WAC 250-44-050 Utilization of available contract funds. (1) Each biennium the executive director shall issue contract application guidelines which shall establish criteria for specific utilization of available contract funds. The guidelines shall set forth:

(a) The maximum contract amount for a multipurpose service center to be provided depending on available funds under the act during the 1991–1993 biennium shall not exceed $4,600 per month.

(b) The maximum contract amount for a contract for a program or programs of service depending on available funds under the act during the 1991–1993 biennium shall not exceed $3,200 per month.

(c) A reservation of funds for contracts to provide statewide outreach and information services and/or training for service providers.

(2) At least two multipurpose service centers in major population centers will be supported under the displaced homemaker program, provided adequate funds have been appropriated.

(3) Remaining funds will be used for contracts selected to provide geographic dispersion of displaced homemaker multipurpose service centers and programs of service.

WAC 250-44-130 Calendar and closing dates for letters of intent, applications and awards. (1) Sponsoring organizations wishing to apply for contracts to operate multipurpose service centers, shall submit to the executive director a letter of intent, accompanied by appropriate documentation of nonprofit status in the case of nonpublic applicants, by Monday, March 4, 1991, as specified in the contract application guidelines.

(2) The executive director or the director's designee will screen the letters of intent for multipurpose service centers, prepare a list of all eligible sponsoring organizations which filed letters of intent and distribute the list to all organizations on the list, by Monday, March 11, 1991, or seven days from the filing date for letters of intent as specified in the contract application guidelines.

(3) Applications for contracts for multipurpose service centers may be submitted by sponsoring organizations on the list pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. The closing dates for such applications by Friday, April 5, 1991, as specified in the contract application guidelines.

(4) Sponsoring organizations wishing to apply for contracts to operate programs of service and a statewide outreach and information services program shall submit to the executive director a letter of intent, accompanied by appropriate documentation of nonprofit status in the case of nonpublic applicants, by Monday, March 4, 1991.

(5) The executive director or the director's designee will screen the letters of intent for programs of service and a statewide outreach and information services program, prepare a list of all eligible sponsoring organizations which filed letters of intent, and distribute the list to all organizations on the list, by Monday, March 11,
1991, or seven days from the filing date for letters of intent as specified in the contract application guidelines.

(6) Applications for contracts for programs of service and a state-wide outreach and information services program may be submitted by sponsoring organizations on the list pursuant to subsection (5) of this section by Friday, April 5, 1991, as specified in the contract application guidelines.

(7) The executive director of the board will approve awards of contracts, provided qualifying applications were received by the closing dates specified in this section and in the guidelines.

(8) In the event that available funds for contracts under the act are not fully utilized after approval of contracts the executive director may either establish a new calendar for further consideration of applications and award of contracts or award supplemental funds to existing centers and programs by amendment of contracts in effect.

[WAC 250-77-010 Purpose. The purpose of this program is to assist the public four-year institutions of higher education to achieve gender equity in their intercollegiate athletics activities, as required by RCW 28B.15.450 through .480, 28B.15.740(3), 28B.110, and other applicable state and federal law.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.460 and 28B.15.465. 91-12-005, § 250-77-005, filed 5/28/91, effective 6/28/91.]

WAC 250-77-015 Authority to administer. RCW 28B.15.460—465 assigns responsibility to the higher education coordinating board to approve, evaluate, report, and make recommendations in the implementation of RCW 28B.15.455—480 and 28B.15.740(3).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.460 and 28B.15.465. 91-12-005, § 250-77-015, filed 5/28/91, effective 6/28/91.]

WAC 250-77-020 Definitions. For purposes of assessing institutional compliance with statutory goals for 1994 only, "the rate at which (the underrepresented gender) class participates in high school interscholastic athletics in Washington state" means that neither gender shall comprise less than 39% of the total number of athletes at that institution.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.460 and [28B.15.465. 91-12-005, § 250-77-020, filed 5/28/91, effective 6/28/91.]

WAC 250-77-025 Eligibility for 1991-92. Any public four-year institution of higher education in the state of Washington shall be eligible to participate in the athletic gender equity tuition and fee waiver program for the academic year 1991-92, provided it has:

(1) Submitted to the higher education coordinating board a study of gender equity in its intercollegiate athletics program, and a plan for achieving institutional and legislative gender equity goals, consistent with RCW 28B.15.450-.480.

(2) Received approval of the plan from the institution's governing board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.460 and [28B.15.465. 91-12-005, § 250-77-025, filed 5/28/91, effective 6/28/91.]

WAC 250-77-030 Eligibility beginning in 1992-93. Any public four-year institution of higher education shall be eligible to participate in the athletic gender equity tuition and fee waiver program for the academic years 1992-93 and following, provided that, in addition to the conditions in WAC 250-77-025, it has received approval for its plan to achieve gender equity in athletics from the higher education coordinating board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.460 and [28B.15.465. 91-12-005, § 250-77-030, filed 5/28/91, effective 6/28/91.]

WAC 250-77-035 Use of authorized waivers. Tuition and fee waivers generally will be granted to the underrepresented gender. The exceptions will be when an institution can demonstrate that a waiver to a nonunderrepresented gender individual will result in a savings of athletic financial aid funds that can be applied in an equal amount to enhance the intercollegiate program for the underrepresented gender.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.15.460 and [28B.15.465. 91-12-005, § 250-77-035, filed 5/28/91, effective 6/28/91.]

WAC 250-77-040 Use of waiver generated funds. Funds generated by this program may be used only to attain or maintain gender equity in intercollegiate athletics.

(1) For any institution having an underrepresented gender in its athletic program, (a) All funds generated by this program shall be expended to enhance the intercollegiate athletic program for the underrepresented gender, and

(b) Any difference between genders in overall expenditures, exclusive of the waiver amount, shall not exceed the 1989-90 difference.

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WASHINGTON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION ACADEMIC GRANT

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WAC 250-78-010 Purpose. The Washington award for excellence in education program, also known as the Washington state Christa McAuliffe award program, was established to recognize teachers, principals, administrators, classified staff, school district superintendents, and school boards for their leadership, contributions, and commitment to education. The purpose of this chapter is to establish administrative procedures for disbursing academic grants awarded through this program to teachers, principals, and administrators.

WAC 250-78-020 Authority to administer. The authority for this chapter is 28B.80 RCW which authorizes the higher education coordinating board to adopt rules relating to the administration of programs assigned to the board, and chapter 255, laws of 1991, which assigns to the board the administration of the academic grants awarded through the Washington award for excellence in education (Christa McAuliffe) academic grant award program. The 1991 legislation corrects inequities inherent in the related preceding tuition waiver program by creating an academic cash grant in lieu of a tuition and fee waiver. Not all institutions awarded the waiver, thus some recipients received a benefit while others did not. These regulations are intended not only to implement the new legislative changes but also to provide continued benefits to those previously granted the award.

WAC 250-78-030 Definitions. (1) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" shall mean:

(a) Any public university, college, community college, or technical college operated by the state of Washington or any political subdivision thereof; or any other university, college, school, or institute in the state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level which is a member institution of the northwest association of schools and colleges; and providing such institution agrees to participate in the program in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

Any institution, branch, extension, or facility operating within the state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution operating in another state must be a separately accredited member institution of the northwest association of schools and colleges or another regional accrediting association.

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(b) Any other university, college, school, or institute located in another state offering instruction beyond the high school level which is a member institution of a regional accrediting association or otherwise approved by the board in accordance with WAC 250-78-050 (3)(d)(i); or

(c) Any other university, college, school, or institute located in another country outside of the United States of America offering instruction beyond the high school level which in the judgment of the board meets academic standards comparable to those established by a regional accrediting association.

(2) "Academic grant" shall mean the monetary award which shall be used to take courses at an institution of higher education. The academic grant may be used to pay for reasonable educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition/fees, room and board, and books and supplies.

(3) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board. When a duty or responsibility of the board is referenced in these regulations, the authority needed to discharge that responsibility lies with the executive director or his or her designee.

(4) "Recipient" means a teacher, principal, or administrator who has been designated to receive the Washington award for excellence in education by the superintendent of public instruction, and who has elected to receive his or her award in the form of the academic grant.

(5) "Academic year" shall mean two semesters or three quarters of full–time graduate coursework.

(6) "Stipend" shall mean an amount not to exceed $1,000, payable only to cover costs incurred in taking courses for which a tuition and fee waiver was authorized under preexisting law (RCW 28A.625.020 (3)(a)). No award recipient named after May 17, 1991 shall be entitled to receive payment of the stipend.


WAC 250–78–040 Eligibility to participate. (1) Each year, the higher education coordinating board shall receive from the superintendent of public instruction, or his or her designee, an official list of the names of the current–year Washington award for excellence in education (Christa McAuliffe) recipients who have elected to receive the academic grant.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction, or his or her designee, shall provide the higher education coordinating board with an official list of the names of Washington award for excellence in education (Christa McAuliffe) recipients who were awarded the waiver of forty-five quarter or thirty semester credits of tuition and fees under RCW 28B.15.547 prior to May 17, 1991.

(3) Recipients may not use the academic grant for any courses that include any religious worship or exercise, or for any degree in religious, seminarian, or theological academic studies.

(4) On and after May 17, 1991, individual benefits under this program must be fully utilized and courses completed within four years of the date of official notification of the award recipient's selection and receipt of the academic grant, as provided by the superintendent of public instruction, or his or her designee, to the higher education coordinating board.

(5) Recipients must agree to comply with all conditions of the award and provide documentation to the board as necessary for proper administration of the academic grant.


WAC 250–78–050 Award amount. (1) The current academic year full–time resident graduate tuition rate in effect at the state's public universities shall be the maximum academic grant available to any recipient in that year.

(2) Consistent with terms of prior law, recipients who received notification of their award by the office of the superintendent of public instruction prior to May 17, 1991 may be eligible to receive a stipend not to exceed $1,000 to cover approved educational costs related to academic coursework.

(3) The recipient's initial institution of attendance following receipt of official notice of the academic grant award by the board shall be used to determine the dollar value of individual academic grant awards as follows:

(a) Award recipients who elect to use the academic grant for courses at one of the state's research universities shall receive an academic grant which shall not exceed the current academic year full–time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at one of the state's research universities.

(b) Award recipients who elect to use the academic grant for courses at one of the state's regional universities or The Evergreen State College shall receive an academic grant which shall not exceed the current academic year full–time resident graduate tuition for courses taken at one of the state's regional universities or The Evergreen State College.

(c) Washington private colleges and universities may elect to participate in the program. Participating private institutions shall match on at least a dollar–for–dollar basis, either with actual money or by waiver of fees, the amount of the academic grant received by the recipient from the state. Award recipients who elect to use the academic grant for courses at one of the state's participating private institutions shall receive an academic grant which, when combined with the matching portion, shall not exceed the current academic year full–time resident graduate tuition and the services and activities fees in effect at the state–funded research universities. Any recipient who received notification of his or her award by the office of the superintendent of public instruction prior to May 17, 1991 has a vested right to the $1,000 stipend, including those recipients who elect to attend a private institution. However, private institutions are not required to match the amount of the stipend.

(d) Award recipients who elect to use the academic grant for courses at a public or private higher education institution in another state or country shall receive an
academic grant which shall not exceed the current academic year full-time resident graduate tuition and the services and activities fees in effect at the state-funded research universities, provided the following additional criteria are met:

(i) The institution has an exchange program with a public or private higher education institution in Washington and the exchange program is approved or recognized by the higher education coordinating board; or

(ii) The institution is approved or recognized by the higher education coordinating board; and

(iii) The recipient of the Washington award for excellence in education (Christa McAuliffe) academic grant has submitted in writing to the higher education coordinating board an explanation of why the preferred course or courses are not available at a public or private institution in Washington.

(e) The remaining value of the tuition/fee waiver for recipients who were awarded the tuition/fee waiver for forty-five quarter or thirty semester credits prior to May 17, 1991 shall be calculated as a ratio of available (unused) credits to the total credits originally awarded. That ratio shall be converted to a dollar value which is proportional to the current academic year full-time resident graduate tuition in effect at one of the state's public universities.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28B.80 RCW and 1991 c 255. 91-20-070, § 250-78-050, filed 9/26/91, effective 10/27/91.]

WAC 250-78-060 Management of funds. (1) Disbursements of all grant funds are contingent upon appropriations and, in the event that funds are insufficient, disbursements will be issued term by term.

(2) At the option of the board, the academic grant may be disbursed as a lump sum award or in incremental amounts related to the recipient's plan of study and under a schedule of payments as developed by the board.

(3) Recipients who have not fully utilized their award benefit within the four year eligibility period shall forfeit the remaining value of their academic grant award.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28B.80 RCW and 1991 c 255. 91-20-070, § 250-78-060, filed 9/26/91, effective 10/27/91.]