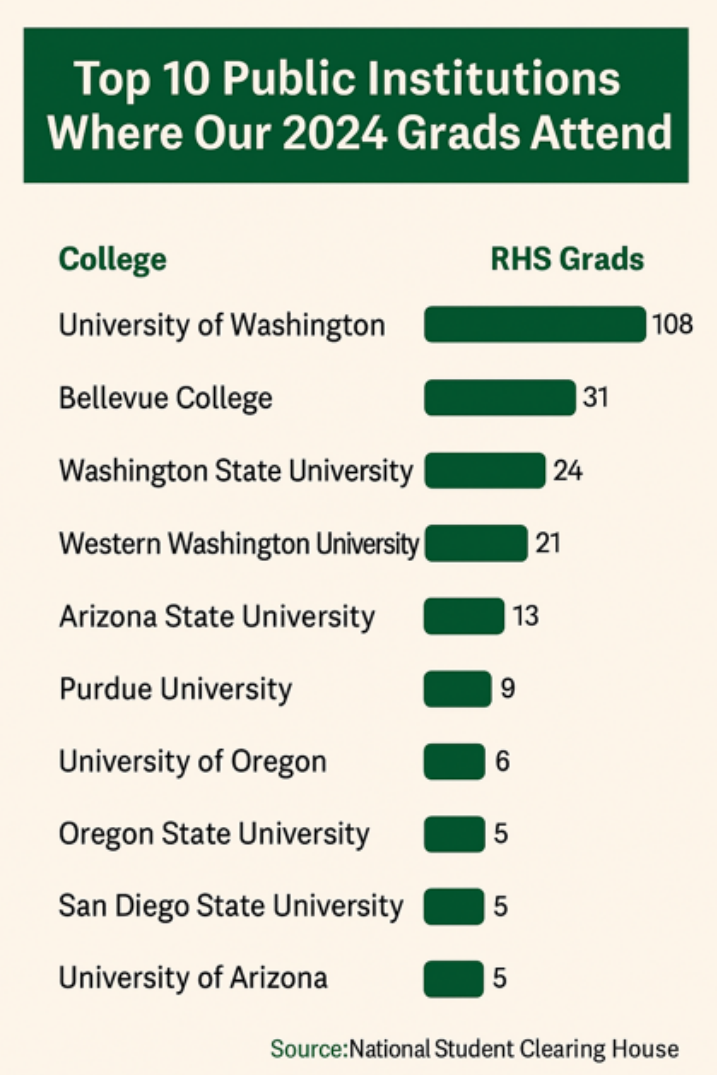
COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

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Redmond High School's College & Career Center is dedicated to preparing and supporting students for their next steps- whether that be college, technical programs, or entering the workforce. Find useful college and career planning information and resources on the CCC Website: College & Career - Redmond High School

Need more help or guidance, email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org or schedule a meeting with her HERE!

Top 10 Public Institutions Where Our 2024 Grads Attend



We'll reveal the top privates where our 2024 grads attend in the next newsletter!

What's Happening in January??

January 5 Nomination Deadline for SBU Simons Summer Research Program

- Details are listed under the RHS CCC Events Calendar on the CCC website

January 16, 9:30 – 10:10 AM WSU Instant Decision Day

- Sign up to attend this workshop if you have a cumulative 3.0 GPA and plan to attend WSU fall 2026

January 26, 1st Lunch Military Rep Visit

- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Navy

If you have 2nd lunch but would like to meet with the military rep, please email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org for a pass to attend this rep visit. *Please check the RHS CCC Events Calendar for updates.

Check the CCC Website for Upcoming Events, Opportunities and Scholarships by Deadlines.

News on App Fee Waivers

- Northwestern University's application fee waivers now extend to first-gen college students!
- Hofstra U Application Fee Waivers available for 2 Stangs
    - Email Ms. Wu at rwu@lwsd.org, first come, first served!

Volunteer at the Arboretum

Applications for UW Botanic Gardens' 2026 Junior Naturalist program are now open! Details are listed under the Student Opportunities Calendar on the CCC Website (May 15 post).

Ways to Pay for College

How much does college cost? College costs vary at each school. Each college estimates the Cost of Attendance (COA) by adding together some or all of the following college expenses:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room and board
- Transportation
- Books and supplies

- Other living expenses

There are many ways to get help with the cost of college. You can get financial aid from grants, loans and work-study programs by completing the FAFSA or WASFA. Another way is to apply for scholarships, and we list many under the Scholarship Deadlines Calendar on the CCC website. You can also look for scholarships at individual institutions in their financial aid section or departmental scholarships. There are thousands of scholarships, and each one has its own unique requirements, although many will want the same basic information.

Other ways to make college more affordable

• If you need help in class, ask for it and aim for top grades -you'll have a better shot at scholarships. • Get a part-time job while in high school to earn and save some cash. • Take Advance Placement classes, Running Start, or CTE Dual Credit courses to earn college credit.

Tip



Most ***Technical colleges*** have financial aid programs to help students. Students who are unemployed, receive TANF, basic food assistance (aka Food Stamps), or are low-***income*** and pursuing a short-term ***certificate*** in a high-wage, high-demand career, may qualify. Learn more at: **www.sbctc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid-programs**

Types of financial aid:

- **Scholarships** – Money awarded based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid.
- **Grants** – A form of gift aid, usually given based on ***financial need***. A grant does not need to be repaid, unless, for example, you withdraw from a school and owe a refund. The Pell Grant is a common federal grant.
- **Work-Study** – A financial aid program (federal or state) that allows a student to work on-***campus*** or with approved off-campus employers to earn money to pay for college expenses.
  - Some student jobs, like being a Resident Advisor (RA) or Campus Security Officer, can help cover housing or room and board expenses. Job opportunities differ among campuses, so check with your college's Career Center for more details.
- **Loans** – Money you can borrow and repay over time, with interest added in most cases.

Looking for scholarships? Find them under the **Scholarship Deadlines Calendar on the CCC website!** We are continually adding new scholarships as they come in so keep your eyes peeled!

Financial aid and scholarships are available to help

- Apply now for 2026-27. Estimate your award with the financial aid calculator.
- Understand your financial aid options, including state financial aid programs and private scholarships.
- Need more help? Attend a virtual filing event, or contact OtterBot!

Private scholarships

Private scholarship deadlines occur year-round, and many are available regardless of income.

- theWashboard.org scholarship search tool is unique to Washington students. This website allows you to create a profile and then be matched with the scholarship opportunities that fit you. It is spam-free and will never sell your information.
- Beware of scholarship scams! Do not pay any organization or individual to apply for scholarships or scholarship lists. Legitimate scholarships never ask for an application fee.
- Many colleges provide aid in the form of institutional scholarships or grants. Talk to the financial aid office at the school you plan to attend for more information.

Worksite Learning (WSL) – Earn Credits for Your Job

Class call for to apply for WSL! Time is running out… you must work 180 hours* by **June 30** to earn .5 credit for this school year. *(upon application approval)

