

WAC 250-100-040 Student eligibility for passport scholarship.

(1) To the extent that sufficient funds have been appropriated for this purpose, a student is eligible for the passport to college promise program, if the student:

(a) Meets one of the following:

(i) Were in the care of the state foster care system, tribal foster care system, or federal foster care system in Washington state at any time before age 21 subsequent to age 13 as of July 1, 2020; or

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2019, was verified on or after July 1st of the prior academic year as an unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, before age 21.

(b) Is a Washington state resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2), or if unable to establish residency because of homelessness or placement in out-of-state foster care under the interstate compact for the placement of children, has residency determined through verification by the office;

(c) Is enrolled or will enroll on at least a half-time basis with an institution of higher education or enroll in a registered apprenticeship or recognized preapprenticeship in Washington state before the age of 22;

(d) Demonstrates financial need as defined by the office and according to industry standards;

(e) Has not earned a bachelor's or professional degree;

(f) Is not pursuing a degree in theology;

(g) Is making satisfactory progress toward the completion of a degree, certificate program or registered apprenticeship or recognized preapprenticeship;

(h) Has not received a passport scholarship for more than 10 semesters, or 15 full-time quarters, or an equivalent combination of the two;

(i) May receive a passport to college promise scholarship for a combined maximum of five years of full time equivalent eligibility after the student first enrolls with an institution of higher education or until the student turns age 26, whichever occurs first. If a student turns age 26 during an academic year, and would otherwise be eligible for a scholarship, the student shall continue to be eligible for a scholarship for the remainder of the academic year; and

(j) Does not owe a refund or repayment on other state aid programs and is not in default on a state loan program.

(2) Recipients may utilize passport to college promise or passport to apprenticeship opportunities at different times, but not concurrently; and

(3) The total award an individual may receive in any combination of the programs shall not exceed the equivalent amount that would have been awarded for the individual to attend a public university for five years with the highest annual tuition and state-mandated fees in the state.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.76.120 and 28B.77.050. WSR 22-07-060, § 250-100-040, filed 3/16/22, effective 7/1/22.]