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Did You Know?

More than **60% of kids** think their parents should cover the cost of whatever college they want to attend. Yet only **12% of parents** think they will be able to cover the entire cost of college.

Source: [T. Rowe Price](#)

GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Review:** [Year 5 Fiscal Deadlines](#). Stay current on upcoming fiscal deadlines.
- **Review:** [GEAR UP West Travel Guidelines](#). See attachment.
- **Action Required:** [GEAR UP West Registration & Lodging Accommodations: Conference Registration](#) is open. [Lodging](#): Doubletree room block closes Sept. 14. Davenport room block closes Sept. 16.
- **Save the Date:** [2016 Fall Counselor Workshops/WCHSCR Tour](#). For HS counselors/college access staff. Held in 9 locations in Sept. Hear updates from 4-year public/private universities, OSPI, WSAC, and more.
- **Save the Dates: Upcoming 12th Year Campaign Trainings.**
 - [College Goal Washington Site Lead Training Webinar](#). Sept. 9, 10 AM.
 - [College Application Campaign Site Lead Training Webinar](#). Sept. 9, 12:00 PM.
 - [2016 -2017 Senior Cycle Webinar](#). Sept. 13, 1:00 PM.
 - [FAFSA/WASFA Volunteer Training Webinar](#). Sept. 14, 1:00 PM.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Webinar:** [Got DACA: The Benefits Of DACA And Empowering Undocumented Youth To Apply](#). Learn best practices to engage undocumented youth and debunk myths about DACA. **Sept. 1, 4 PM**. See also: [Got DACA Toolkit for Organizers and Educators](#).
- **Webinar:** [Planning for Changes Coming with 2017-18 FAFSA](#). The Department of Education will provide key information about the changes. Sept. 8, 10 AM.
- **Webinar:** [The Framing of Student Success through an Equity Lens](#) by OSPI GATE. Sept. 14, 10 AM.
- **Save the Date:** [2016 Washington Financial Aid Association \(WFAA\) Conference](#). With all the coming changes in financial aid, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Oct. 12-14, Spokane.
- **Save the Date:** [5th Annual Beyond HB 1079 Conference](#). Open to undocumented HS/college students, family members, educators, and community members/advocates. UW Seattle, Oct. 15.

RESOURCES

- **WAGU Featured Resource!** [Family Newsletter Templates](#). Monthly family newsletter templates with college readiness and financial aid information for grades 7 -12. Just add your school logo, events and contact information to customize for your school! Updated to reflect financial aid changes. Available in English and Spanish.
- **Activity Idea:** [How Dialogue Journals Build Teacher-Student Relationships](#). Each time students turn in their journals with a new letter they get credit for completion, but their teacher doesn't give a score or correct errors. This is about building a relationship.

- [Career One Stop Scholarship Search Engine](#). Find scholarships now using the U.S. Department of Labor search tool.
- [Free College Support – through Texts to Students](#). Up Next, a Better Make Room mobile messaging campaign, gives high school and college students across the country free personalized support for college – all through texting.
- [Khan Academy SAT Practice](#). Use this [video](#) to introduce your students to [Official SAT Practice](#) from Khan Academy, and visit their website for a [sample study plan](#).
- [100% Meet Need Colleges](#). View an updated list from College Greenlight of a list of the colleges around the country who identify themselves as 100% meet need.

RESEARCH

- [Decision Time](#). Study of tens of thousands of college students finds that those who were open to change their major were more likely to graduate than those who decided right away.
- [For LGBTQ Youth, Schools' Failures May Mean Higher Risk of Criminalization](#). LGBTQ youth are twice as likely to end up in juvenile detention.

IN THE NEWS

Please send any media coverage to Katherine at katherinek@wsac.wa.gov. We want to feature you here and in our newsroom: <http://gearup.wa.gov/news>.

- [Justin Goes to College](#). A four-part series about perseverance on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.
- [Washington's ACT Results Continue to Rise](#). Scores above national average for 13th straight year, but achievement gap remains.
- [Motivating Middle Schoolers: A Parent's Guide to Navigating Academics](#). How do parents navigate the shifting sands of rooting their children on and not rescuing? How do parents help and not hover? Here are some ideas for ways you can make the transition to middle school more successful for both you and your child.
- [Guilt is One of the Biggest Struggles First-Generation College Students Face](#). Too many colleges overlook the problems of their first-generation students.
- [EvCC Lauded for Transfer Success](#). After focused effort, EvCC's student transfer rate increased 47 percent between 2007 and 2012. Additionally, the four-year bachelor's degree graduation rate increased 57 percent between 2007 and 2010.
- [Latino and Hispanic Identities Aren't the Same. They're Also Not Racial Groups](#). "Race doesn't exist, but ethnicity does."
- [What to Study in College to Score the Jobs of the Future](#). If a well-paying job with healthy salary growth are what you are looking for after college, only a few fields of study have been shown to provide the most direct path to them.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [Math for the Win!](#) Baltimore Ravens offensive lineman and published mathematician John Urschel is teaming up with Texas Instruments to pump up excitement for the new school year. Kick off the season by sharing photos of how you use math to succeed in school, at home, anywhere and everywhere. Show us how you use math for the win by sharing a photo using #MathFTW #TIContest on Twitter or Instagram. Multiple chances to win! Contest ends Sept. 17.
- [Better Make Room & Story2](#) are calling all high school students to take to Instagram to share why they're excited about college. Participate and enter to win [FREE college essay mentoring with EssayBuilder](#).
- [Academic Acceleration Grant](#). Grants available to develop new capacity for dual credit courses. iGrant application #661. **Due Sept. 30.**
- [Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards](#). For HS seniors who identify as Hispanic/Latinx. Min. 3.0 GPA. Must be a US Citizen/Permanent Resident/ qualify under DACA. \$1,000 to \$3,000. Due 10/2.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DUE
Make me Laugh Scholarship	Describe an incident in your life, funny or embarrassing (fact or fiction), and make us laugh! Ages 13+. 250 words. \$1,500.	8/31
College Greenlight 2016 Summer Challenge Scholarship	4 Easy Steps to Apply for the College Greenlight Summer Challenge Scholarship. You can win \$500 for college! See also: How to Use Fit to Build Your College List .	9/1
We the Future Contest	Open to K-12 students, college students, law school students, graduate schools students, adults 25 years of age and older, and seniors 65 years of age and older. Each age group has different requirements, so applicants should visit website for details. Amount varies.	9/17
Siemens: Competition in Math, Science, and Technology	Maximum award: \$100,000 college scholarship. Eligibility: students must enrolled in HS (grades 9-12) during the 16-17 school year, individually or as a team.	9/20
QuestBridge National College Match	Online platform that helps outstanding low-income HS seniors gain admission and full 4-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.	9/27
Disney Friends for Change Grants	Offers young change-makers \$500 to gather their friends and turn their creative ideas to help their communities into projects. Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and DC are eligible.	9/30
Don't Text and Drive Scholarship	Open to HS students in grades 9-12 and current college or graduate school students. Must complete a short form and share a 140-character statement explaining why they will not text and drive. \$1,000.	9/30
Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship	Must submit 2 small essays, one related to travel, & the other on why they deserve a scholarship. Must be 16-25, w/ 2.5 GPA or greater. US citizenship required. \$500.	9/30
Scholarship Poetry Contest	Open to all U.S. HS students. Applicant must submit an original poem with 20 lines or less. Up to \$500.	9/30
Shout It Out Scholarship	Open to students 13 years of age or older who are legal residents of the 50 US or the DC and are currently enrolled (or will enroll no later than the fall of 2021) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education. Applicant will need to submit a short response to a given prompt. \$1,500.	9/30
U.S. Bank Scholarship Program	Complete a series of Financial Genius for Life online learning modules for a chance to win \$20,000.	9/30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES! To view the Calendar of Events for WAGU and also partner events related to access, visit: <http://www.gearup.wa.gov/calendar>.

- [EWU Fall Information Night: Tacoma](#). Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with an admissions representative and a current student who will answer your questions about life on campus, the programs that interest you, and the admissions and financial aid process. Sept. 13.
- [WSU Vancouver: A to Z Paying for College Workshop](#). Learn about the different ways to pay for college. Free and open to all, no matter which college you choose. Sept. 13.
- [Saint Martin's Open House](#). You will be able to interact with their world-class professors, explore the academic and athletic facilities, visit residence halls, and have all of your questions about the admissions and financial aid processes answered. Sept. 17.
- [WSU Future Cougar Day](#). See what it's like to be a Cougar in Pullman. Sept. 17.
- [EWU Fall Information Night: Bellevue](#). Sept. 21.
- [PNACAC Regional College Fair](#). Save the date! Attendance is free and open to students, parents, and educators. Oct. 21-22- Seattle, Oct. 25- Spokane, Oct. 23- Portland.

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