

# WASHINGTON STATE **OPPORTUNITY** SCHOLARSHIP

## Funding for STEM, health care and trade credentials

### INTRODUCTION



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## MISSION: BUILD PATHWAYS INTO HIGH-DEMAND WASHINGTON CAREERS FOR WASHINGTON STUDENTS.



**Impact:** Scholars earn double their household income at time of application within five years of graduating.

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## 2018-19 DISBURSEMENTS

| Institution type              | Disbursement breakdown |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Four-year independent college | 12%                    |
| Four-year public college      | 73%                    |
| Two-year college              | 14%                    |

Note: This breakdown represents baccalaureate scholarship disbursements.

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## 2020 APPLICATION CYCLE

- Opportunity scholarship application cycles:
  - Baccalaureate: 1/6 to 2/6 for AY 2020-21 selection
  - Career & Technical (CT): 9/25 to 10/23 for winter 2020 selection
- How does this impact our financial aid partners?
  - Early notification of preliminary selects (include scholarship in financial aid package)
  - Collecting College IDs for tracking individual disbursements

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## SCHOLARSHIPS COMPARISON

|  | BACCALAUREATE  | CAREER & TECHNICAL  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Supported programs</b>              | Bachelor's degree in a high demand STEM or health care field   | Associate degree, apprenticeships and certificates in a high demand program |
| <b>Award amount disbursed per term</b> | \$834-\$3,750  | \$1,500   |
| <b>Disbursement schedule</b>           | Fall, winter & spring terms  | Fall, spring, winter, and summer terms                                      |
| <b>Renewable</b>                       | Yes, for up to 2-4 years.  | Yes, until program completion.  |
| <b>Scholarship coverage</b>            | <b>Direct costs:</b> tuition, mandatory fees and room & board<br><b>Indirect costs:</b> books & supplies, transportation and other living expenses |   |

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## BACCALAUREATE DISBURSEMENT

- Major disbursements
  - Fall Quarter & Fall Semester: August 8, 2019
  - Winter Quarter & Spring Semester: December 12, 2019
  - Spring Quarter: March 10, 2020
- Renewal period: April to June
  - Annual process for current Opportunity scholars
  - Determines whether Opportunity scholars will receive scholarship for the following academic year
  - Impacts student budget year to year
- Award increase process
  - A process that increases an Opportunity scholar's award amount
  - Confirms that they are on a path to completing a STEM or health care major
  - Impacts student budget mid-year

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## CAREER AND TECHNICAL DISBURSEMENT

- Major disbursements
  - Fall Quarter: August 27, 2019
  - Winter Quarter: December 20, 2019
  - Spring Quarter: March 24, 2020
  - Summer Quarter: June 8, 2020
- Funding duration
  - Until program completion
- Award amounts
  - Maximum \$1,500 per quarter
- No renewal or increase processes required

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## 2019-2020 DISBURSEMENTS SUMMARY

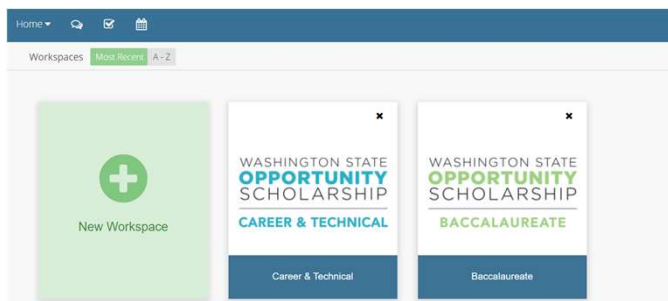
| Major Disbursements              | Baccalaureate Scholarship | Career and Technical Scholarship |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fall Quarter & Fall Semester     | August 8, 2019            | August 27, 2019                  |
| Winter Quarter & Spring Semester | December 12, 2019         | December 20, 2019                |
| Spring Quarter                   | March 10, 2020            | March 24, 2020                   |
| Summer Quarter                   | N/A                       | June 8, 2020                     |

\*Other disbursements sent periodically throughout the year when adjustments are necessary.

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## DISBURSEMENT PROCESSING

- Washington STEM disburses funds to institution (ACH or check)
- WSOS sends disbursement notification to college partners
  - College partners log into School Portal to view disbursement roster and to process refunds



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## ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS

Apply funding to student account if student meets all requirements:

| Criteria   | Career & Technical | Baccalaureate |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Student is enrolled in at least 6 credits.   | X                  | X             |
| Student is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in accordance with institution policy. | X                  | X             |
| Student is eligible for in-state tuition.  | X                  | X             |
| Student does not exceed Cost of Attendance (COA).  | X                  | X             |
| Student has not completed more than 125% of their program's published length.                  | X                  |               |

These are the only eligibility requirements that we require college partners to confirm. EFC and unmet need do not need to be confirmed.

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## REFUND PROCESSING

- Partial refunds can be given if a student:
  - Is enrolled half-time (6-8 credits): Eligible for 50% of the full-time amount
  - Is enrolled three-quarters time (9-11 credits): Eligible for 75% of the full-time amount
  - Exceeds Cost of Attendance
- Changes in a student's enrollment status after the first ten days of term do not require a refund
- Export disbursement roster in School Portal and identify refunds
- Email refund roster to [awards@waopportunityscholarship.org](mailto:awards@waopportunityscholarship.org) or mail along with refund check to:

ATTN: Washington STEM, Finance  
210 S. Hudson Street  
Seattle, WA 98134

- Resource: [College Partner page](#)

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## THANK YOU!

Question related to awarding  
policy?

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Question related to the school  
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Question related to ACH or  
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