



# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Supporting Washington residents on their path to our highest-demand careers in the trades, STEM and health care.

Our Career & Technical Scholarship provides up to \$1,500 each quarter towards certificates, apprenticeships and associate degrees in the trades, STEM and health care at Washington's 34 community and technical colleges. Scholars receive funding and support services for the duration of their program. These scholarship funds are flexible and can be used to cover tuition, fees and other indirect costs of attendance such as housing, transportation, food and more.

Programs range from a one quarter certificate program to associate degrees that take two years or more to complete. Eligible programs were selected based on regional workforce demand and the jobs our communities need most such as welding, manufacturing, information technology and commercial vehicle driving.

Based on the generous funding from The Boeing Company and the Rubens Family Foundation, CTS will support a minimum of 5,000 Scholars over the next 10 years. This scholarship supports Washington residents of any age on their path to high-demand, family wage careers. The application will open three times a year in late spring, fall and winter.

## WHY WSOS?

WSOS is a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership that launches Washington residents into high-demand Washington careers. We have a proven ability to graduate students at higher rates, with less debt and lower out-of-pocket expenses. We are building a diverse workforce for Washington: More than two-thirds of our Scholars are women, students of color and first-generation students. In the workplace WSOS alumni are employed at higher rates and earning more than their peers.

**\$1,500**

The funding students receive each quarter.

**1,000+**

The number of trade, STEM and health care programs supported.

**34**

The number of community and technical colleges where CTS funds can be applied.

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# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria.

## Residency

- Be a Washington state resident as defined by state statute.
- Have earned a high school diploma or GED before the application deadline.

## Financial Need

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) for the relevant academic year by the application deadline.
- Apply for Federal Education Tax Credits, if eligible.
- Have a family income at or below 125% of Washington state median family income based on family size.

## Enrollment Plan

- Plan to enroll in an eligible trade, STEM or health care program for the upcoming term.
- Plan to enroll at an eligible Washington state community or technical college for the upcoming term.
- Plan to enroll in at least six credits every term. Scholars are not required to enroll in summer term.
- Not plan to earn a bachelor's degree after completing your program.

## Previous Education Experience

- Not yet have a bachelor's degree.

## HOW TO APPLY

Visit the WSOS website to apply! Applicants may start the application, save progress and return to complete it later up until their application deadline. Applicants should know what college they will enroll in and what program they intend to complete.

[Visit our website to see the list of eligible programs, learn more and apply.](#)

## RURAL JOBS INITIATIVE

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A CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

Additional financial aid and supports are now available exclusively to applicants from Washington's most rural communities. The goal of the Rural Jobs initiative is to ensure those furthest from the state's community and technical colleges have a path to earning a professional technical degree that leads to a high demand job in their community.

Recipients of Rural Jobs funding will receive up to \$3,500 in their first quarter, \$2,500 in their second quarter and \$2,000 per quarter for the remainder of their program. Eligible applicants will be identified automatically when they apply for CTS. No extra steps are required for consideration.