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Applying to 2 or 4 Year Colleges





I will understand what requirements must be met to go to college, and how to apply to 2 or 4 year colleges.

What we're going to talk about



- Application timeline
- Types of applications
 - Common App
 - Community/Tech Schools App
 - Institution-specific applications
- Guaranteed Admission Program in WA
- What do colleges look for
- How to get started
 - Search for schools
 - Campus visits

To Graduate

- Washington State History
- Exercise & Health
- Community Project
- High School and Beyond Plan
- Senior Exhibition
- Graduation Pathway
- Complete 24.5 credits

Graduation Pathway Options:

[State Assessment](#) | [Dual Credit](#) | [AP/IB/Cambridge](#) | [SAT/ACT](#) | [Transition Course](#) | [Combination](#) | [ASVAB](#) | [CTE Sequence](#)

Beginning with the Class of 2020, students must meet at least one of these pathway options to graduate:

- **State Assessment:** Meet or exceed the graduation scores in the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics or in WA-AIM (Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement).
- **Dual Credit:** Earn at least one high school credit in ELA and at least one high school credit in math in dual credit courses (Running Start, College in the High School, and/or Career and Technical Education dual credit courses).
- **AP/IB/Cambridge:** For both ELA and math, earn a 3 or higher on certain Advanced Placement (AP) exams or a 4 or higher on certain International Baccalaureate (IB) exams or an E on certain Cambridge International exams, or pass the course with at least a C+.
- **SAT/ACT:** Meet or exceed the graduation scores set by SBE in the math and ELA portions of the SAT or ACT.
- **Transition Course:** Pass a transition course in ELA and math (for example, a Bridge to College course) which allows a student to place directly into a credit-bearing college level course.
- **Combination:** Meet any combination of at least one ELA and one math option of those options listed in 1-5.
- **ASVAB:** Meet standard on the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) by scoring at least the minimum established by the military for eligibility to serve in a branch of the armed services.*
- **CTE Sequence:** Complete a sequence of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.*

*Note: Students who pursue these pathways (ASVAB or CTE) do not need to meet English and math requirements separately. English and math content are embedded in both pathways—and a student who meets either the ASVAB standard or the CTE pathway requirements has met the graduation pathway requirement.

Choosing the Right Path

- 2 Year College
- 4 Year University
- Exchange Year
- Technical College
- Apprenticeship Program
- Military
- Employment



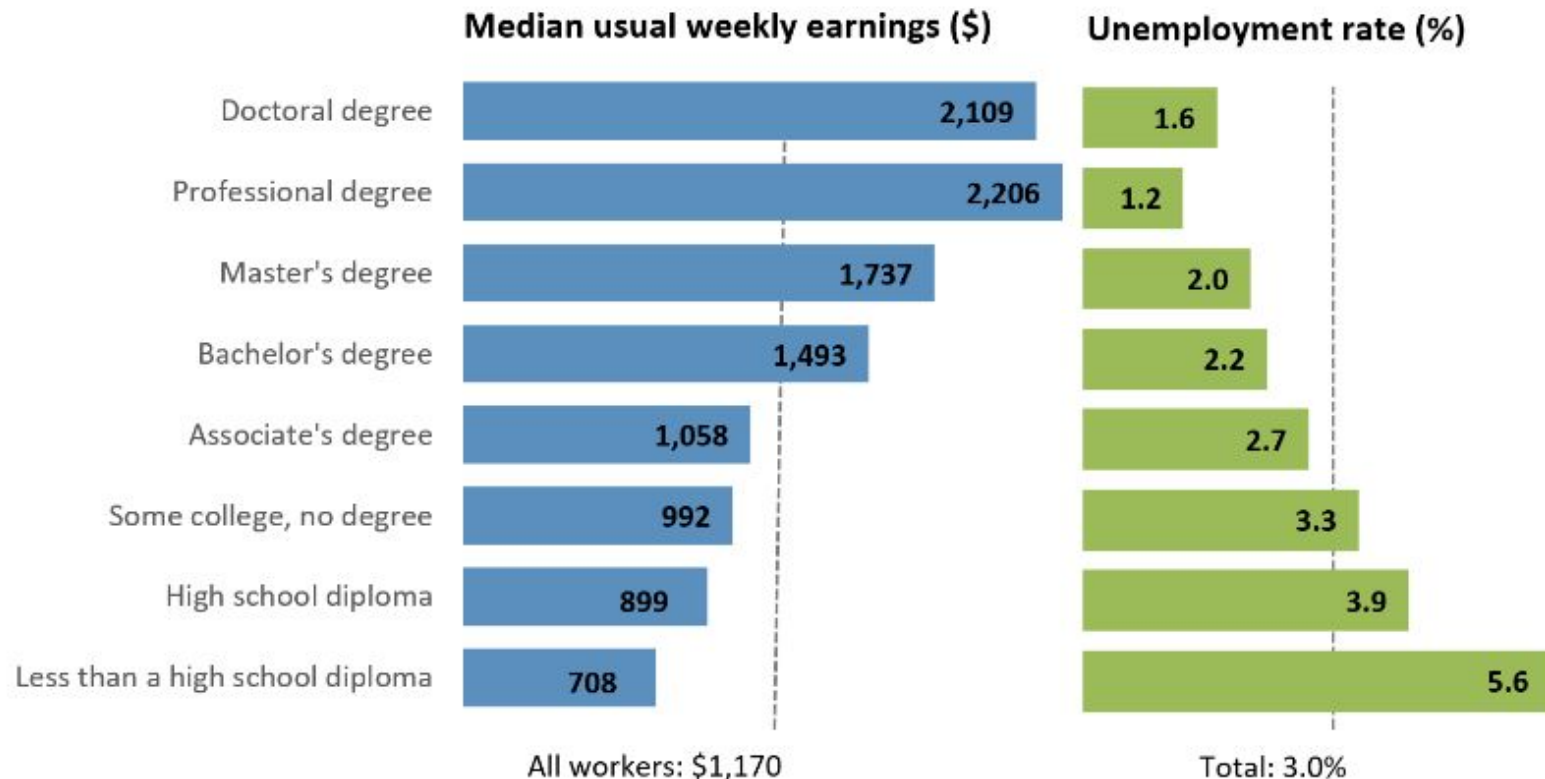
Explore interests,
careers, and colleges
through YouScience

The screenshot shows the YouScience careers page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'All Careers' and 'Saved Careers' (5). Below this, there are filters for 'Filter by Educational Investment' (All, 0-3yrs, 4yrs, 5yrs) and 'Sort by Fit Type' (Overall Fit, Aptitude Fit, Interest Fit). The main content area displays a grid of career cards. Each card includes the job title, educational investment, projected openings, average salary, a representative image, a 'Strong Overall Fit' indicator (3 green dots), and a 'Save Career' button.

Genetic Counselor	Instructional Coordinator	Audiologist	Psychiatrist
Edu. Investment: 6+YRS Proj. Openings: 1200 Avg. Salary: \$75k	Edu. Investment: 6+YRS Proj. Openings: 25k Avg. Salary: \$65k	Edu. Investment: 7+YRS Proj. Openings: 6800 Avg. Salary: \$77k	Edu. Investment: 7+YRS Proj. Openings: 12k Avg. Salary: \$194k
●●● Strong Overall Fit	●●● Strong Overall Fit	●●● Strong Overall Fit	●●● Strong Overall Fit
★ Save Career	★ Save Career	★ Save Career	★ Save Career

Informatics Nurse Specialist	Engineering Professor	Physician Assistant	Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation Physician
Edu. Investment: 4+YRS Proj. Openings: 192k Avg. Salary: \$90k	Edu. Investment: 7+YRS Proj. Openings: 14k Avg. Salary: \$104k	Edu. Investment: 6+YRS Proj. Openings: 50k Avg. Salary: \$99k	Edu. Investment: 7+YRS Proj. Openings: 12k Avg. Salary: \$194k
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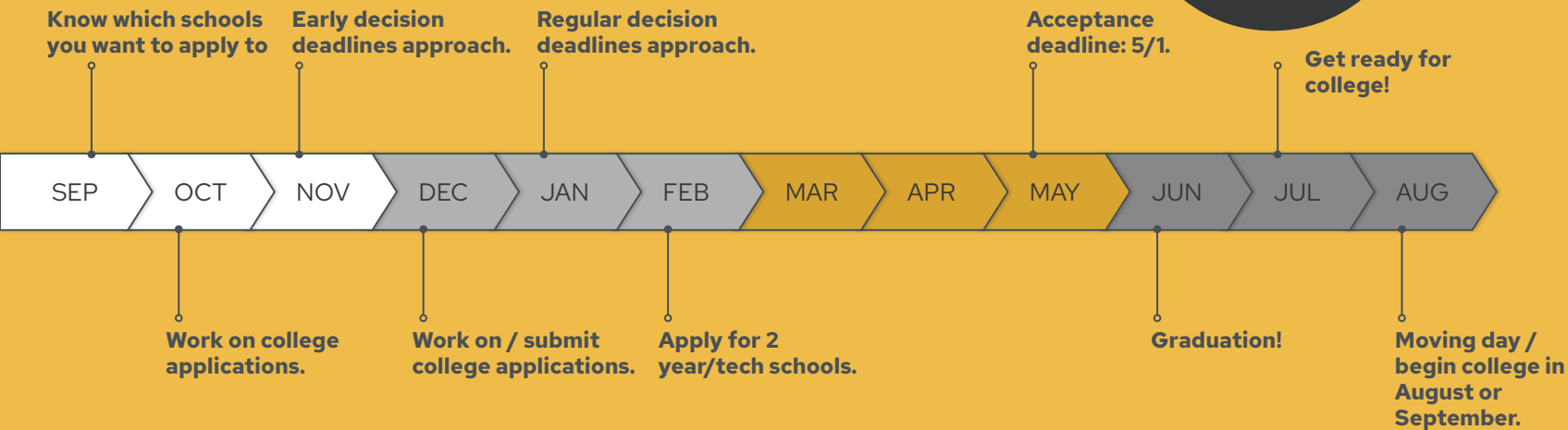
Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2023



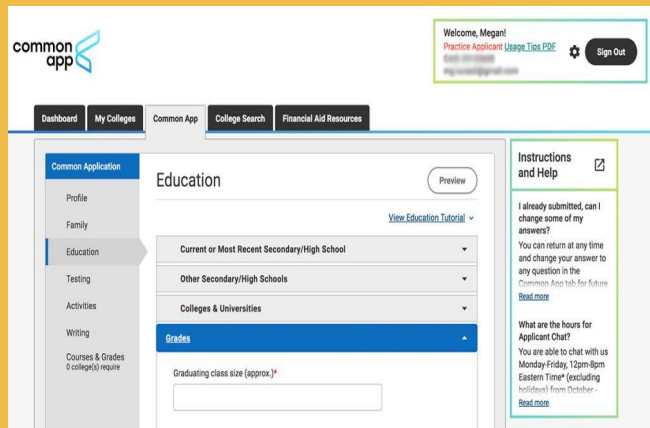
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Application Timeline

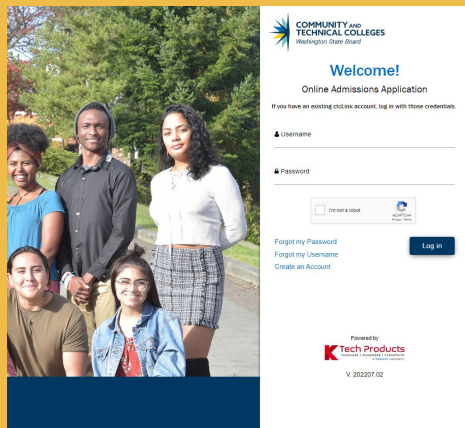
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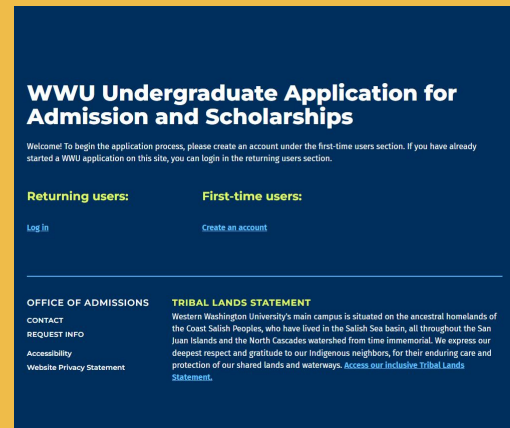
Common App, Community/Tech College App, or Institution-Specific



The screenshot shows the Common App dashboard for a user named Megan. The top navigation bar includes links for Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. The main content area is titled 'Education' and features a sidebar with links to Profile, Family, Education (selected), Testing, Activities, Writing, Courses & Grades, and a note that 0 colleges require these. The Education section has dropdown menus for 'Current or Most Recent Secondary/High School', 'Other Secondary/High Schools', and 'Colleges & Universities'. Below these is a 'Grades' section with a 'Graduating class size (approx.)' input field. A 'Preview' button is located to the right of the Education section. A 'Welcome, Megan!' banner at the top right includes links for 'Practice Applicant', 'Usage Tips PDF', and a 'Sign Out' button. An 'Instructions and Help' section on the right provides guidance on returning to the app and a link to the 'View Education Tutorial'.



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome!' page for the Community and Technical Colleges Online Admissions Application. The page features a large image of four diverse students. The 'Welcome!' section includes a link to 'Practice Applicant Usage Tips PDF' and a 'Sign Out' button. Below this is a 'Welcome!' banner with the text 'Online Admissions Application' and a note that users with an existing account should log in. The 'Username' and 'Password' fields are visible, with a 'Log in' button. A 'Forgot my Password' link is also present. The page is powered by Tech Products, Inc. and dated V. 202007.02.

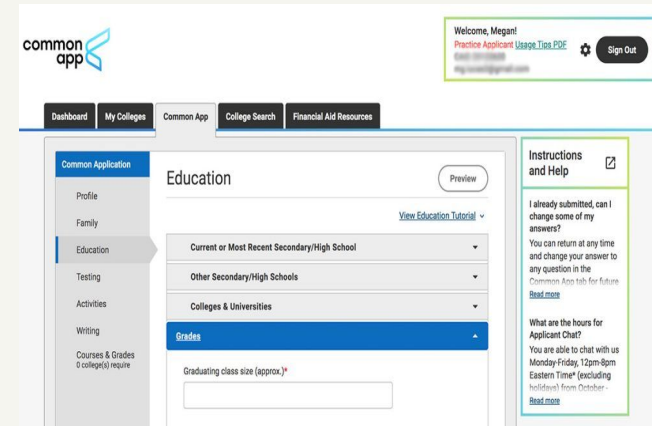


The screenshot shows the 'WWU Undergraduate Application for Admission and Scholarships' page. The page has a dark blue background with white text. The 'Welcome!' section includes a link to 'Practice Applicant Usage Tips PDF' and a 'Sign Out' button. Below this is a 'Welcome!' banner with the text 'Online Admissions Application' and a note that users with an existing account should log in. The 'Username' and 'Password' fields are visible, with a 'Log in' button. A 'Forgot my Password' link is also present. The page is powered by Tech Products, Inc. and dated V. 202007.02.

Common App



- Platform for 4 year college applications
- Some schools use this, some don't
- Makes it easier for you to apply to multiple schools



Community/Tech College App



- One platform for all 2 year/tech schools in WA
- 20-30 minutes to complete



READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT?

Career training and university transfer at a fraction of the cost



Welcome!

Online Admissions Application

To apply to a college, please create an admissions application account.

[Create an account](#)

or

[Log in](#)




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Institution-Specific Apps



- Apply directly on a school's website
- **May** take less time than the Common App if you are only applying to one school
- Some schools are not on the Common App, this would be your only option



Register

To register for an account, please enter the information requested

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

Birthdate

[Continue](#)

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Welcome!

[CREATE ACCOUNT](#) [LOG IN](#)

Create your account to get started on your application.

You must use your full legal name. Be sure to check the spelling and use of upper and lower case letters. Please do not use all capital letters.

Passwords must be at least 8 characters.

If you require help, contact our [Help Desk](#).

Account Email/Username and Password

Email Address

New Password

Confirm Password

Personal Information

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

[Terms of Service / Privacy](#)

WWU Undergraduate Application for Admission and Scholarships

Welcome! To begin the application process, please create an account under the first-time users section. If you have already started a WWU application on this site, you can login in the returning users section.

[Returning users:](#) [Log in](#)

[First-time users:](#) [Create an account](#)

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

CONTACT

REQUEST INFO

Accessibility

Website Privacy Statement

TRIBAL LANDS STATEMENT

Western Washington University's main campus is situated on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, all throughout the San Juan Islands and the North Cascades watershed from time immemorial. We express our deepest respect and gratitude to our Indigenous neighbors, for their enduring care and protection of our shared lands and waterways. [Access our Inclusive Tribal Lands Statement.](#)



Guaranteed Admission Program

- Schools that participate
 - **Central Washington University**
 - **Eastern Washington University**
 - **The Evergreen State College**
 - **Washington State University**
 - **Western Washington University**
 - **University of Washington, Tacoma**
- 3.0 GPA
- CADR courses must be met
- You still fill out the regular application



evergreen





Automatic Admission Program

- Schools that participate
 - **Pacific Lutheran University**
- 3.3 GPA
- Integrated 3 (Algebra 2)
- CADR courses must be met
- You **DO NOT** fill out the regular application
- Consent form from the CCC in September



CADR Requirements

College Academic Distribution Requirements

- 4 Year colleges require you to have completed certain classes in high school
 - **4 credits English**
 - **3 credits Math (up through Algebra 2)**
 - **3 credits Science**
 - **3 credits Social Studies**
 - **1 credit Art**
 - **2 credits World Language**
- Math required senior year if you have not already taken pre-calc or higher

Look familiar??

Required Credits

SUBJECT	CREDITS REQUIRED
English ¹	4.0
Math ² (Integrated Math I, II, & III)	3.0
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Science Elective)	3.0
Social Studies ³	3.0
Visual and Performing Arts ⁴	2.0
Technology and Life Skills ⁵	1.0
Fitness and Health ⁶	2.0
Foreign Language ⁴	2.0
Electives/Advisory ⁷	4.5
TOTAL CREDITS	24.5

What Colleges Look At



Academic Profile

- Transcripts
- SAT/ACT
- Class rank
- **Senior year courses / rigor**
- Grades (GPA) **from grades 9-11**



Personal Profile

- Essays
- Recommendations
- Resume
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Honors and awards
 - Travel
 - Work experience
 - Community service
 - Hobbies
- Site visit
- Interview

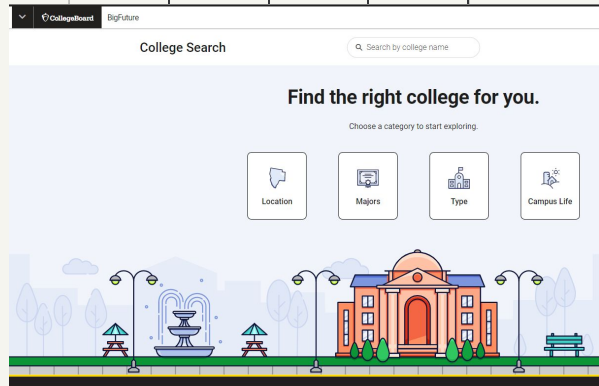


A Strong Senior Year

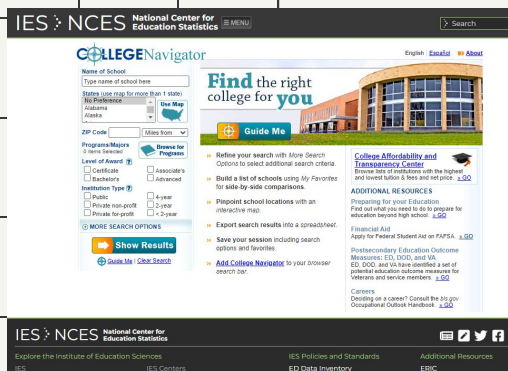
- **Take rigorous classes**
- Build a solid GPA
- Develop strong work habits
- Be involved in extracurricular activities
- Take on leadership roles
- Explore interests
- Volunteer
- Study for SAT/ACT + take exams



Search for Schools



- Think About:
 - Private or Public
 - Location
 - Majors
 - Acceptance data
 - Extracurriculars
- CCC Website
 - College Search Options



Make a list



Campus Visits

- Sign up for scheduled tours
- Attend information sessions
- Have prepared questions
- Visit with an admissions counselor
- Visit with a department
- Sit in on a class
- Visit with a coach
- Ask students questions
- Keep notes/pick up a brochure/newspaper
- Have lunch on campus



Consider:

What do you like/dislike about the campus?

What are the students like?

Do you see yourself fitting in with this student body?



Resources for Help

- Family Resource Center First Generation Mentoring Program
 - Contact Jennifer Allen at jallen@jlsfrc.org
- How to Be a Senior Google Classroom
 - Made by the FHHS National Honor Society
 - Join code **q3yrpe5**
- FHHS Counseling Center Website
 - [College Process](#)
- Your school counselor, Hailey!
- Ms. Saarie's essay writing workshop in the summer



What To Do Now

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Paying For Post-High School Education



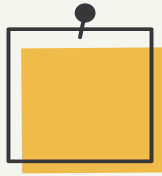


I will understand my options for paying for college and how to apply for financial aid.

What we're going to talk about



- Financial Aid
 - What are the options?
- Scholarships
 - Local Scholarships
 - SJI Service Scholarship
 - School-Specific scholarships
 - State Scholarships
 - College Bound
 - National Scholarships
- FAFSA / WASFA
- CSS Profile
- How You Get Aid
 - Financial Aid Packages



Types of Financial Aid

Gift Aid

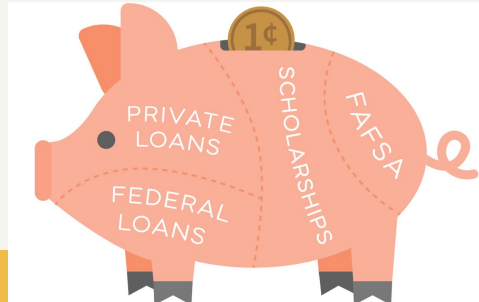
- Scholarships (local, college, other)
- Scholarship Search Options
- Grants
- Do not have to be paid back

Work-Study

- Earn while you learn

Loans

- Have to be paid back (with interest)
- Offered with financial aid package, through your college's Financial Aid Office
- Private or Federal





Local Scholarships

- Spring of senior year
- FHHS Common Scholarship App
- Due in April
- Announced at graduation
- Best chances of getting a scholarship!!



San Juan Island Service Scholarship

- 80 hours of community service = \$1000
 - 3 hours have to be for SJISS
- Must volunteer for at least 3 non-profits/community organizations on SJI
- Register on their website
- Mobileserve App for signing up for opportunities & tracking hours



School-Specific Scholarships

- WWU example -> Financial Aid Office
- Sometimes your admission application automatically applies you for scholarships, but not always
- Call or email the financial aid office
- Deadlines are different than admission deadlines



State Scholarships

- Scholarship Search Options on CCC Website
- I recommend WashBoard.org
- College Bound Scholarship = FULL TUITION for public schools in WA!!!
- Only WA State residents apply = better chances for you!



College Bound Scholarship

- Based on income eligibility
- Had to have signed up in middle school
- Full tuition for public schools in WA for 4 years

Household size	Annual Income*
1	\$40,500
2	\$53,000
3	\$65,500
4	\$78,500
5	\$91,000
6	\$103,500
7	\$105,500
8	\$108,000

College Bound 2024-25 Maximum Award Amounts*	
Institution	Award
Public Research	
University of Washington	\$12,878
Washington State University	\$12,387
Public Comprehensive	
Central Washington University	\$8,585
Eastern Washington University	\$8,023
The Evergreen State College	\$8,597
Western Washington University	\$8,732
Other Eligible Institutions	
Private four-year colleges and universities	\$12,633
WGU Washington	\$7,540
Public community and technical colleges	\$5,263
CTC Applied Bachelor's	\$8,110
Private career colleges	\$5,263



National / International Scholarships

- Scholarship Search Options on CCC Website
- Hardest to get (more people apply)



Filling Out the FAFSA / WASFA

- This is how you get loans / federal and state grants
- Usually opens October 1 every year, December 1 in recent years
- Do it every year that you need financial aid
- Some scholarships require you to have done your FAFSA
- Possible grants/work study/scholarships (first come first served)
- Student Loan Education Site



FAFSA Cont.

- Based on prior-prior year's taxes
- Uses IRS Data
- FAFSA determines Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Lower income = better chance of gift aid
- Most everyone qualifies for loans
 - Subsidized: US Dept. of Ed. pays interest while in school
 - Unsubsidized: You pay interest while in school
- Every college has their own deadline for FAFSA completion





CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service)

- Through College Board
- Non-federal aid
- Considers income and expenses
- Required at many private colleges and some public
- Completed in the fall
- Every college has their own deadline for completion



How You Get Aid



Apply for federal aid (FAFSA)

Or the WASFA, and maybe the CSS profile if your school requires it.

Apply to your school's scholarships

This may or may not be part of your regular admission application

Get your financial aid package

You will get this after you have been admitted. It will show what loans, scholarships, etc. you are offered.

Local/other scholarships are applied after

These can help pay off your remaining balance.

Financial Aid Package Example

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE	\$38,400		
Tuition and fees:	\$24,500		
Room and board:	\$9,400		
Books, materials, and supplies:	\$1,000		
Personal, travel, misc:	\$2,000		
Computer	\$1,500		
Aid Description	Fall	Spring	Total
Federal Perkins Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Federal Stafford Loan - Subsidized	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Stafford Loan - Unsubsidized	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
School Scholarship	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
State Scholarship	\$450	\$450	\$900
Federal Work-Study (FWS)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Total	\$28,400		

Financial Aid Estimated Offer

This is your Estimated Financial Aid Offer as of December 16, 2021

Your Estimated Financial Aid Offer

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Federal Pell Grant	\$6,495
Federal SEOG Grant	\$100
Washington College Grant	\$11,009
TOTAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	\$17,604

STUDENT LOANS

Federal Subsidized Direct Loan	\$3,500
Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan	\$2,000
TOTAL STUDENT LOANS	\$5,500

OPTIONAL LOAN

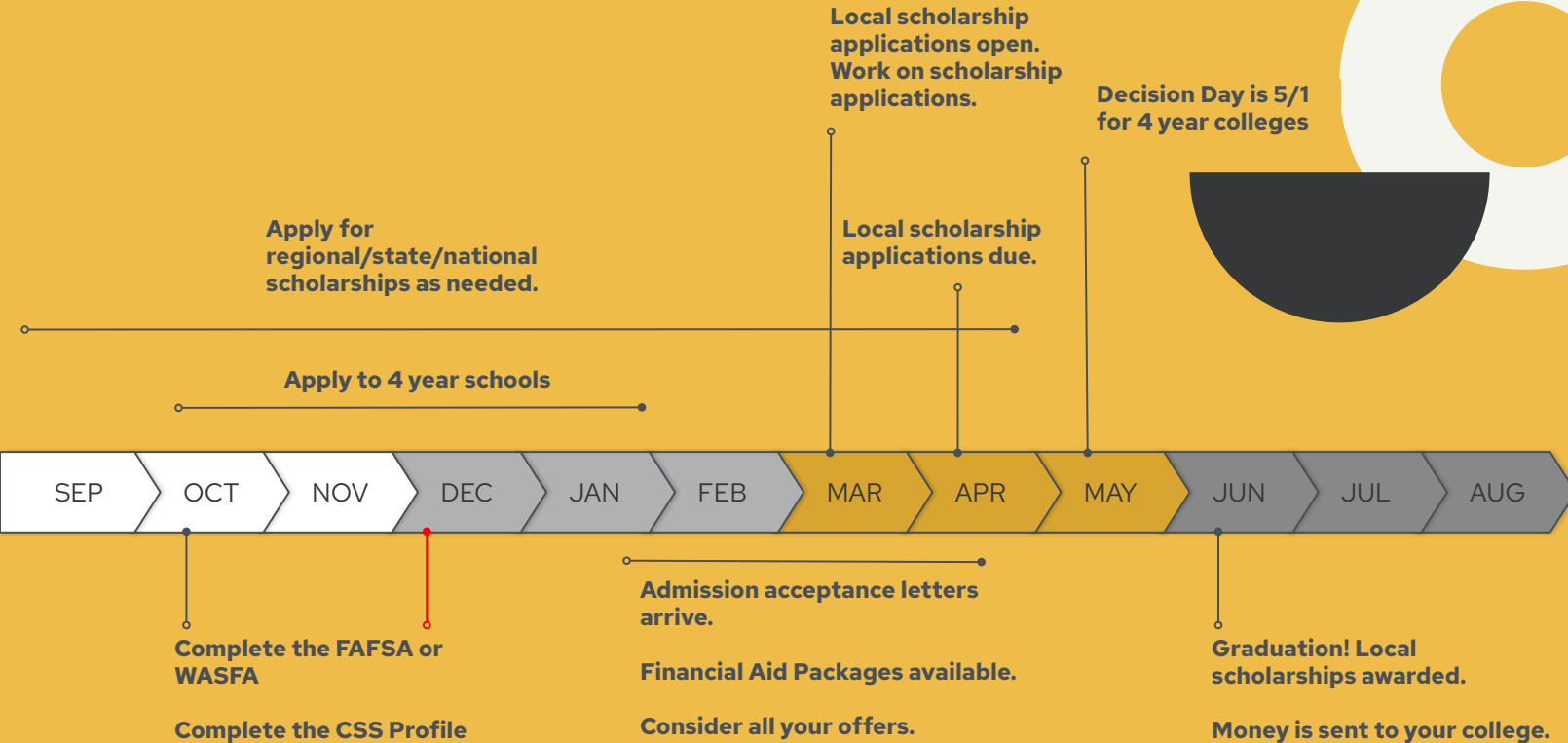
Federal Parent Plus Loan*	\$5,196
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* Non-guaranteed funding (additional application required)

TOTAL OF ABOVE AWARDS	\$28,300
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Your Estimated COA of \$28,300 – Total Offered above of \$28,300 = Net Cost Remaining of \$0

Financial Aid Timeline



Action Items In a Nutshell



Online research

Search for colleges
online

Visit Colleges

Visit schools you are
interested in

Apply

In the fall of senior year

Apply for Financial
Aid

FAFSA/CSSP
October/December of
senior year and
community scholarships
in the spring



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