

# WASHINGTON STATE **OPPORTUNITY** SCHOLARSHIP

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The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) investment provides college scholarship awards and career-building programs to low- and middle-income students pursuing eligible, high-demand science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health care majors in Washington State. If you are curious, innovative, analytical, and/or resourceful, this is an incredible opportunity to join a community committed to you and the economic development of our state.

**WSOS Award Structure:** WSOS is renewable for up to five years of full-time college attendance at a 2- or 4- year public or private Washington State college or university. First- and second- year Scholars receive up to \$2,500 per academic year. When a recipient has attained junior-class standing and been admitted into one of the eligible and approved high-demand majors (e.g., science, technology, engineering and mathematics or specific health care disciplines), the Scholarship is increased up to \$5,000. Fourth-year Scholars, who have achieved senior class standing receive up to \$7,500; and a fifth year of up to \$5,000 support is available.

**To Apply:** The WSOS application will be available through the WSOS website from January 2 through February 28, 2018. *Applicants must:*

- Be **very likely** to pursue a STEM or health care major and career in the state of Washington; students may begin at a two-year public community or technical college.
- Have earned or will earn a high school diploma or GED from a Washington State high school or institution by June 2018.
- Must be a high school senior or a college freshman or sophomore (as determined by total college credits earned) at the time of application. Visit the WSOS website to see how we determine eligibility with regards to AP, IB, college and transfer credits.
- Have a total annual individual or family income less than or equal to 125% of median Washington State family income (available at [www.ofm.wa.gov/economy/hhinc/](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/economy/hhinc/)).
- Have a high school or college cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher at the time of application.
- Be enrolling in an eligible, Washington State college or university fall term 2018.
  - ***Please note:*** If you will be attending a public community or technical college in fall of 2018 that does not offer a four-year degree in your eligible high-demand major, you must plan to transfer to one of the four-year colleges/universities referenced above by the time you have earned 90 quarter credits.
- Plan to have your official school transcripts, including fall 2017 grades, sent to the WSOS office by March 5, 2018. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
- Apply for and submit the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) -or- the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) at [www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa](http://www.readyssetgrad.org/wasfa). Students need not qualify for aid, but must apply to one of these applications by the deadline stated in 2018.
- Complete the online application between **January 2 and February 28, 2018**.

**WSOS will select 1,850 applicants to receive new scholarships in 2018!** Visit our website today to learn more about the scholarship, eligibility and related deadlines

## 2018 – 2019

### Maximum Family Income Requirements to Apply

Applicant total family income (adjusted gross income plus all untaxed income) cannot exceed 125% of Washington State family median income ([www.wsac.wa.gov](http://www.wsac.wa.gov)).

# in Household	Maximum income
Family of 1	\$57,000
Family of 2	\$75,000
Family of 3	\$92,500
Family of 4	\$110,000
Family of 5	\$127,500
Family of 6	\$145,500
Family of 7	\$148,500
Family of 8	\$152,000

Contact [info@waopportunitiescholarship.org](mailto:info@waopportunitiescholarship.org) today if you have questions!