

2018 WASHINGTON STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & ELIGIBILITY

2018-19 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SUMMARY

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) supports low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible high-demand majors in *science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care* and encourages recipients to work in Washington state once they complete their degrees. The amount of renewable funding that selected students will be eligible to receive each year will vary based on the number of credits they have completed.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- » Must be planning to pursue one of the eligible high-demand majors in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care listed at waopportunityscholarship.org. *Majors such as sociology, psychology and anthropology are not supported.*
- » Must be a Washington state resident.
- » Must have earned a high school diploma or GED from a Washington State high school or institution by June 2018.
- » Must be working toward a first bachelor's degree (i.e. four-year degree).
- » Must be enrolling in an eligible Washington state college or university fall term 2018. Must be planning to enroll as a full-time college student (12+ credits) fall term 2018.
- » Must be a high school senior at the time of application *or* a college student *who will have* completed six or fewer quarters, or four or fewer semesters by fall of 2018 as a full-time student (12 or more credits per term).
- » Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) through fall quarter or semester 2017 of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).
- » Must file the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov or submit the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) at readysetgrad.org/wasfa by **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**.
- » Must apply for Federal Education tax credits if eligible.
- » Must have a family income (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) less than the amount listed by family size on the chart below:

| # in Household | Maximum Income | <i>Note: Unless you qualified to submit the FAFSA as an independent student, the family income amounts are those reported by your parent(s) on your 2018-19 FAFSA or WASFA.</i> |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| Family of 1 | \$56,500 | |
| Family of 2 | \$73,500 | |
| Family of 3 | \$91,000 | |
| Family of 4 | \$108,500 | |
| Family of 5 | \$126,000 | |
| Family of 6 | \$143,000 | |

APPLICATION

The application will be available at waopportunityscholarship.org starting on January 2, 2018 and must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**.

NEW APPLICANT CHECKLIST FOR 2018-19

To be considered for the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) for the 2018-19 academic year, you must complete each step below.

- Submit the WSOS Application by Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 5 PM PST.** Be sure to leave yourself enough time to complete the essay question.
- Mail your *official* high school or college transcript that includes fall 2017 grades. Transcripts must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 7, 2018.** Make sure you request a transcript at least a couple of weeks in advance so that it can be postmarked by the deadline. Please note that unofficial transcripts, transcripts without fall 2017 grades, and transcripts that are not postmarked by Wednesday, March 7, 2018 will not be considered. Please find your enrollment status below to determine which transcript(s) to send:
 - » **Enrolled in high school** - If you have not yet graduated from high school, you must submit an **official** high school transcript *showing all of your classes through fall quarter/semester 2017* and it must include your cumulative GPA.
 - » **Running Start student not graduated from high school yet** - You will need to submit an official transcript from your *high school* (not college). Check with your high school to ensure that your Running Start credits for fall quarter are included.
 - » **Enrolled in college/university** - You must submit an official college transcript from the college/university where you are currently enrolled showing all of your classes through fall quarter/semester 2017. It must include your cumulative GPA.

If you have attended more than one college/university since graduating from high school, you will need to submit an official transcript from each college/university you have attended.
 - » **Graduated from high school, but have not yet enrolled in college** - You must submit an official high school transcript.
 - » **Graduated from high school, attended college, but not enrolled fall quarter/semester 2017** - You must submit an official transcript from each college you have attended since graduating from high school. Please include a note indicating that you were not enrolled fall term.
 - » **Received your GED, but have not yet enrolled in college** - You must submit a copy of your official GED score.

Transcripts should be mailed to:

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship
Attn: WSOS Application
1414 - 31st Ave S, Suite 302
Seattle, WA 98144

- Complete and submit the FAFSA or WASFA by Wednesday, March 7, 2018.**

You will be notified of your scholarship status in May. We will notify you via the email address you entered on the application. If your email address changes, notify us at info@waopportunitiescholarship.org.