

## Chapter 28B.92 RCW

### STATE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

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#### **RCW 28B.92.005**

#### **Financial aid application due dates and information—Notification.**

Community and technical colleges shall provide financial aid application due dates and information on whether or not financial aid will be awarded on a rolling basis to their admitted students at the time of acceptance. State universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College shall provide financial aid application due dates and distribution policies on their web sites, including whether financial aid is awarded on a rolling basis, for prospective and admitted students.

[ 2015 c 212 § 1; 2014 c 53 § 2.]

## NOTES:

**Intent—2014 c 53:** "The legislature recognizes that in recent years not all students eligible for the state need grant program have received an award due to limited funds and unfamiliarity with disbursement policies. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to ensure that institutions of higher education clearly disseminate their financial aid policies to admitted and prospective students." [ 2014 c 53 § 1.]

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## RCW 28B.92.010

### State need grant program established—Purpose.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

The purposes of this chapter are to establish the principles upon which the state financial aid programs will be based and to establish the state of Washington state need grant program, thus assisting financially needy or disadvantaged students domiciled in Washington to obtain the opportunity of attending an accredited institution of higher education. State need grants under this chapter are available only to students who are resident students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e) or any person who has completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a high school diploma, either at a Washington public high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma; who has lived in Washington state for at least three years immediately before receiving the diploma or its equivalent; who has continuously lived in the state of Washington after receiving the diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is admitted to an eligible institution of higher education and has been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the United States citizenship and immigration services.

[ 2014 c 1 § 1; 2004 c 275 § 34; 1999 c 345 § 2; 1993 sp.s. c 18 § 2; 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 7. Formerly RCW 28B.10.800, 28.76.430.]

## NOTES:

**Short title—2014 c 1:** "This act may be known and cited as the real hope act." [ 2014 c 1 § 2.]

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW 28B.76.090.

**Effective date—1993 sp.s. c 18:** See note following RCW 28B.12.060.

**Legislative declaration—1969 ex.s. c 222:** "The legislature hereby declares that it regards the higher education of its qualified domiciliaries to be a public purpose of great importance to the welfare and security of this state and nation; and further declares that the establishment of a student financial aid program, assisting financially needy or disadvantaged students in this state to be a desirable and economical method of furthering this purpose. The legislature has concluded that the

benefit to the state in assuring the development of the talents of its qualified domiciliaries will bring tangible benefits to the state in the future.

The legislature further declares that there is an urgent need at present for the establishment of a state of Washington student financial aid program, and that the most efficient and economical way to meet this need is through the plan prescribed in this act." [ 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 6.]

**Severability—1969 ex.s. c 222:** "If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [ 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 24.]

*State educational trust fund—Established—Deposits—Use: RCW 28B.92.140.*

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## **RCW 28B.92.020**

### **State need grant program—Findings—Intent.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

(1) The legislature finds that the higher education community , has completed a review of the state need grant program. It is the intent of the legislature to endorse the proposed changes to the state need grant program, including:

(a) Reaffirmation that the primary purpose of the state need grant program is to assist low-income, needy, and disadvantaged Washington residents attending institutions of higher education;

(b) A goal that the base state need grant amount over time be increased to be equivalent to the rate of tuition charged to resident undergraduate students attending Washington state public colleges and universities;

(c) State need grant recipients be required to contribute a portion of the total cost of their education through self-help;

(d) State need grant recipients be required to document their need for dependent care assistance after taking into account other public funds provided for like purposes; and

(e) Institutional aid administrators be allowed to determine whether a student eligible for a state need grant in a given academic year may remain eligible for the ensuing year if the student's family income increases by no more than a marginal amount except for funds provided through the educational assistance grant program for students with dependents.

(2) The legislature further finds that the changes in subsection (1) of this section , should do so in a timely manner.

(3) The legislature also finds that:

(a) In most circumstances, need grant eligibility should not extend beyond five years or one hundred twenty-five percent of the published length of the program in which the student is enrolled or the credit or clock-hour equivalent; and

(b) State financial aid programs should continue to adhere to the principle that funding follows resident students to their choice of institution of higher education.

[ 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 158; 2003 c 19 § 11; 1999 c 345 § 1. Formerly RCW 28B.10.801.]

### **NOTES:**

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

**Finding—Intent—Short title—2003 c 19:** See RCW **28B.133.005** and **28B.133.900**.

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## **RCW 28B.92.030**

### **Definitions.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Council" means the student achievement council.

(2) "Disadvantaged student" means a posthigh school student who by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental, experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution of higher education, who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is attending an institution of higher education under an established program designed to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time student.

(3) "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to needy students enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

(4) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

(a) Any public university, college, community college, or technical college operated by the state of Washington or any political subdivision thereof; or

(b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW **28B.92.150**. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an institution operating in another state must be:

(i) A separately accredited member institution of any such accrediting association;

(ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students; or

(iii) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of Washington as provided in RCW **28B.77.240**.

(5) "Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the financial inability, either through the student's parents, family and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by RCW **28C.18.162** who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as defined in RCW **28C.18.162** within one year of high school graduation.

(6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

(7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to complete a college program because of family or employment commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an eligible institution.

[ 2013 c 248 § 2; 2012 c 229 § 557; 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 159. Prior: 2009 c 238 § 7; 2009 c 215 § 5; 2004 c 275 § 35; 2002 c 187 § 1; 1989 c 254 § 2; 1985 c 370 § 56; 1979 ex.s. c 235 § 1; 1975 1st ex.s. c 132 § 16; 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 8. Formerly RCW 28B.10.802, 28.76.440.]

## NOTES:

**Findings—Intent—2013 c 248:** "The legislature finds that Western Governors University-Washington, recognized by the state of Washington under RCW 28B.77.240, serves a student population that is nontraditional and geographically diverse. Enrollment in Western Governors University-Washington has grown steadily since 2011 reaching over four thousand three hundred students. These students represent an average age of thirty-seven, sixty-nine percent of whom are classified as underserved, including low-income, ethnic minority, rural, and first-generation students.

The legislature also finds that tuition at Western Governors University-Washington has remained static since 2008 at five thousand seven hundred eighty dollars per year.

Further, the legislature finds that the population served by Western Governors University-Washington deserves to have access to affordable postsecondary education, including baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. Therefore, the legislature intends to provide access to the state need grant program for eligible students attending Western Governors University-Washington.

The legislature also intends that Western Governors University-Washington comply with all reporting requirements established by the student achievement council for state need grant participation, including financial information about students, enrollment, graduation and placement rates, and the institution's standing with its accrediting agency, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and the United States department of education." [ 2013 c 248 § 1.]

**Effective date—2013 c 248:** "This act takes effect August 1, 2013." [ 2013 c 248 § 6.]

**Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904:** See note following RCW 28B.77.005.

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Findings—Intent—2009 c 238:** See note following RCW 28C.18.160.

**Findings—Intent—2009 c 215:** "The legislature finds that a myriad of financial aid programs exist for students at the federal, state, local, community, and institutional levels. These programs enable thousands of students across Washington to access all sectors of higher education, from apprenticeship programs to public and private four and two-year institutions of higher education. The legislature further finds that Washington state is a national leader in the distribution of financial aid to increase college access and affordability, ranking fourth in the nation in 2007 in terms of state student grant aid funding per capita.

It is the intent of the legislature to promote and expand access to state financial aid programs by determining which programs provide the greatest value to the largest number of students, and by fully supporting those programs. Furthermore, it is the intent of the legislature to designate all existing financial aid an opportunity pathway, with the effect of providing students with a clear understanding of available resources to pay for postsecondary education, thereby increasing access to postsecondary education and meeting the needs of local business and industry.

It is the intent of the legislature that the \*higher education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the workforce training and education coordinating board, and institutions of higher education coordinate the development of outreach tools, such as a web-based portal for information on all opportunity pathway aid programs. The information should be communicated in a format and manner that provides an ease of understanding for students and their families and include other pertinent information on institutions of higher education, costs, and academic programs. It is also the intent of the legislature for institutions of higher education to incorporate this information in promotional materials to prospective and current students and their families." [ 2009 c 215 § 1.]

**\*Reviser's note:** The higher education coordinating board ("board") was abolished by 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 301, effective July 1, 2012.

**Effective date—2009 c 215:** "This act takes effect August 1, 2009." [ 2009 c 215 § 17.]

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW 28B.76.090.

**Intent—1989 c 254:** "It is the intent of the legislature that nothing in this act shall prevent or discourage an individual from making an effort to repay any state financial aid awarded during his or her collegiate career." [ 1989 c 254 § 1.]

**Effective date—Severability—1975 1st ex.s. c 132:** See notes following RCW 28B.77.060.

*Loan programs for mathematics and science teachers: RCW 28B.15.760 through 28B.15.766.*

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## RCW 28B.92.040

### Guidelines in performance of duties.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

The office shall be cognizant of the following guidelines in the performance of its duties:

(1) The office shall be research oriented, not only at its inception but continually through its existence.

(2) The office shall coordinate all existing programs of financial aid except those specifically dedicated to a particular institution by the donor.

(3) The office shall take the initiative and responsibility for coordinating all federal student financial aid programs to ensure that the state recognizes the maximum potential effect of these programs, and shall design state programs that complement existing federal, state, and institutional programs. The office shall ensure that state programs continue to follow the principle that state financial aid funding follows the student to the student's choice of institution of higher education.

(4) Counseling is a paramount function of the state need grant and other state student financial aid programs, and in most cases could only be properly implemented at the institutional levels; therefore, state student financial aid programs shall be concerned with the attainment of those goals which, in the judgment of the office, are the reasons for the existence of a student financial aid program, and not solely with administration of the program on an individual basis.

(5) The "package" approach of combining loans, grants and employment for student financial aid shall be the conceptual element of the state's involvement.

(6) The office shall ensure that allocations of state appropriations for financial aid are made to individuals and institutions in a timely manner and shall closely monitor expenditures to avoid under or overexpenditure of appropriated funds.

[ 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 160; 2004 c 275 § 36; 1999 c 345 § 3; 1995 c 269 § 801; 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 10. Formerly RCW 28B.10.804, 28.76.450.]

## NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW 28B.76.090.

**Effective date—Part headings not law—Severability—1995 c 269:** See notes following RCW 18.16.050.

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## RCW 28B.92.050

### Powers and duties of office.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

The office shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Conduct a full analysis of student financial aid as a means of:

- (a) Fulfilling educational aspirations of students of the state of Washington, and
- (b) Improving the general, social, cultural, and economic character of the state.

Such an analysis will be a continuous one and will yield current information relevant to needed improvements in the state program of student financial aid. The office will disseminate the information yielded by their analyses to all appropriate individuals and agents.

(2) Design a state program of student financial aid based on the data of the study referred to in this section. The state programs will supplement available federal and local aid programs. The state programs of student financial aid will not exceed the difference between the budgetary costs of attending an institution of higher education and the student's total resources, including family support, personal savings, employment, and federal, state, and local aid programs.

(3) Determine and establish criteria for financial need of the individual applicant based upon the consideration of that particular applicant. In making this determination the office shall consider the following:

- (a) Assets and income of the student.
  - (b) Assets and income of the parents, or the individuals legally responsible for the care and maintenance of the student.
  - (c) The cost of attending the institution the student is attending or planning to attend.
  - (d) Any other criteria deemed relevant to the office.
- (4) Set the amount of financial aid to be awarded to any individual needy or disadvantaged student in any school year.

(5) Award financial aid to needy or disadvantaged students for a school year based upon only that amount necessary to fill the financial gap between the budgetary cost of attending an institution of higher education and the family and student contribution.

(6) Review the need and eligibility of all applications on an annual basis and adjust financial aid to reflect changes in the financial need of the recipients and the cost of attending the institution of higher education.

[ 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 161; 1999 c 345 § 4; 1989 c 254 § 3; 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 11. Formerly RCW 28B.10.806, 28.76.460.]

## NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Intent—1989 c 254:** See note following RCW 28B.92.030.

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## RCW 28B.92.060

### State need grant awards.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 1311-S2.SL) \*\*\*

In awarding need grants, the office shall proceed substantially as follows: PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the office, in the exercise of its sound discretion, from following another procedure when the best interest of the program so dictates:

(1) The office shall annually select the financial aid award recipients from among Washington residents applying for student financial aid who have been ranked according to:

(a) Financial need as determined by the amount of the family contribution; and

(b) Other considerations, such as whether the student is a former foster youth, or is a placebound student who has completed an associate of arts or associate of science degree or its equivalent.

(2) The financial need of the highest ranked students shall be met by grants depending upon the evaluation of financial need until the total allocation has been disbursed. Funds from grants which are declined, forfeited or otherwise unused shall be reawarded until disbursed, except that eligible former foster youth shall be assured receipt of a grant. The office, in consultation with four-year institutions of higher education, the council, and the state board for community and technical colleges, shall develop award criteria and methods of disbursement based on level of need, and not solely rely on a first-come, first-served basis.

(3) A student shall be eligible to receive a state need grant for up to five years, or the credit or clock hour equivalent of five years, or up to one hundred twenty-five percent of the published length of time of the student's program. A student may not start a new associate degree program as a state need grant recipient until at least five years have elapsed since earning an associate degree as a need grant recipient, except that a student may earn two associate degrees concurrently. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible program as



determined by the office. Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the grant shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by the institution according to the institution's own policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in RCW **28B.92.070**.

(4) In computing financial need, the office shall determine a maximum student expense budget allowance, not to exceed an amount equal to the total maximum student expense budget at the public institutions plus the current average state appropriation per student for operating expense in the public institutions. Any child support payments received by students who are parents attending less than half-time shall not be used in computing financial need.

(5)(a) A student who is enrolled in three to six credit-bearing quarter credits, or the equivalent semester credits, may receive a grant for up to one academic year before beginning a program that leads to a degree or certificate.

(b) An eligible student enrolled on a less-than-full-time basis shall receive a prorated portion of his or her state need grant for any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on a less-than-full-time basis, as long as funds are available.

(c) An institution of higher education may award a state need grant to an eligible student enrolled in three to six credit-bearing quarter credits, or the semester equivalent, on a provisional basis if:

(i) The student has not previously received a state need grant from that institution;

(ii) The student completes the required free application for federal student aid;

(iii) The institution has reviewed the student's financial condition, and the financial condition of the student's family if the student is a dependent student, and has determined that the student is likely eligible for a state need grant; and

(iv) The student has signed a document attesting to the fact that the financial information provided on the free application for federal student aid and any additional financial information provided directly to the institution is accurate and complete, and that the student agrees to repay the institution for the grant amount if the student submitted false or incomplete information.

(6) As used in this section, "former foster youth" means a person who is at least eighteen years of age, but not more than twenty-four years of age, who was a dependent of the department of social and health services at the time he or she attained the age of eighteen.

[ **2012 c 229 § 558**. Prior: **2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 162**; **2011 1st sp.s. c 10 § 9**; **2009 c 215 § 4**; **2007 c 404 § 2**; **2005 c 93 § 3**; **2004 c 275 § 37**; **1999 c 345 § 5**; **1991 c 164 § 4**; **1989 c 254 § 4**; **1969 ex.s. c 222 § 12**. Formerly RCW **28B.10.808**, **28.76.470**.]

## NOTES:

**Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904:** See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW **28B.76.020**.

**Findings—Intent—Short title—2011 1st sp.s. c 10:** See notes following RCW **28B.15.031**.

**Findings—Intent—Effective date—2009 c 215:** See notes following RCW **28B.92.030**.

**Findings—Intent—2005 c 93:** See note following RCW **74.13.570**.

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

**Intent—1989 c 254:** See note following RCW [28B.92.030](#).

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## **RCW 28B.92.065**

### **State need grant awards—Effect of reduction in tuition levels.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. will allow the legislature to reduce state need grant appropriations by an equal amount from the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts. The legislature does not intend to reduce award levels for private colleges and universities below the 2014-15 academic year levels.

By reducing the overall cost of tuition, the legislature in future biennia is better able and intends to serve those students currently eligible but unserved in the state need grant.

[ [2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 § 4](#).]

#### **NOTES:**

**Short title—2015 3rd sp.s. c 36:** See note following RCW [28B.15.031](#).

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## **RCW 28B.92.070**

### **Persian Gulf veterans—Limited application of RCW 28B.92.060.**

Under rules adopted by the council, the provisions of RCW [28B.92.060](#)(3) shall not apply to eligible students, as defined in RCW [28B.10.017](#), and eligible students shall not be required to repay the unused portions of grants received under the state student financial aid program.

[ [2012 c 229 § 559](#); [2004 c 275 § 38](#); [1991 c 164 § 3](#). Formerly RCW [28B.10.8081](#).]

#### **NOTES:**

**Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904:** See note following RCW [28B.77.005](#).

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

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## **RCW 28B.92.080**

## Eligibility for state need grant.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

Except for opportunity internship graduates whose eligibility is provided under RCW **28B.92.084**, for a student to be eligible for a state need grant a student must:

- (1) Be a "needy student" or "disadvantaged student" as determined by the office in accordance with RCW **28B.92.030** (2) and (5);
- (2) Have been domiciled within the state of Washington for at least one year;
- (3) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment for at least three quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits at an institution of higher education in Washington as defined in RCW **28B.92.030**(4); and
- (4) Have complied with all the rules adopted by the council for the administration of this chapter.

[ **2015 c 121 § 1**; **2012 c 229 § 605**; **2009 c 238 § 9**; **2007 c 404 § 1**; **2004 c 275 § 39**; **1999 c 345 § 6**; **1989 c 254 § 5**; **1969 ex.s. c 222 § 13**. Formerly RCW **28B.10.810**, **28.76.475**.]

### NOTES:

**Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904:** See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

**Findings—Intent—2009 c 238:** See note following RCW **28C.18.160**.

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW **28B.76.090**.

**Intent—1989 c 254:** See note following RCW **28B.92.030**.

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## RCW **28B.92.082**

### Enhanced need grants—Eligibility.

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

(1) To the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose and within overall appropriations for the state need grant, enhanced need grants are provided for persons who meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) Are needy students as defined in RCW **28B.92.030**;
- (b) Are placebound students as defined in RCW **28B.92.030**; and
- (c) Have completed the associate of arts or the associate of science degree, or its equivalent.

(2) The enhanced need grants established in this section are provided to this specific group of students in addition to the base state need grant, as defined by rule of the council.

[ **2012 c 229 § 560**; **2009 c 215 § 3**.]

### NOTES:

**Effective date—2012 c 229 §§ 101, 117, 401, 402, 501 through 594, 601 through 609, 701 through 708, 801 through 821, 902, and 904:** See note following RCW **28B.77.005**.

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## **RCW 28B.92.084**

### **Eligibility of opportunity internship graduates.**

\*\*\* CHANGE IN 2019 \*\*\* (SEE 2158-S2.SL) \*\*\*

(1) The office shall work with institutions of higher education to assure that the institutions are aware of the eligibility of opportunity internship graduates for an award under this chapter.

(2) If an opportunity internship graduate enrolls within one year of high school graduation in a postsecondary program of study in an institution of higher education, including in an apprenticeship program with related and supplemental instruction provided through an institution of higher education, the graduate is eligible to receive a state need grant for up to one year. The graduate shall not be required to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The related and supplemental instruction provided to a graduate through an apprenticeship program shall not be required to lead to a degree or certificate.

(3) Except for the eligibility criteria for an opportunity internship graduate that are provided under this section, other rules pertaining to award of a state need grant apply.

(4) Nothing in this section precludes an opportunity internship graduate from being eligible to receive additional state need grants after the one-year grant provided in this section if the graduate meets other criteria as a needy or disadvantaged student.

[ [2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 163](#); [2009 c 238 § 8](#).]

### **NOTES:**

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Findings—Intent—2009 c 238:** See note following RCW [28C.18.160](#).

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## **RCW 28B.92.085**

### **Part-time students—Review of financial aid policies and procedures.**

Institutions of higher education are encouraged to review their policies and procedures regarding financial aid for students taking a less-than-half-time course load, and to implement policies and procedures providing students taking a less-than-half-time course load with the same access to institutional aid, including tuition waivers, as provided to students enrolled half time or more.

[ [2007 c 404 § 3](#).]

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## **RCW 28B.92.086**

### **Dual credit programs—Review of financial aid policies and programs.**

Institutions of higher education are encouraged to review their policies and procedures regarding financial aid for students enrolled in dual credit programs as defined in RCW **28B.15.821**. Institutions of higher education are further encouraged to implement policies and procedures providing students enrolled in dual credit programs with the same access to institutional aid, including all educational expenses, as provided to resident undergraduate students.

[ **2009 c 215 § 10.**]

#### **NOTES:**

**Findings—Intent—Effective date—2009 c 215:** See notes following RCW **28B.92.030**.

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## **RCW 28B.92.090**

### **Aid granted without regard to applicant's race, creed, color, religion, sex, or ancestry.**

All student financial aid shall be granted by the commission without regard to the applicant's race, creed, color, religion, sex, or ancestry.

[ **1969 ex.s. c 222 § 14.** Formerly RCW **28B.10.812, 28.76.480.**]

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## **RCW 28B.92.100**

### **Theology student denied aid.**

No aid shall be awarded to any student who is pursuing a degree in theology.

[ **1969 ex.s. c 222 § 15.** Formerly RCW **28B.10.814, 28.76.490.**]

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## **RCW 28B.92.110**

### **Application of award.**

A state financial aid recipient under this chapter shall apply the award toward the cost of tuition, room, board, books, and fees at the institution of higher education attended. An opportunity internship graduate who enters an apprenticeship program may use the award for the costs of related and supplemental instruction provided through an institution of higher education, tools, and other costs associated with the apprenticeship program.

[ **2009 c 238 § 10; 2004 c 275 § 40; 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 16.** Formerly RCW **28B.10.816, 28.76.500.**]

## NOTES:

**Findings—Intent—2009 c 238:** See note following RCW [28C.18.160](#).

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

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## RCW [28B.92.120](#)

### Office to determine how funds disbursed.

Funds appropriated for student financial assistance to be granted pursuant to this chapter shall be disbursed as determined by the office.

[ [2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 164](#); [2004 c 275 § 41](#); [1969 ex.s. c 222 § 17](#). Formerly RCW [28B.10.818](#), [28.76.510](#).]

## NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

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## RCW [28B.92.130](#)

### Grants, gifts, bequests, and devises of property.

The office shall be authorized to accept grants, gifts, bequests, and devises of real and personal property from any source for the purpose of granting financial aid in addition to that funded by the state.

[ [2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 165](#); [2004 c 275 § 42](#); [1969 ex.s. c 222 § 18](#). Formerly RCW [28B.10.820](#), [28.76.520](#).]

## NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

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## RCW 28B.92.140

### State educational trust fund—Deposits—Expenditures.

The state educational trust fund is hereby established in the state treasury. The primary purpose of the trust is to pledge statewide available college student assistance to needy or disadvantaged students, especially middle and high school youth, considered at-risk of dropping out of secondary education who participate in approved early awareness and outreach programs and who enter any accredited Washington institution of postsecondary education within two years of high school graduation.

The office shall deposit refunds and recoveries of student financial aid funds expended in prior fiscal periods in such account. The office may also deposit moneys that have been contributed from other state, federal, or private sources.

Expenditures from the fund shall be for financial aid to needy or disadvantaged students. The office may annually expend such sums from the fund as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this section, including not more than three percent for the costs to administer aid programs supported by the fund. All earnings of investments of balances in the state educational trust fund shall be credited to the trust fund. Expenditures from the fund shall not be subject to appropriation but are subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW.

[ 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 166; 1997 c 269 § 1; 1996 c 107 § 1; 1991 sp.s. c 13 § 12; 1985 c 57 § 10; 1981 c 55 § 1. Formerly RCW 28B.10.821.]

#### NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW 28B.76.020.

**Effective dates—Severability—1991 sp.s. c 13:** See notes following RCW 18.08.240.

**Effective date—1985 c 57:** See note following RCW 18.04.105.

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## RCW 28B.92.150

### Rules.

The office shall adopt rules as may be necessary or appropriate for effecting the provisions of this chapter, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act.

[ 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 § 167; 2004 c 275 § 43; 1999 c 345 § 7; 1973 c 62 § 4; 1969 ex.s. c 222 § 19. Formerly RCW 28B.10.822, 28.76.530.]

#### NOTES:

**Effective date—2011 1st sp.s. c 11 §§ 101-103, 106-202, 204-244, and 301:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Intent—2011 1st sp.s. c 11:** See note following RCW [28B.76.020](#).

**Part headings not law—2004 c 275:** See note following RCW [28B.76.090](#).

**Savings—Severability—1973 c 62:** See notes following RCW [28B.10.510](#).