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PASSPORT TO CAREERS GUIDE

Use the links on the right side of this page—in the blue box titled *Passport to Careers Guide*—to learn more about the Passport program and the people and resources that are here to help you.

What is the Passport to Careers program?

Have you been in foster care? Or were you homeless without a parent or guardian?

Are you wondering what the future holds? The Passport to Careers program will help:

- Figure out what job would be a good fit for you.
- Provide money to pay for college or training to help you get that job.
- Provide money for living expenses while you are in college or job training.



The Passport to Careers program helps Washington students—specifically those who have been in various types of foster care or who have experienced unaccompanied homelessness—to prepare for careers. Help includes money to put toward the costs of earning a college certificate or degree or job training through a pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship program. Help also includes experts to help answer your questions and navigate your pathway.

If you are eligible, you have the choice of two career pathways: one leads to a college degree or certificate, and one leads to an apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship program.

Click on the tabs below for more information about the Passport pathways.

[Passport to College](#)

[Passport to Apprenticeship](#)

Eligibility

You are eligible for Passport to Careers financial aid and support services if you:

1. Meet the criteria for former foster youth or unaccompanied homeless youth outlined in the tabs below.
2. Are enrolled (or will enroll) at least half-time in an **eligible college** or registered **pre-apprenticeship** or **apprenticeship program** by your 21st birthday.
3. Maintain Washington residency as outlined in the tab below.
4. Meet the following additional criteria if in the Passport to College track:
 - a. Are working toward a certificate, associate degree, or first bachelor's degree. You may not receive the scholarship if you are pursuing a degree in theology.
 - b. Continue to make satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college you attend.

Click on the tabs below for more information about eligibility.

[Former Foster Youth](#)

[Unaccompanied Homeless Youth](#)

[Residency](#)

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[Where can I get help from experts, and access online resources to learn more?](#)

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

APPLY
for Passport

QUESTIONS?

[Passport to Careers program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

If you have questions about your specific situation, contact the Passport to Careers program at passport@wsac.wa.gov or 1-888-535-0747, option 2.

RESOURCES

- [Passport to Careers Flier](#)
- [Passport to Careers Flier for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth](#)
- [Program Implementation Timeline](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Passport Incentive Grant Summary](#)
- [Passport Program Brief](#)