conditional Scholarship | Rolling | In-Service or Expired Cert. | Up to 2 years \$3,000 |
| Pipeline for Paraeducators | Conditional Scholarship | Rolling | Pre-Service | Up to 4 years \$4,000 |
| Teacher Shortage | Conditional Scholarship | Fall and Spring | Pre-Service | Up to 4 years \$8,000 |
| Career and Technical Education | Conditional Scholarship | Included in Teacher Shortage app cycle | Pre-Service | Up to 2 years \$8,000 |
| Student Teaching Grant | Grant | Fall and Spring | Pre-Service | Once \$8,000 |
| Alternative Route | Conditional Scholarship | WSAC coordinates with PESB | Pre-Service | Up to 2 years \$8,000 |

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Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship

- Supports WA State certified educators looking to add endorsements in a shortage area.
- Must hold a current WA teacher certificate, or an expired cert issued after 2005.
- Must use a PESB pathway for adding an endorsement.
- Enroll in an eligible WA state college or university.
- Awards are up to \$3,000.
- Complete a current FAFSA or WSAFA.



Pipeline for Paraeducators Conditional Scholarship

- Applicant must not have earned a college degree.
- Provide documentation from their school district of one-year successful student interaction as a classified employee, or completion of two years of Recruiting Washington Teachers program.
- Intend to pursue an initial teacher certificate in a shortage area via a PESB-approved teacher prep program.
- Be accepted into and maintain enrollment at a community or technical college.
- Awards are up to \$4,000.
- Complete a current FAFSA or WASFA.



Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarship

- Applicants must be accepted into a PESB-approved teacher preparation program leading to an initial teacher certificate.
- Intend to pursue an initial teacher certificate with an endorsement in a shortage area.
- Have unmet financial need.
- Awards are up to \$8,000.
- Complete a current FAFSA or WASFA.



Alternative Routes Conditional Scholarship

- This program is a partnership between PESB and WSAC.
- Scholarships are designated to alternative route providers that have been awarded block grants through PESB.
- Applicant must be accepted into and maintain enrollment in an Alternative Route Teacher certification program.
- Intend to pursue an initial teacher's certificate with an endorsement in a shortage area.
- Awards are up to \$8,000.
- Complete a current FAFSA or WASFA.



Student Teaching Grant

- Provides additional funds to student teachers at Title I public schools in Washington.
- Must be enrolled in a PESB approved teacher preparation program leading to a residency teaching certificate.
- Demonstrate financial need through the FAFSA or WASFA.
- Awards are up to \$8,000.
- This grant does not require a service obligation or promissory note.



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