



# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

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

The Career & Technical Scholarship (CTS) 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. Apprentices in programs eligible for the Washington College Grant for Apprenticeship (WCG-A) are now eligible, too! 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.

WSOS supports programs from one-quarter certificate programs to associate degrees that take two years or more to complete. **All our programs prepare students** for the jobs our communities need most, such as welding, manufacturing, information technology and health care.



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**\$1,500**

The funding students receive each quarter.

**1,000+**

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

**\$60,000**

CTS graduates earn an average salary of almost \$60,000 within one year of graduation.

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# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria.

## Residency

- To be eligible for WSOS, a student must be a Washington resident. Students who are Washington residents pay resident (in-state) tuition and fees at all public colleges and universities. In most cases, a Washington resident is someone who lives in the state for one year immediately before enrolling in their program.
- However, there are other ways to be considered a resident. Applicants with questions should consult their financial aid offices.

## Financial Need

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) for the relevant academic year.
- 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, health care, or an eligible WCG-A 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.
- Do not plan to earn a bachelor's degree after completing your program.

## Previous Education Experience

- Not yet have a bachelor's degree.
- Must have received a school diploma or equivalency certificate. The diploma or high school equivalency does not need to be from a Washington state institution.

**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.

## RURAL JOBS INITIATIVE

Rural students have access to thousands more in additional scholarship dollars. The Rural Jobs Initiative (RJI) connects rural communities to the skills they need to access opportunities in their backyards. Rural students face some of the highest barriers to accessing education, and rural economies often struggle to find the talent they need to thrive. We want those farthest from the state's community and technical colleges to have a path to earning a credential that will lead to a high-demand job in their rural community.

Programs eligible for RJI are selected because they represent the unique economic needs of each rural community and in recognition of the barriers facing rural students. We support programs that are short-duration, online, locally based, and lead to jobs in that Scholar's rural community.

Applicants from any county EXCEPT Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap, Thurston, Clark, Benton, and Spokane who are also enrolled at a community college in a rural county may be eligible. 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 required.