



Passport to Careers Update

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OBJECTIVES

- Understand how the program has expanded to serve more students.
- Share methods for identifying students.
- Share upcoming product enhancements.
 - Data sharing for student eligibility verification
 - Payment processing
 - Passport eligibility checker
- Provide information about resources available for administrators, students and supporters.
- Questions

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PROGRAM HISTORY



PASSPORT TO COLLEGE BACKGROUND

- Created in 2007, providing a multi-dimensional range of services to foster youth. Served the first cohort of students in 2008.
- Early outreach and college preparation through the SETuP program.
- Postsecondary Support:
 - Served an average of 350 students each year.
 - Scholarship to help pay for the cost of attending college.
 - Funding for institutions agreeing to provide intensive support services through the development of a “viable plan.”
- Narrow definition of who is eligible for services.



PASSPORT TO COLLEGE

- In 2018-19, served 316 students totaling \$1.5M including support services.
- Maximum annual award of \$4,500.
- Scholarship that assists with the cost of attending college.
[Tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation, some personal expenses]

Program Expenditures

\$ 1.16M awarded as scholarships

\$ 362,000 provided as incentive grants

\$ 40K for apprenticeships

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PASSPORT EXPANSION



2018 PASSPORT TO CAREERS EXPANSION



Passport to Careers

**Passport to
Apprenticeship
Opportunities**

**Passport to
College
Promise**



2018 PASSPORT TO CAREERS EXPANSION

Passport to Careers Eligibility (phased in):

- Expanded to serve students who experienced state, tribal, ICPC, or federal foster care.
- 2018-19: In foster care at any point after age 15 & apprenticeships
- 2019-20: In foster care at any point after age 14 & unaccompanied homeless youth
- 2020-21: In foster care at any point after age 13

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY



APPLYING FOR PASSPORT

- Students submit consent for eligibility verification through:
 - Passport Consent Form
 - Common Application (with ETV program)
 - FAFSA / WASFA
- Tribal dependents also complete a separate verification form.



Passport to Careers Program Consent Form

The Passport to Careers program assists you on your journey toward a postsecondary education or apprenticeship and provides financial assistance and support services to meet your education and career goals.

You are eligible for financial assistance and other support services if you:

- Were in the care of the Washington State, tribal, or federal foster care system after age 14.*
*requirement will change to after age 13 beginning in July 2020.
- Are a resident of Washington State. If you are in ICPC and not a Washington resident, contact WSAC.
- Are or will be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible institution of higher education, or a recognized pre-apprenticeship or registered apprenticeship program in Washington State before turning age 22.
- Have not yet earned a bachelor's degree.
- Are not planning to pursue a degree in theology.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name		Date of Birth	
Address		Phone Numbers	
Street:		Home: ()	
City:	State:	Zip:	Cell: ()
		May we text your cell phone? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Email Address		Last Four digits Social Security Number (optional)	
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Foster Care Placement Type (select one)			
<input type="radio"/> State Dependent	<input type="radio"/> Federal Refugee	<input type="radio"/> Tribal Dependent	
State:	Service Provider:	Tribe Name:	
Date of last placement:	Date of last placement:	Date of last placement:	

I authorize the recognized staff of the Department of Children Youth & Families, tribal foster care, federal foster care, SETuP, Labor and Industries, and any nonprofit organizations contracted with the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to provide verification of eligibility, services for the Passport to Careers program, to release and receive information regarding my foster care status, college pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship enrollment, financial aid, and academic standing to and from WSAC and Passport-eligible colleges, pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. I understand I may be asked for additional information from WSAC, the program administrator.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information, contact:
Washington Student Achievement Council
PO Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430
Email: passportcollege@wsac.wa.gov
Phone: 1-888-535-0747, option 3, then select 1
Fax: 1-360-704-6246



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY


- In foster care or unaccompanied homeless youth
- Complete FAFSA or WASFA
- Attending an approved institution in WA
- Not pursuing a degree in theology
- Washington resident
- Enroll prior to age 22*
- Student has 15 QER, or the equivalent
- Scholarship expires at age 27*

*Could change as program WAC is updated in 2020.



DEFINITIONS AND PROCESSING ELIGIBILITY

Category	Definition and Process
State Foster Care	Student is a dependent of WA state. Passport eligibility is determined by DCYF and posted in the WSAC portal.
Tribal Foster Care	Student is a dependent of a tribal court in WA. Passport eligibility is verified by a tribal representative. WSAC posts to portal.
Federal Foster Care	Student is often an unaccompanied refugee minor. Passport eligibility is verified by DSHS. WSAC posts to portal.
ICPC	Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. Student is a dependent of another state, but is placed in WA. DCYF helps with eligibility verification. WSAC posts to portal.
Unaccompanied Homeless	Student is homeless without a parent or guardian. Institutions determine eligibility and shares information with WSAC for posting to portal.



**SERVING UNACCOMPANIED
HOMELESS YOUTH**



UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

- In most cases, eligibility is determined by the financial aid office.
- Student Housing Questionnaire is available as a resource.
- In extenuating circumstances, institution may refer to WSAC for eligibility determination.
- Student eligibility could change based on the nature of their current living situation.

Passport to Careers Student Housing Questionnaire



Applicant Information

Name _____
SSN _____
Date of Birth _____
MM/DD/YYYY
Mailing Address _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone Number _____
Include area code
Email Address _____
Required
College(s) Attending _____
Class Standing Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Housing Declaration

An unaccompanied homeless youth is an individual under age 21 who is not in the physical custody of their parent or guardian, and lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

In order to qualify for Passport to Careers assistance as an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, 2019, a student's status as an unaccompanied homeless youth within the prior one-year period must be verified through review of the information provided below.

I live with a parent or guardian: Yes No

Living Situation (check all that apply):

- Hotel or motel
- Shelter or other temporary housing program
- Couch surfing
- Car, park, campsite or sleeping on the street
- Transitional housing
- Doubled up with another family due to hardship
- In a residence with inadequate facilities (no heat, water or electricity)
- Other _____

Passport Student Housing Questionnaire

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UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH

Category	Definition
Unaccompanied	Not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.
Homeless	<p>Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing the housing of another person because of a loss of housing.• Living in a hotel, trailer park or camp ground.• Living in emergency or transitional shelters.• Couch surfing, or living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations.• Migratory children living in circumstances listed above.• Refer to Dear Colleague Letter: https://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1516.html



IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE STUDENTS



- List from WSAC:
 - Determined eligible for Passport by DCYF, DSHS or Tribes.
 - Listed as an unaccompanied homeless youth by institution.
 - Student sub-populations are not identifiable.
- Admissions/Registration Materials
- Student self-disclosure
- Referral from SETuP provider, or other student support organization.



PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION



PASSPORT FUNDING

- The number of students served by Passport in the 2019-20 academic year is increasing.
- Administrators are asked to request funding each quarter. Please do not delay payment requests.
- Foster youth still receive priority funding for WCG and SWS.





PASSPORT PRODUCT ENHANCEMENTS

Portal

- Ability to classify eligibility for students
 - TRB - WSAC
 - UHY – Institution
 - URM – DSHS/WSAC
 - SFY – DCYF/WSAC
- Will have an updated “look”
- Project currently in progress

Data Sharing

- Three part DSA with DCYF for Passport, CBS and SETuP



INSTITUTIONAL INCENTIVE GRANTS

- Incentive payments are provided to the institution for individualized student support services.
- Forty-five colleges have signed an addendum to Participation Agreement and developed a “viable plan.”
 - Campus leadership commitment
 - Designated support staff (DSS)
 - Review student financial aid, ensuring all resources are utilized and minimizing a reliance on student loans
 - Connect with social services and Independent Living Providers
- Incentive grant refund policy.



PASSPORT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Advisory Membership

- Made up of 30 members
- Representatives from institutions, social services, state agencies, tribes, apprenticeships
- Quarterly meetings, with more frequent workgroup meetings
 - Professional Development
 - Outreach and Communication
 - Best Practices

Projects

- Addendum to Participation Agreement
- Resource development
- Policy advising
- Program evaluation advising
- Provide training opportunities
- Passport Conference

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APPRENTICESHIPS



PASSPORT TO APPRENTICESHIPS

- In general, for non-campus based apprenticeship programs.
- Assists students participating in a registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs.
- Covers occupational-specific costs.
 - Tuition, fees, work clothes, rain gear, boots, and occupation-related tools.
- WSAC contracted with ANEW for program administration.





- Founded in 1980 to improve access and advancement of women in non-traditional pathways. Now serving both men and women.
- Partners with over 17 apprenticeship programs in the Puget Sound Region.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND OTHER RESOURCES



EARLY OUTREACH – SETUP PROGRAM

Eligible SETuP students are:

Between the
ages of 13-21

Enrolled in high
school or a
GED program

In foster care in
Washington
State

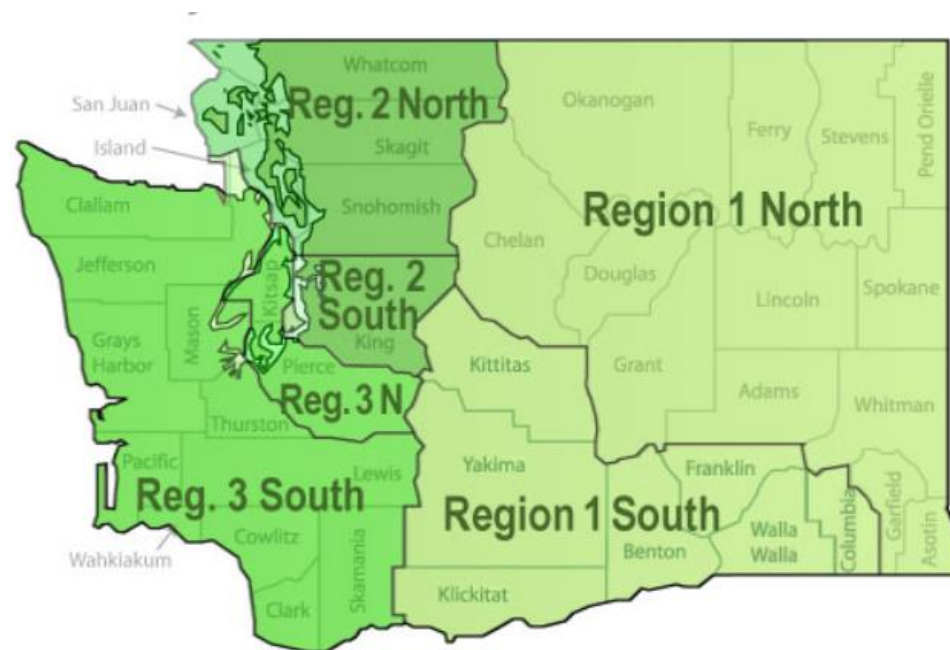




EARLY OUTREACH – SETUP PROGRAM

Assists foster youth in successfully making the transition from high school to postsecondary enrollment, career, or service.

- Six providers throughout Washington:
 - Serve 350 students each year.
 - Provide case management to complete developmental tasks to increase high school and postsecondary success.
 - Facilitate youth access to appropriate school and local resources.
 - Collaborate with Treehouse staff.





RESOURCES

- NEW - Passport Program Manual
- WSAC Website
 - Passport Student Guide
 - Outreach Fliers
 - Implementation Timeline
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Ready Set Grad
 - Student focused
 - Passport institution contacts
- Washington Passport Network
 - Agreement to Participate
 - Incentive Grant Guide
 - DSS and FAA Role Description



PASSPORT TO CAREERS

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE FOR COLLEGE CAMPUSES

FOR THE PASSPORT TO COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
AND ELIGIBLE CAMPUS-BASED APPRENTICESHIP
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PATHWAYS

2019-20



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passport Conference

April 28-29

Tacoma Convention Center

<https://www.washingtonpassportnetwork.org/passport-to-careers-state-conference/>

Webinar Training Series

Facilitated by CSF, dates will be announced soon!



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