

# Washington State Passport to Careers



## Help for Former Federal Foster Youth

*Have you ever been in federal foster care? Do you want to continue your education or start a career in a trade?*

The *Passport to Careers* program can assist you on your journey toward a postsecondary education or apprenticeship. It provides financial assistance and support services, if you meet the following criteria:

- **Foster Care:** You were in federal, state, or tribal foster care, or experienced unaccompanied homelessness. **Federal foster care** eligibility applies to any person who has had Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (UFM) immigration status, who also meets the phased-in age requirements in the chart at right.
- **State Resident:** You are a resident of Washington, or your case is based in Washington State.
- **Eligible Student:**
  - You 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 before turning 22.
  - You are not planning to pursue a degree in theology.
  - You have not yet earned a bachelor's degree.

### Passport to Careers Eligibility Expansion:

- July 2018: In foster care after age 15.
- July 2019: In foster care after age 14 or experienced unaccompanied homelessness in the prior school year.
- July 2020: In foster care after age 13.

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### Passport to College

Through the Passport to College program, students receive support services from college staff, a scholarship that assists with the cost of attending college, and priority consideration for the State Need Grant and State Work Study programs.

### Passport to Apprenticeships

The Passport to Apprenticeship Opportunities program will assist students participating in registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs with covering costs such as tuition, fees, work clothes, and occupation-related tools.

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