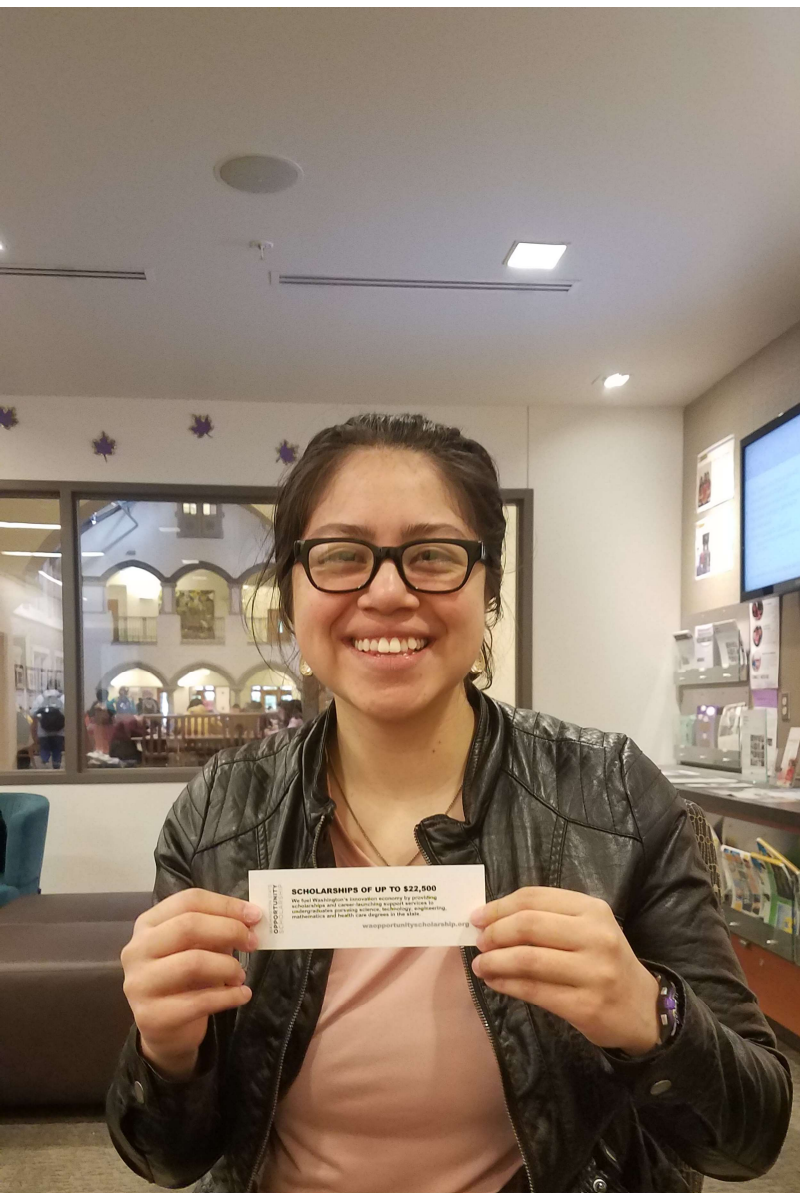


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**Washington students
for Washington jobs**



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WSOS mission: To build pathways into high-demand Washington careers for Washington students.

How do we do this?

We prepare Washington students to meet our state's **workforce shortages** by reducing barriers to education and training in high-demand trade, health care or STEM fields.


We support students with flexible financial aid funding and student support services such as mentorship, professional development and networking.

BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIP

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BACCALAUREATE

- Up to \$22,500
- Covers tuition, fees, housing, transportation, etc.(the full cost of attendance)
- STEM and health care*
- 750 selected in March for support (30)
- Eligible Washington colleges or universities
- Applications due January/February



*and High School
STEM & CTE
Teachers!

Agricultural Teacher Education	13.1301
Health Teacher Education	13.1307
Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts Teacher Ed.	13.1309
Mathematics Teacher Education	13.1311
Science Teacher Ed./General Science Teacher Ed.	13.1316
Biology Teacher Education	13.1322
Chemistry Teacher Education	13.1323
Physics Teacher Education	13.1329
Earth Science Teacher Education	13.1337



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE PROGRAMS.

**Receive up to \$1,500 each quarter
on your path to a high-demand
trade, health care or STEM career.**

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP (CTS) OVERVIEW

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CAREER & TECHNICAL

- Certificate, apprenticeship or associate degree
- Up to \$1,500 per quarter
- Covers tuition, fees, housing, transportation,
- Trades, STEM and health care
- Will support at least **550** annually
- Any WA community or technical college
- Application due May/June (for fall start)

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CTS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS (1)

Residency

- Be a WA state resident as defined by state Legislature (RCW 28B.15.012).
- Earn a high school diploma or GED from a WA state institution.

Financial need

- File the upcoming academic year's FAFSA or WASFA by the application deadline.
- Apply for Federal Education Tax Credits, if eligible.
- Have total family income (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) that does not exceed 125% of Washington state family median income based on family size.

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CTS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS (2)

Enrollment plan

- Plan to enroll in Fall 2020 an eligible trade, health care or STEM program as defined on the list of approved [programs](#) (see table).
- Plan to enroll at an eligible Washington state college as defined on the **State Board of Community and Technical Colleges** website.
- Plan to enroll at least half-time (six or more credits) every term. Scholars are not required to enroll in summer term.
- There is no age limit.

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OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply an applicant must:

- Complete a SHORT online application, available through www.waopportunityscholarship.org **between April 6 – June 4, 2020**
 - Academic information
 - Financial information
 - One short prompt/essay*
- Complete the 2019-20 FAFSA or WASFA by the application deadline
- If applicable, send a copy of an official transcript (or a copy of a GED score report) to WSOS postmarked by June 10, 2020
- No letter of recommendation required

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PREPARING FOR CTS SUCCESS

- Tap counselors, STEM and CTE educators to excite your students (dual credit courses!)
- Encourage students to apply
- Facilitate student FAFSA/WASFA filing
- Review student essays* - See guidance in our Promotional Toolkit under the Promotional Partners section of the [website](#)
- Prepare for timely official transcript delivery to the WSOS office in early June.

* WSOS values scholars who demonstrate resiliency, initiative and follow through. We know students are more likely to succeed in their program and careers when they have these qualities. Think about a significant experience that challenged you, academically or personally.

1. What was the challenge? (2-3 sentences)
2. What did you do to overcome the challenge? (3-4 sentences)
3. Which of your skills and/or strengths helped you overcome the challenge? (3-4 sentences)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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