WEEKLY BULLETIN

**May 6-10, 2024**

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# WA STATE GEAR UP PROGRAM UPDATES

* [**Call for Proposals is Open!**](https://airtable.com/app7jdN8h1uHg1qhT/shr54I5G3Xrqcfyyv) **GEAR UP West**. Oct. 27 – 29, Albuquerque, NM.
* **Reminder: Senior Exit Survey**. The survey window is open now through May 8. WSAC expects that a minimum of 90% of seniors complete the survey. You’ll receive a weekly update from Vela to help you track students.
* **Reminder**: **Final Work Plan & Budget Revisions** are due June 30. Please send to featherw@wsac.wa.gov
* **Action Required: WAGU Grant IV Wrap-Up Workshop!** June 17-18, Wenatchee. All WAGU-paid staff and lead administrators are welcome to attend. See the 4/8 email for the registration link and travel guidance.
* [**College Knowledge Family Newsletters**](https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/family-newsletters)**.** Monthly newsletters for students by grade level. Pre-loaded with info and areas to personalize! Available in English, Arabic, Chuukese, Marshallese, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

**STUDENT RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH EVENTS**

* [**12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Information & Filing Events.**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxoI/edit#heading=h.42fu3w63mb46) Most events are virtual. Spanish events are available.

# OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

* **Discussion Lab:** [**College Tours with Families**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/nccep-events/2024/5-9-familycollegetours). By NCCEP. May 9, 11 AM.
* **Virtual:** [**Annual Passport to Careers Conference**](https://www.washingtonpassportnetwork.org/2024-conference/). Early bird registration is open! May 14.
* **Webinar:** [**Legislative Updates**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wpx7sGYESgqG7gpbNsa5Qw#/registration). By OSPI-WSAC. May 15, 9:00-10:30 AM
* [**PNACAC Conference: Where It All Began**](https://www.pnacac.org/annual-conference)**.** May 22 - 24, Salem, OR.
* [**NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference**](https://www.edpartnerships.org/annual)**.** July 21-24, Washington, DC.
* **GEAR UP West**. Oct. 27 – 29, Albuquerque, NM. *Registration Opens May 20.*

# Resources

* **WAGU Featured Resource:** [**How to Become an Apprentice**](https://gearup.wa.gov/file/how-become-apprentice). This handout accompanies the 12th Year Campaign Junior/Senior Student Workbook.
* [**Youth Apprenticeship Week (May 5-11)**.](https://www.apprenticeship.gov/youth-apprenticeship-week) Highlight the benefits and value of Registered Apprenticeship program opportunities for youth, ages 16–24.
* [**Washington College Grant for Apprentices**.](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwsac.wa.gov%2Fwcg-apprentices&data=05%7C01%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cc99f9ee42cdd427c565108daae11db1c%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638013688958143981%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EQznr1oEJZCR70C3CHvEXQ5%2BxYwE73%2FCFMDbRgetqIM%3D&reserved=0) Find an overview of the benefits of apprenticeship and the different programs that support apprentices.
* [**Become an Apprentice**](https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/become-an-apprentice)**.** The WA State Department of Labor and Industries can guide you through this pathway.
* [**Explore Apprenticeship**](https://www.apprenticeship.gov/employers/explore-apprenticeship). Learn about apprenticeship programs in Washington.
* [**HearMeWA**](https://hearmewa.org/)**.** This new resource helps connect Washington youth and young adults to systems of support. For those experiencing stress, anxiety, bullying, violent threats, sexual abuse—or anything that makes life hard—HearMeWA crisis counselors can help with secure, free support. Download their [promotional flyer](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fatg.us10.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D28a64d02479d9d79402df2b20%26id%3D091b9eac7d%26e%3Db6e0fea63f&data=05%7C02%7CBethK%40wsac.wa.gov%7Ccc274e12e75e4b81152a08dc6ddc6b23%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638506040686664968%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=82QI9gn4L3AM3Kmz7LYEFlGUqEP0ork7aAUxUQIaDww%3D&reserved=0).

**IN THE NEWS**

* [College Indecision Day](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/admissions/traditional-age/2024/05/02/fafsa-delays-put-damper-college-signing-day)
* [Experts Fear ‘Catastrophic’ College Declines Thanks To Botched FAFSA Rollout](https://apnews.com/article/fafsa-college-financial-aid-student-loans-9637c87ed2496491609c4a517cec9be3)
* [College Uncovered, Season 2, Episode 5: The Real Cost Of Free](https://hechingerreport.org/college-uncovered-season-2-episode-5/)
* [The Fafsa Debacle Is Throwing A Wrench In Students' College Plans](https://www.npr.org/2024/05/01/1248545161/the-fafsa-debacle-is-throwing-a-wrench-in-students-college-plans)
* [Campus Engagement Tip: Providing Role Models For First-Gen Students](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/student-success/college-experience/2024/05/02/leadership-program-helps-first-gen-college?utm_campaign=IHESocialEditorial&utm_content=studentsuccess_|_campus_e&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=linkedin&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1ej2auH0vEsIDCWfs1oeD42MoAsPOnIHxpIHwI-o0GQ6tIQGVrlb30LzA_aem_AUTUISMIoHuROtHIpWocNF4CaPHgoue7o0K2CSUM-duhVP6pQuPCX-jFicsBxVUBSf7EQvW-YPpcYEYNGDiNoPDO)
* [5 Takeaways About Segregation 70 Years After The Brown Decision](https://hechingerreport.org/proof-points-5-takeaways-segregation-70-years-after-brown)
* [She Survived The 1970 Kent State Shooting. Here's Her Message To Student Activists](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/63704/she-survived-the-1970-kent-state-shooting-heres-her-message-to-student-activists)
* [Ai Should Be Used In Class, Not Feared. That’s The Message Of These Seattle Area Teachers](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fheeptedbb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001J_CnLBNTavcY3h21nLWM7e78HHnBS2hUv5Iz4uSyKDETXdmevyeA6vyA2pY4o6sbTS4mPPvC9JbHTR2HdT0M4g_CbaFaS27kr6WBIF371JCdm_dbWTlN4b6cvP-8ClvZ7ZEreyW1xbUb4VPkX7N26cn92ichZ-6fSEk57txt_bzPGLjXNPs8hlZ_LNvRoO2kjJYxb1CnDGg6i-BSxRFuUPKSBKwrpQmc0Cuis0BwLKg3tt7apL_vCjQvSpAhrZDwTXxVQ7ZccBVbhP6Ylh7YHQ%3D%3D%26c%3DfCUreQ3ZmMYp8IsjM5Dn_m-eFiYEC0IEbMJnr4woel5QRcDOJhgwDg%3D%3D%26ch%3DpVKUduWb11YMy-mOzW3DacdZXkhXqWr1tvrHRKhg8vAfyT_VcAafBg%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cdb6fc60c5423414a1ab808dc6dec6cf7%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638506109463290305%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UhndqLV5ADCymcjSaTwUfAchxAAfrblOgUkW2CVhLNo%3D&reserved=0)
* [WA Grant Offers Free Tuition At Several Colleges. Here’s Why So Few Apply & How You Can](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fheeptedbb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001J_CnLBNTavcY3h21nLWM7e78HHnBS2hUv5Iz4uSyKDETXdmevyeA6vyA2pY4o6sbp9di0yqXMf35LwemIcQTlpiy0tWMFl9bQ-50OruwV0LyiSza89wWAWzKh38TDgvf5ju9n7OBD1mGZtQ60IiMNwDrqFYMJTjmuvIUUnoR8hiy8aZSOwPgJEpVsp19T4VTWdDdO5tiWVI%3D%26c%3DfCUreQ3ZmMYp8IsjM5Dn_m-eFiYEC0IEbMJnr4woel5QRcDOJhgwDg%3D%3D%26ch%3DpVKUduWb11YMy-mOzW3DacdZXkhXqWr1tvrHRKhg8vAfyT_VcAafBg%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cdb6fc60c5423414a1ab808dc6dec6cf7%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638506109463302631%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3EWrnEKU1In4GO8HlNYNuN1jQY50fkcd2oCW0%2FD%2Bfxc%3D&reserved=0)
* [Are We Talking Too Much About Mental Health?](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fheeptedbb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001J_CnLBNTavcY3h21nLWM7e78HHnBS2hUv5Iz4uSyKDETXdmevyeA6vyA2pY4o6sbokKK50NGOOFr2NDs1o2n6y-EQD5b5J3Sv_hLmiyVqUWl_h9ZMeKs-usVk3Nb2iHb40eY6o8CdTLk5acQ5qaEirYpyTt7n2aJdTx7DcgJTOxNAvPJD3ZNabVfqgMzmkuimylCTFyjM_RsvKF374I5yuAbqjuRY3Ue%26c%3DfCUreQ3ZmMYp8IsjM5Dn_m-eFiYEC0IEbMJnr4woel5QRcDOJhgwDg%3D%3D%26ch%3DpVKUduWb11YMy-mOzW3DacdZXkhXqWr1tvrHRKhg8vAfyT_VcAafBg%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cbethk%40wsac.wa.gov%7Cdb6fc60c5423414a1ab808dc6dec6cf7%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638506109463621856%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZjrpZftU3%2BsAzMtqtEMXaTEfhU72CEdMiBPyWcDrwd8%3D&reserved=0)
* [Which Colleges Offer Child Care For Student-Parents?](https://hechingerreport.org/which-colleges-offer-childcare-for-student-parents/)
* [5 Tips To Help Students With Disabilities Feel Like They Belong](https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/5-tips-to-help-students-with-disabilities-feel-like-they-belong/2024/04)
* [High School Math Can Be Playful, Too](https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/63556/high-school-math-can-be-playful-too)
* [Here’s What Sociologists Want You To Know About Teen Suicide](https://www.vox.com/health/24150576/mental-health-teen-suicide-social-media-prevention)
* [Real Public Safety Means Centering Our Youth](https://imprintnews.org/opinion/real-public-safety-means-centering-our-youth/249102)

**SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES**

*Find more opportunities at:* <https://gearup.wa.gov/educators/scholarships>.

* **[Scholarship Junkies’ Free Scholarship Bank](https://www.scholarshipjunkies.org/scholarship-search)**. Scholarship Junkies has launched their brand-new Scholarship Bank! This organization is a reputable and safe source to search for scholarships.

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| **Scholarship** | **Brief Description** | **Due** |
| [Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/) | The Cooke Young Scholars Program is a selective five-year, pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th-grade students with financial need. It provides comprehensive academic and college advising and financial support for the school and Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. | 5/9 |
| [Steps For Change Scholarship](https://www.wealthbyhealth.org/steps-for-change-scholarship) | An income and merit-based renewable scholarship awarded to high school seniors applying to a college or university to further their career goals. Students from low-income families are recognized for their capacity to lead and commitment to significantly impacting communities. Award recipients must display academic excellence, exude passion for empowering the community, and exemplify a desire for continuous personal growth. Award recipients will receive a $2,000 scholarship. | 5/15 |
| [Humane Education Network: A Voice for Animals HS Essay Contest](http://www.hennet.org/contest.php) | For HS students (ages 14-19). $150-$650. Rules & requirements may vary from year to year. | 5/31 |
| [Fifth Month Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/fifth-month-scholarship) | ($1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "May is the fifth month of the year. Write a letter to the number five explaining why five is important. Be serious or be funny. Either way, here's a high five for being original." Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application. | 5/31 |
| [College is Power Scholarship](http://www.collegeispower.com/scholarship.cfm) | ($1,000) A scholarship to help you pay for college! The "College Is Power" scholarship is open to students aged 17 and older who are currently in college or plan to start college within the next 12 months. Use the scholarship to pay for tuition, books, room and board, computers, or anything related to your education! | 5/31 |
| [UW Young Executives of Color Program](http://foster.uw.edu/academics/degree-programs/undergraduate-programs/diversity-services/young-executives-of-color-yeoc/) | YEOC is a nine-month college pipeline program hosted by the University of Washington Foster School of Business. The program currently serves 190 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors from 75 schools in Washington. Students attend sessions on the UW campus one Saturday every month for college preparation, business lectures, professional development, and powerful mentorship. YEOC is a FREE nine-month program. The only cost to students is transportation to UW Seattle. | 5/31 |
| [American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship](http://collegefund.org/student-resources/scholarships/scholarship-programs/) | Full Circle Scholarship: The American Indian College Fund supports American Indian and Alaska Native college students seeking technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees at tribal colleges and other nonprofit, accredited schools. Any Native American U.S. citizen who is a member or descendant of a state or federally-recognized tribe with at least a 2.0 grade point average and enrolled as a full-time student can apply for a scholarship. | 5/31 |
| [A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship](http://www.aises.org/students/scholarships) | ($1,000) - This scholarship is awarded to American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian AISES members pursuing the sciences, engineering, medicine, natural resources, math & technology degrees. Students are required to submit three essays (prompts provided), up to 1,000 words each.  | 5/31 |
| [We the Future Contest](http://constitutingamerica.org/downloads.php) | Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate students, adults 25 years and older, and seniors 65 years and older.  | 5/31 |
| [Wilson-Hooper Veterinary Medicine Assistance Program](https://www.nativeforward.org/scholarships/wilson-hooper-veterinary-medicine-assistance-program-2022-2023/) | This is for native students pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine (DVM) or veterinary technology (associate of applied science degree). | 6/1 |
| [Wells Fargo Scholarship for Undergraduates](https://www.nativeforward.org/scholarships/wells-fargo-scholarship-for-undergraduates/#:~:text=The%20Wells%20Fargo%20Scholarship%20for,in%20any%20field%20of%20study.) | (Up to $5,000) - For first-year college students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who hold a current GPA of 2.7 or higher with up to $5,000 for one year of study in any chosen major at any accredited institution in the US. | 6/1 |
| [Stuck At Prom Scholarship Contest](http://stuckatprom.com/) | ($10,000) - This is the coolest scholarship contest around! Students are challenged to create and wear their prom outfits made entirely from Duck Tape to win scholarship cash! | 6/5 |
| [National First-Generation Recognition Program](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/communities-events/national-recognition-programs) | From College Board. For HS students whose parent(s) does not have a bachelor’s degree or has some education that is less than a bachelor’s degree.  | 6/14 |
| [2024 Breakthrough Junior Challenge](https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/) | Win a life-changing $250,000 college scholarship! For 13–18-year-olds who are good at explaining math or science. To enter, they must create a minimum of less than 2 minutes. Video explaining a key concept in math, physics, or life sciences for a chance to win a prize for them, their teacher, and their school. | 6/25 |
| [Navigate Your Future Scholarship](http://www.nata.aero/Scholarships/Navigate-Your-Future-Scholarship.aspx) | A $2,500 scholarship is offered to an HS graduate continuing their education in the aviation industry. | 6/28 |
| [Geoscience IDEA Scholarship (formerly AWG Minority Scholarship)](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.awg.org/resource/resmgr/awards/student_awards/geoscienceideascholarship22.pdf) | The scholarship provides up to $5000 in awards annually, typically split between two or more undergraduate students, and matches them with AWG mentors to enhance their careers. It also includes a one-year, sponsored AWG student membership. | 6/30 |
| [Do-Over Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/do-over-scholarship) | ($1,500) - In 250 words or less, submit a response to the question: "If you could get one 'do-over' in life, what would it be and why?" | 6/30 |
| [Scholarship Poetry Contest - Fall Issue](http://www.justpoetry.org/submissions) | Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to $500. | 6/30 |
| [Flavor of the Month Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/flavor-of-the-month-scholarship) | ($1,500) -Summer and ice cream go hand-in-hand. July is National Ice Cream Month, and that's the inspiration behind this award. People are very similar to ice cream; some are nutty, others a little exotic, and some are very comforting. If you were an ice cream flavor, which would you be and why?" (250 words or less) | 7/31 |
| [Make Me Laugh Scholarship](https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/make-me-laugh-scholarship) | ($1,500) - Make Me Laugh is a fun scholarship that lets you cut loose and lighten things up. Looking for a scholarship for comedians? Now is your chance to show us your funny bone. Perhaps you always have an embarrassing - but funny - story to share. Great! We'll promise to laugh with you, not at you. Must be 14 years of age or older at the time of application. | 8/31 |
| [Beauty & Wellness Professionals Scholarship](https://www.beautyschoolsdirectory.com/cosmetology-school-scholarships) | ($2,500) This is for students currently enrolled in an eligible program and prospective students planning to enroll in an eligible program before the scholarship deadline.  | 9/1 |
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