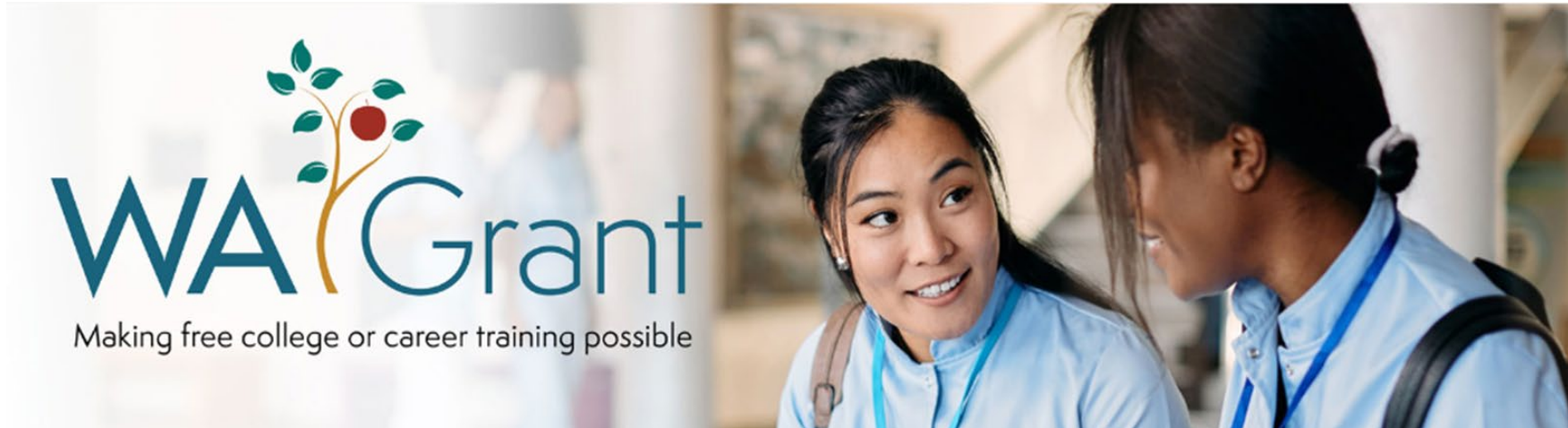


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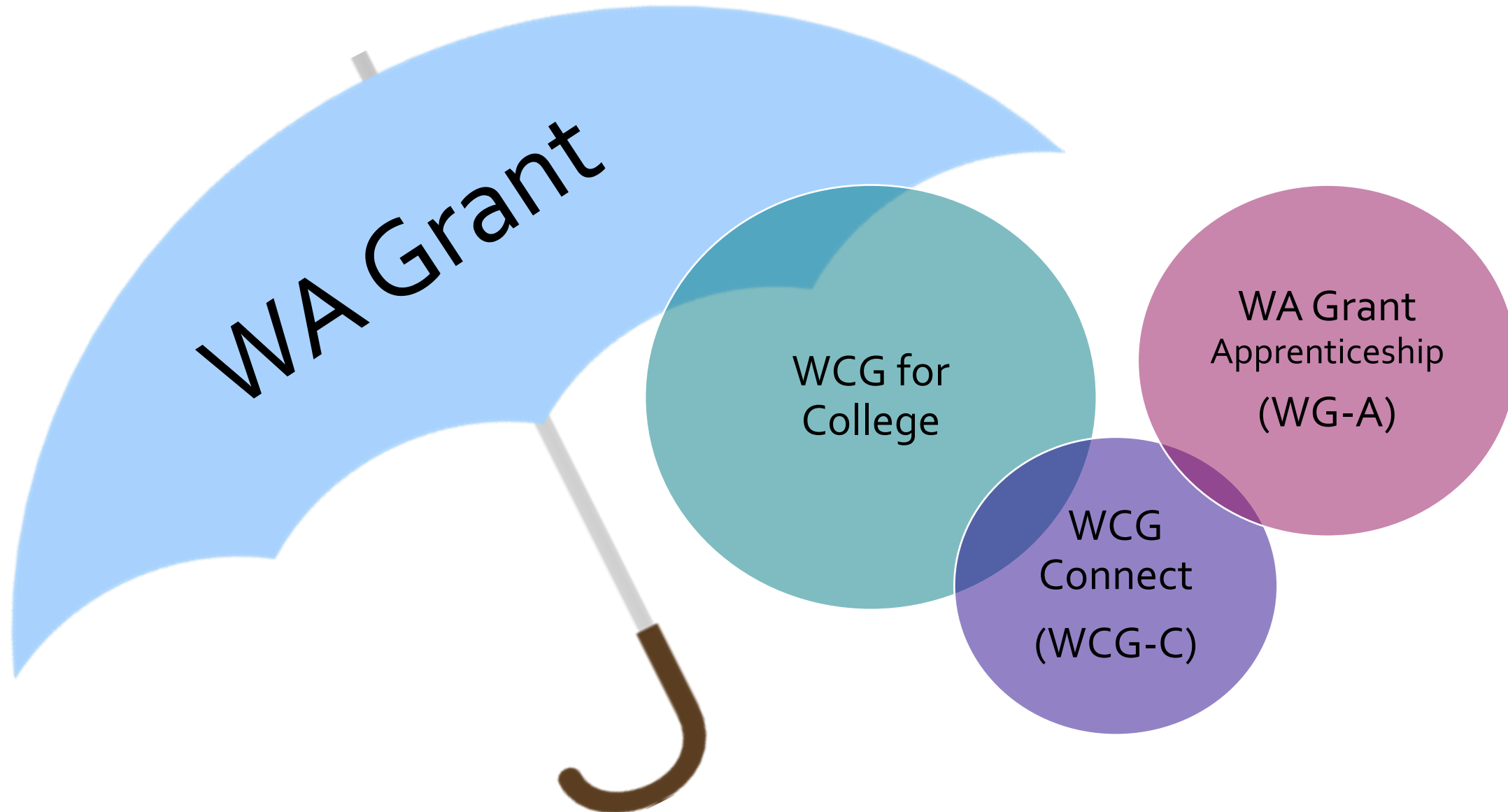
# **Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)**

## What is the Washington College Grant (WA Grant)



Washington State has made a groundbreaking commitment to financial aid for low- and middle-income people of all ages with the **Washington College Grant** (WA Grant). This grant gives eligible people more money for more types of education like certificate programs, job training, apprenticeships, or college.

# Washington College Grant is a program under the WA Grant Umbrella



# Washington College Grant

WCG for  
College

- » **WCG is one of the most generous financial aid programs in the country.**
- » **WCG gives eligible students money for more types of education, like certificate programs, job training, apprenticeships, or college.**
- » **WCG does not require full time enrollment.**
- » **WCG works with other financial aid programs, allowing eligible students to have, not only funding for tuition, but other living expenses.**



# Who is eligible?

WCG for College



Washington residents (including people without Citizenship)



Recent high school graduates or working-age adults



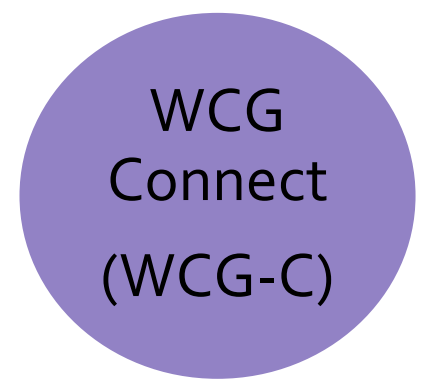
Low-to middle-income families and individuals



People who enroll in approved programs, part-time or full-time



# Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)



2SHB 1835 (2022) allows for automatic WCG income eligibility for students receiving any of the following public benefit programs:

- Aged, blind, or disabled assistance (ABD) benefits
- Essential needs and housing support program (HEN) benefits
- Pregnant women assistance program (PWA) financial grants

Effective beginning July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 Academic Year and beyond

NEWLY APPROVED PROGRAM in 2023: Economic Security for All (EcSA)

# WCG-C Goal

The Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C) is intended to reduce the initial barrier to enrollment of a financial aid application.

These students will be verified as meeting the income requirement for WCG without having to complete a FAFSA or WASFA.

# Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

Students who meet eligibility under this category are referred to being eligible under the Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C).

Program is still WCG, just a different way to qualify.



# WCG - Connect Program Requirements

## A Student Must:

- ☑ Be a resident of Washington state
- ☑ Demonstrate financial need by being in ABD, HEN, PWA, or EcSA
- ☑ Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent

- ☑ Attend an approved participating institution or apprenticeship program
- ☑ Not be pursuing a degree in theology
- ☑ Not be in default or owe a repayment on another state financial program.

# Washington College Grant – Connect (WCG-C)

## WCG-Connect Eligibility

- FAFSA or WASFA not required
- Qualify for maximum WCG award
- Qualify for WA Bridge Grant

# Award Amounts for the 2023-24 Academic Year

2023-24 WCG and Bridge Grant Amounts 4-Year Institutions					
4-Year Institution/Sector	Median Family Income				
	0% - 65% Bridge Grant (not CBS eligible)	0% - 65% (full award)	66% - 70% (50% of full award)	71% - 75% (24.5% of full award)	76% - 100% (10% of full award)
University of Washington	\$500	\$11,956	\$5,978	\$2,929	\$1,196
Washington State University	\$500	\$11,536	\$5,768	\$2,826	\$1,154
Central Washington University	\$500	\$7,693	\$3,847	\$1,885	\$769
Eastern Washington University	\$500	\$7,261	\$3,631	\$1,779	\$726
The Evergreen State College	\$500	\$7,802	\$3,901	\$1,911	\$780
Western Washington University	\$500	\$7,950	\$3,975	\$1,948	\$795
Private Four-Year Non-Profit	\$500	\$9,739	\$4,870	\$2,386	\$974
Private Four-Year For-Profit	\$500	\$8,517	\$4,259	\$2,087	\$852
WGU Washington	\$500	\$5,619	\$2,810	\$1,377	\$562



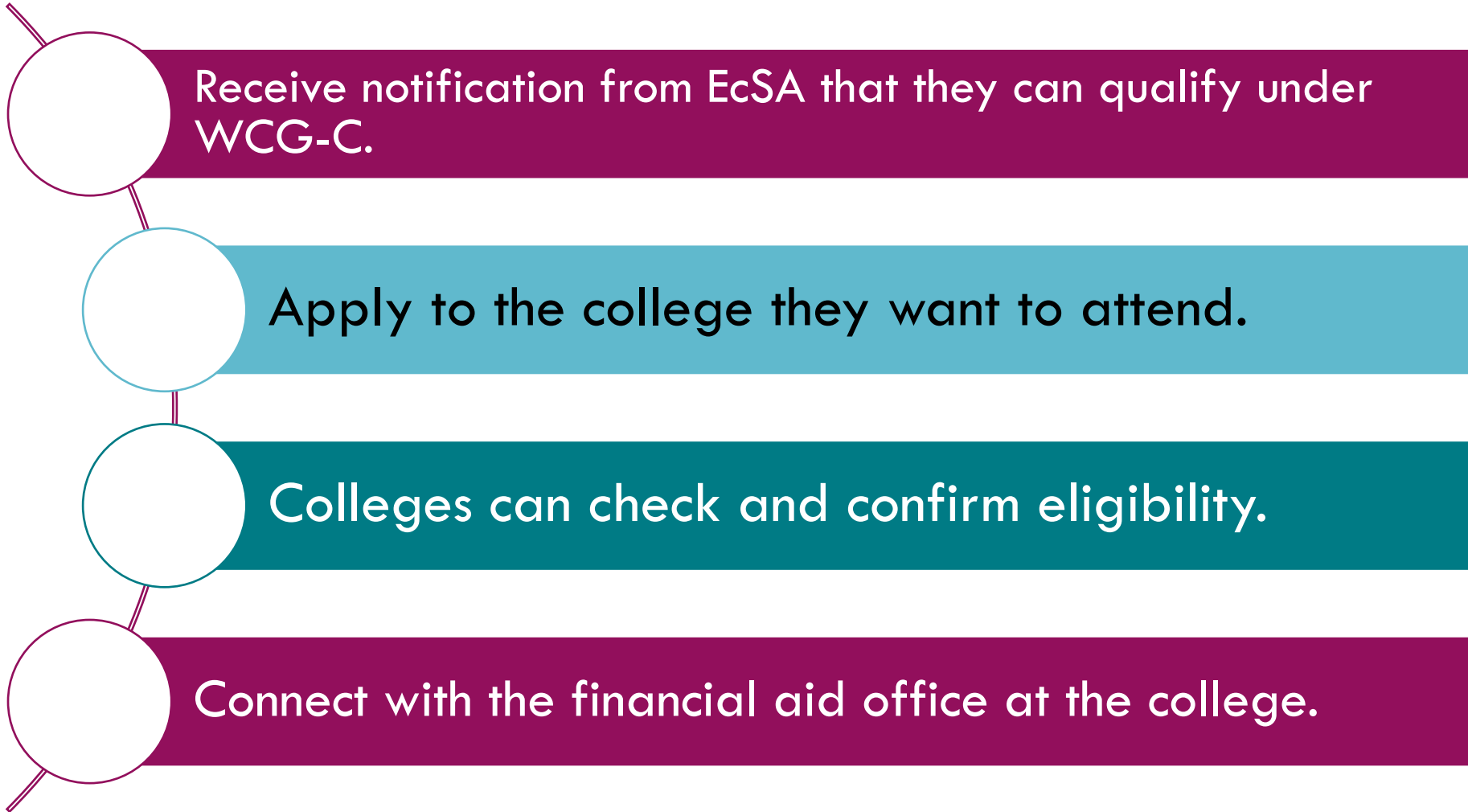
# Award Amounts for the 2023-24 Academic Year

**WG-Apprenticeship** →

2023-24 WCG and Bridge Grant Amounts 2-Year Institutions					
2-Year Institution/Sector	Median Family Income				
	0% - 65%	0% - 65%	66% - 70%	71% - 75%	76% - 100%
	Bridge Grant (not CBS eligible)	(full award)	(50% of full award)	(24.5% of full award)	(10% of full award)
Community & Technical Colleges	\$500	\$4,573	\$2,287	\$1,120	\$457
CTC Applied Bachelor's	\$500	\$7,322	\$3,661	\$1,794	\$732
Private Two-Year Non-Profit	\$500	\$3,694	\$1,847	\$905	\$369
Private Two-Year For-Profit	\$500	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$692	\$282
Northwest Indian College - Tribal College	\$500	\$3,694	\$1,847	\$905	\$369



# WCG-Connect: What does it look like for a prospective student?



# Maximizing Financial Aid

WCG-C state can cover tuition and fees.

Students can apply for federal aid in addition to the state aid they receive.

Completing the FAFSA can qualify a student for up to \$7,395 in additional aid.

Federal Student Aid  
An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

FAFSA® Form ▾

Loans and Grants ▾

Loan Repayment ▾

Loan Forgiveness ▾

## Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

### New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

### Returning User?

Correct info | Add a school

View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

Log In

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

# Where Can Students Get Help Applying for Federal Aid?

- Financial Aid Office
- Check with your public library
- Federal Student Aid help center
  - <https://studentaid.gov/help-center>
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year Campaign events
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A\\_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxol/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oELovlvqYmCD7NY0nDw7A_b1Bbeoj4-M7VNBDaQfxol/edit?usp=sharing)

The screenshot shows the Washington Student Achievement Council website. The header includes the logo and tagline "EDUCATION · OPPORTUNITY · RESULTS". A navigation menu has "FINANCIAL AID" selected. The breadcrumb trail is "financial aid > about financial aid > apply for financial aid". The main heading is "APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID". Below it, the section "How do I apply for financial aid?" explains that the Washington College Grant (WA Grant) provides additional funding. It lists two application types: FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, and WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) for those not eligible for FAFSA. Two call-to-action boxes are present: a blue one for FAFSA (Visit [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)) and a green one for WASFA (Visit [wsac.wa.gov/wasfa](https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa)). The "When should I apply?" section states that applications for the 2023-24 academic year are open, with the 2024-25 FAFSA projected for December 2023. It also notes that students should check college websites for additional forms.

## WSAC Resources

Washington College Grant and General Financial Aid

**Toll Free Line 1-888-535-0747, Option 3 > 1**

[Finaid@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:Finaid@wsac.wa.gov)

WSAC's Financial Aid Website

<https://wsac.wa.gov/apply>





# Discussion and Questions

