



Cat, Opportunity Scholar

SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAREER & TECHNICAL & APPRENTICESHIP 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 trades, STEM, and health care at Washington’s 34 community and technical colleges. CTS funding can also be used at two apprenticeship sponsors AJAC Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeships and Evergreen Rural Water.

Scholars receive funding and support services for the duration of their program. These 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 a range of 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.

WHO IS WSOS?

Washington has one of the fastest growing state economies with more jobs in trade, health care, and STEM than we can fill. The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship aims to connect our state’s leading industries with top Washington talent by reducing barriers to education and training. Working collaboratively with the state and industry partners, our goal is to propel low- and middle-income students to high-demand living wage careers.

APPLICATION MILESTONE	APPLICATION DATES
Application opens	March 18, 2026 at 9 a.m.
Application deadline	April 15, 2026 at 9 p.m.
FAFSA/WASFA filed	April 22, 2026
Selection notification	Spring 2026

up to \$1,500

Funding students receive
each quarter

34

Eligible community and technical
colleges across the state of WA

1,000+

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

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria.

Residency

- You must be a Washington resident. In most cases, a Washington resident lives in the state for one year immediately before starting college or a program. WSOS accepts undocumented applicants.
- Learn more about [WSOS residency requirements](#).

Financial Aid

- Meet the following income limitations: Have a family income (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) that does not exceed 125% of [Washington state median family income](#) based on family size.
 - When viewing the family income limits, applicants should use the income reported on their family tax returns and the yearly FAFSA/WASFA.
 - Dependent students will report their total family income reported by their parent(s)/guardian(s), while independent students will report their own total family income.
- File the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [Washington Application for State Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#) by the scholarship deadline.

Education plan

- **You don't intend to earn a bachelor's degree immediately after completing your program. If you do, apply for the [Baccalaureate Scholarship](#) instead.**
- Plan to enroll in at least three credits every fall, winter, and spring term. Scholars enrolled in eligible apprenticeship programs may be exempt from this policy.

Previous education

- Do not have a bachelor's degree.
- Earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate. The diploma or high school equivalency doesn't have to be from a Washington state institution.

How to apply: Visit the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship [website](#) to apply! Applicants may start the application, save progress, and return to complete it later up until their application deadline.



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