

Student Achievement Council

RCW 28A.600.100 through .150, and 28B.12, .45, .70, .76, .77, .85, .90, .92, .95, .97, .102, .105, .106, .108, .109, .110, .115, .116, .117, .118, .119, .120, .122, .133, .135, .145

Request	\$862,218,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$93,834,263	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	12.2%	Increase

The Legislature created the Washington Student Achievement Council in July 2012 (RCW 28B.77). By statute, the council provides strategic planning, oversight, advocacy, and programs to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington.

Strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy includes: Propose goals and recommend resources to increase educational attainment by means of a ten-year Roadmap and a short-term Strategic Action Plan; propose improvements and innovations needed to address the state's evolving educational needs; advocate for higher education and educate the public on the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education; connect and align the work of educational programs, schools, and institutions to support student transitions from secondary and postsecondary education to the workforce; facilitate analysis and research to increase educational attainment and system development; assess the need for additional degrees and programs throughout the state; improve student success by setting minimum college admission standards and by supporting students' transitions through all phases of education; protect education consumers by authorizing out-of-state institutions to operate in Washington and by monitoring program quality and finances; represent the broad public interest above the interests of the individual institutions of higher education.

Program administration includes: Ensure the quality of state financial aid programs and services that support educational access and affordability; provide college savings opportunities through the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program; prepare underrepresented middle and high school students for postsecondary education through early outreach and success programs, such as College Bound and GEAR UP.

Agency Mission

The Washington Student Achievement Council advances educational opportunities and attainment in Washington. In pursuit of our mission, the council leads statewide strategic planning to improve educational coordination and transitions; supports Washingtonians through the administration of financial aid, a college savings plan, and support services; advocates for the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
512,154,000	27,405	General Fund - Basic Account - State	505,247,046	512,126,595	594,032,000
16,660,000	2,000	General Fund - Basic Account - Federal	11,694,324	16,658,000	16,817,000
300,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	80,167	300,000	300,000
		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local Unanticipated	116,650		
40,671,000		Education Legacy Trust Account - State	78,560,001	40,671,000	149,264,000
173,530,000		WA Opportunity Pathways Account - State	141,000,000	173,530,000	81,640,000
104,000		Aerospace Training Student Loan Acc - State		104,000	208,000
6,000,000		Opportunity Expansion Account - State		6,000,000	
1,720,000		Health Prof Loan Repay/Scholar Prog - State		1,720,000	1,720,000
<u>751,139,000</u>	<u>29,405</u>	Total Appropriated Funds	<u>736,698,188</u>	<u>751,109,595</u>	<u>843,981,000</u>

Non-Appropriated Funds

Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated		18,141		
Future Teacher Conditional Scholar - Non-Appropriated	245,769	398,000	468,000	
Health Prof Loan Repay/Scholar Prog - Non-Appropriated	3,290,737	4,138,001	4,189,000	
State Educational Trust Fund Acct - Non-Appropriated	722,213	1,292,000	1,292,000	
Advanced Coll Tuition Payment Prog - Non-Appropriated	10,356,613	11,278,000	12,138,000	
4 Yr Student Child Care Hi Ed Acct - Non-Appropriated	149,644	150,000	150,000	
Total Non-Appropriated Funds	14,764,976	17,274,142	18,237,000	

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	412,342,806	121.6%	16,920,573	2.3%	93,834,263	12.2%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	101.8	102.2	104.5	107.5	104.5

Agency Local Funds

Foster Care Endowed Scholarship Trust

This account receives funds appropriated by the legislature for the Foster Care Endowed Scholarship program. When the Council receives \$25,000 in private cash donations, matching funds are transferred from the Foster Care Endowed Scholarship Trust to the Foster Care Scholarship Endowment Account.

State Financial Aid Account

The primary purpose of the account is to ensure that all appropriations designated for financial aid through statewide student financial aid programs are made available to eligible students. Monies appropriated for use by State Need Grant,

GET Ready for Math and Science Scholarship Account

This account is used for scholarships to eligible students and for purchases of GET units. Purchased GET units are owned and held in trust by the board. Expenditures from the account are an equal match of state appropriations and private funds raised by the program administrator.

Aerospace Training Student Loan Account

This account is used solely for low-interest student loans to participants in the aerospace training student loan program and costs associated with program administration. Eligible students must be in an aerospace training and educational program and maintain satisfactory progress in that program.

Opportunity Expansion Account

This account provides opportunity expansion awards to institutions of higher education.

Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship Account

This account is used to accumulate repayments from recipients who did not subsequently meet the service requirements of previous conditional scholarship programs for teachers. Funds accumulated will be used either to award new conditional scholarships or to allow teachers serving in underserved areas or disciplines to repay student loans.

Washington Graduate Fellowship Trust Account

Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the graduate fellowship program are deposited in the Graduate Fellowship Trust Account. The program provides a matching grant to assist public four-year institutions of higher education in creating endowments for funding fellowships for graduate students.

Commission on Higher Education Professional Student Exchange Program Trust Account

This account is used to accumulate repayments from recipients who did not subsequently meet the service requirements of this WICHE compact program. When sufficient funds accumulate, they are used to fund new awards.

Advance College Tuition Payment Program Account

This account is used to accumulate advance college tuition payments. Tuition is purchased in units representing one-hundredth of a full year's average tuition at Washington public institutions.

American Indian Scholarship Endowment Account

Earnings from the account are used to provide scholarships to American Indian higher education students. The principal of the endowment fund shall not be invaded.

Foster Care Scholarship Endowment Account

This account is used to provide grants to eligible students.

Statement of Local Fund Balances

	7/1/15 Fund Balance	6/30/17 Estimated Fund Balance	2017-19 Estimated Revenues	2017-19 Estimated Expenditures	6/30/19 Estimated Fund Balance
Non-Budgeted Funds					
Foster Care Endowed Scholarship Trust	15,000	15,000	0	0	15,000
State Financial Aid Account	2,803,000	796,000	581,690,000	582,486,000	0
GET Ready for Math and Science Scholarship Account	10,000	12,000	4,000	0	16,000
Aerospace Training Student Loan Account	3,350,000	1,751,000	1,325,000	908,000	2,168,000
Opportunity Scholarship Match Transfer Account	354,000	0	0	0	0
Future Teachers Conditional Scholarship Account	2,549,000	3,473,000	3,132,000	3,156,000	3,449,000
Washington CollegeSavings Program Account	0	0	523,000	136,000	387,000
Washington Graduate Fellowship Trust Account	0	0	0	0	0
Commission on Higher Education Professional Student Exchange Program Trust Account	51,000	51,000	0	0	51,000
Advanced College Tuition Payment Program Account	(219,627,000)	400,000,000	505,808,000	462,562,000	443,246,000
American Indian Scholarship Endowment Account	326,000	326,000	28,000	28,000	326,000
Foster Care Scholarship Endowment Account	4,000	4,000	0	0	4,000
Total Non-Budgeted Funds	(210,180,000)	406,413,000	1,092,510,000	1,049,276,000	449,647,000