

Workforce Education Services (WES) offers start-up financial assistance to students seeking a professional-technical degree and/or certificate. Qualified students may receive awards to pay for college tuition, fees, and required textbook costs. DSHS childcare subsidy referrals and public benefits resources are available.



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# WES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

## **Worker Retraining**

- The Worker Retraining Program helps laid-off, unemployed, and dislocated workers update their skills and get back to work.
- The goal is to help students retrain for a high-demand, high-wage career.

# **Opportunity Grant and Opportunity Grant** for Healthcare Programs

 Low-income students can receive tuition assistance through the Opportunity Grant. OG funds may be awarded to eligible students for a maximum of 45 credits, and no more than three years from the original receipt date.

### **Eligibility**

- Washington state resident
- Considered low-income at or below the 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Enrolled in the SBCTC approved programs at Highline College
- Certificate, AAS degree (professional-technical programs)

## **Basic Food, Employment & Training (BFET)**

The BFET Grant provides financial assistance to students who wish to pursue careers in high-demand, well-paying industries, thereby preparing them for the workforce.

### **Eligibility**

- Receiving Federal Basic Food Assistance (SNAP/EBT) from Washington's DSHS.
- U.S. citizens, immigrants, or refugees who obtain US citizenship through naturalization.

## **Early Achievers**

 The Early Achievers grant is designed to help employed childcare providers and early learning educators to complete certificates and AAS degrees in early childhood education

#### **Eligibility**

- WA resident or have a valid work visa.
- Currently working as a childcare provider at a child care center, family child care business, Head Start or ECEAP program that participates in Early Achievers
- Must work a minimum of 10 hours per week (or 40 hours per month) for at least 3 months.
- Studying with the intent of earning an ECE related degree or certificate



Action steps to enroll; view enrollment deadlines at registration.

highline.edu/registration/dates-and-deadlines/

- Apply for admission to Highline College at apply.ctc.edu/user Links will be emailed after admissions submission to activate ctcLink account and Student email account.
- Meet with the Pathway Advisor to create a program plan and enroll into classes.
- Complete the WES
  Funding Orientation
  online and fill out the
  intake paper; links will
  be emailed after
  orientation submission.
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- Placement assessment may be required to enroll in English or/and Math.
- Complete the FAFSA or WASFA application to pay for college.



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