

WASHINGTON STATE
**COLLEGE ACCESS
CHALLENGE GRANT**

WASHINGTON
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The College Access Challenge Grant Program

Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board

Our Vision

Test models and build the foundation for a state college access, information, and outreach program to raise the educational attainment for all students as recommended by the state Strategic Master Plan.

Pre-Award Process

- Statewide advisory/information meetings.
- Gap analysis.
- Service identification.
- Selection of non-profit partners.
 - RPF process
 - 11 applications
 - 4 sub-grantees

Gaps in Services

- Need for a broad College Bound Scholarship support.
- Need for supplemental guidance and mentoring services.
- Need for information outreach and support.
- Need for a statewide college access and success network.

Added Activities

- Support College Bound Scholarship outreach and signup activities.
- Supplement guidance and mentoring services.
- Promote college access information and activities.
- Support statewide college access and success network.

Sub-Grantees

- College Success Foundation
- Northwest Education Loan Association
- Community Foundation of North Central Washington
- Metropolitan Development Council

Key Successes

- Major support to College Bound Scholarship program.
- Better coordinated activities and effort.
- Tripling numbers of students/activities.
- student and parent mentoring services and support.
- Concrete steps taken in creating a Washington college access network.

Challenges

- Communications and support for students and parents who signed up for the College Bound Scholarship.
- Development of a sustainable model for student support in the two-year time frame.
- Maintenance of a statewide web portal.