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SENIOR NIGHT



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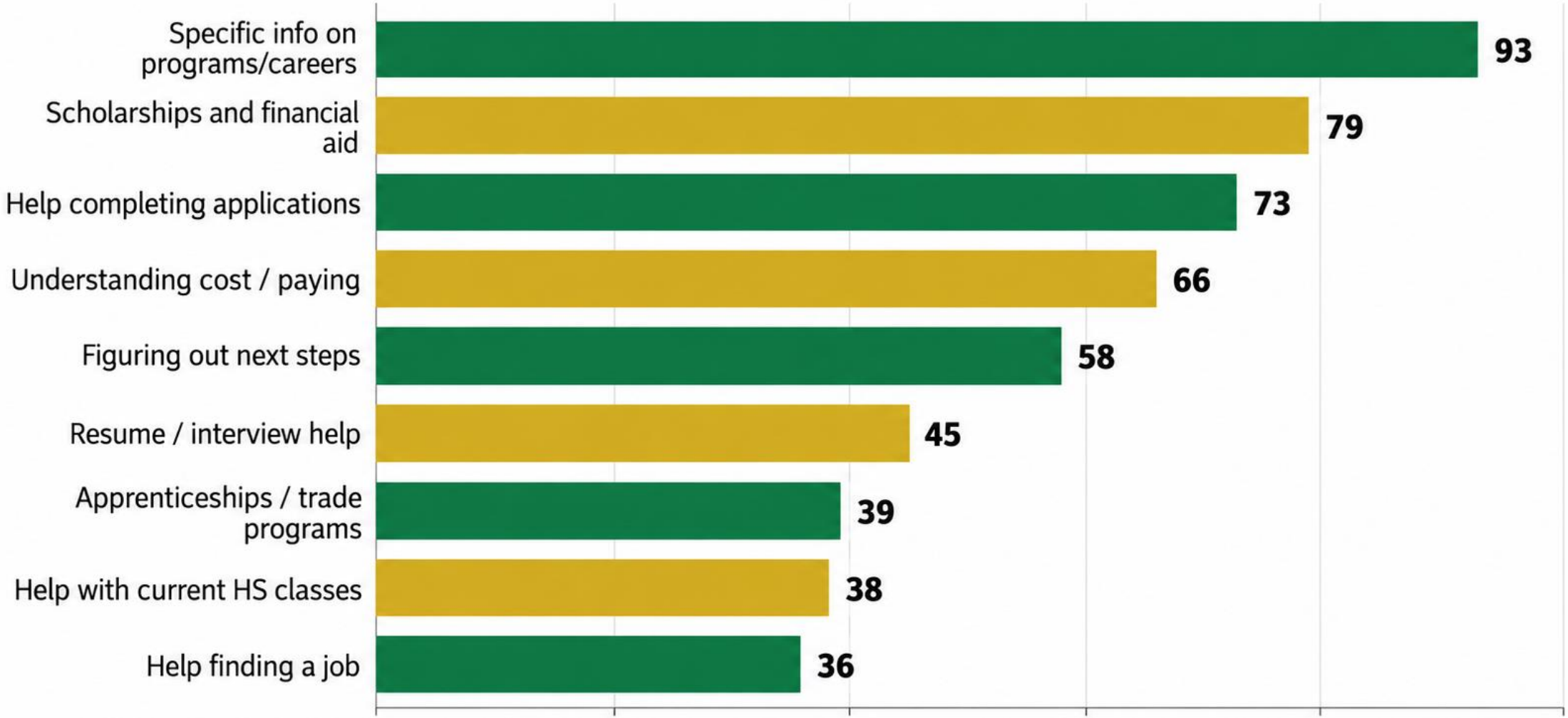
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Topics for Today

- Important Dates
- Graduation Requirements
- High School and Beyond Plan
- Applying to College
- FAFSA/WASFA process
- Jostens: Cap & Gowns
- Yearbook

What support do seniors want most?

Multiple selections allowed; top responses shown



Lynden High School Graduation Requirements

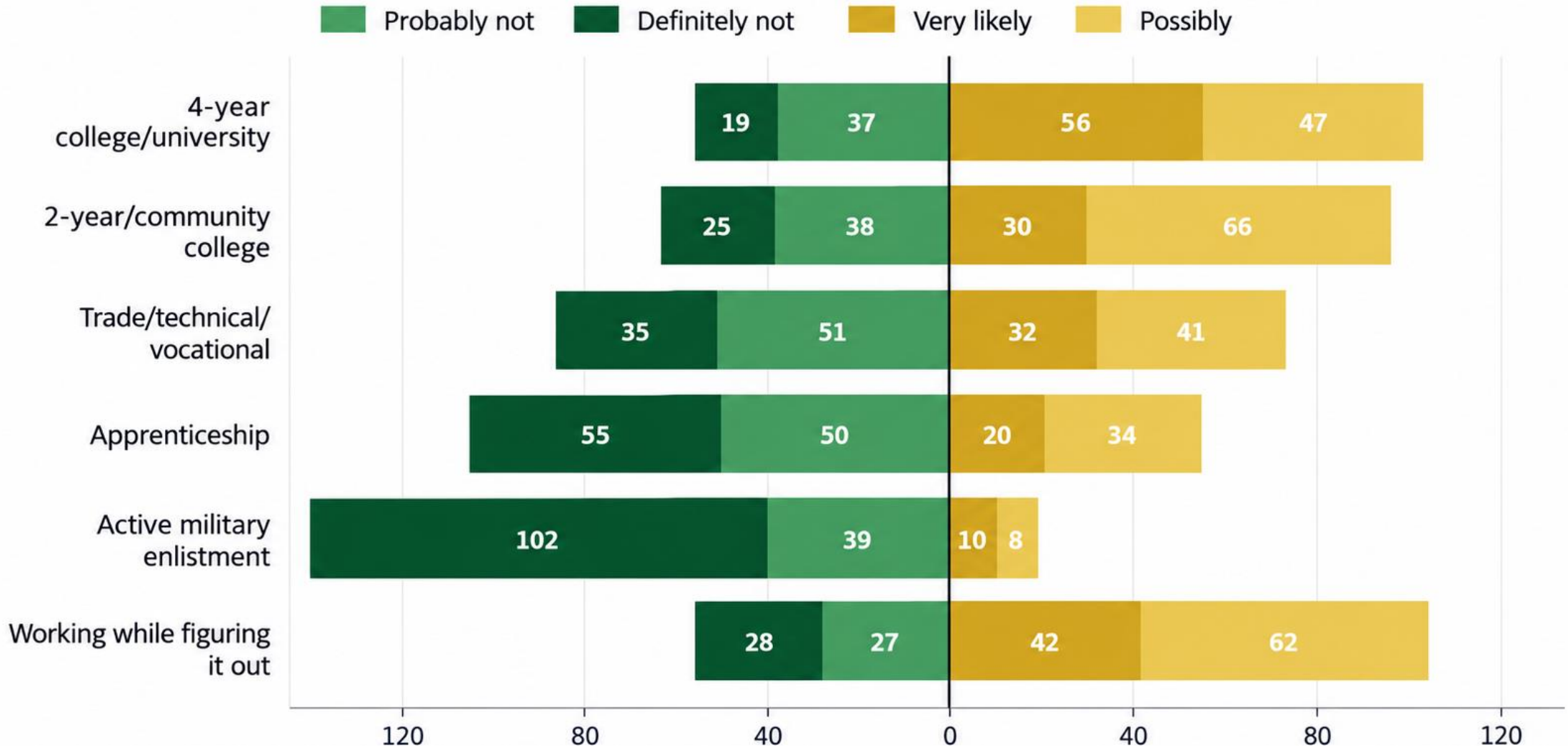
- ☑ **Earn 24 credits**
- ☑ **High School And Beyond Plan- SchooLinks/GPS**
- ☑ **Complete a State Pathway**
  - Postsecondary Education
    - State Test, AP, Transition Course, Dual Credit or Combination
  - CTE Course Pathway
    - 2.0 Credits in a CTE course sequence
  - Military Career Interest
    - ASVAB

Post Graduation Options

- University
- Community College
- Technical College
- Military
- Apprenticeships
- Work Force
- Explore, Travel, Mission

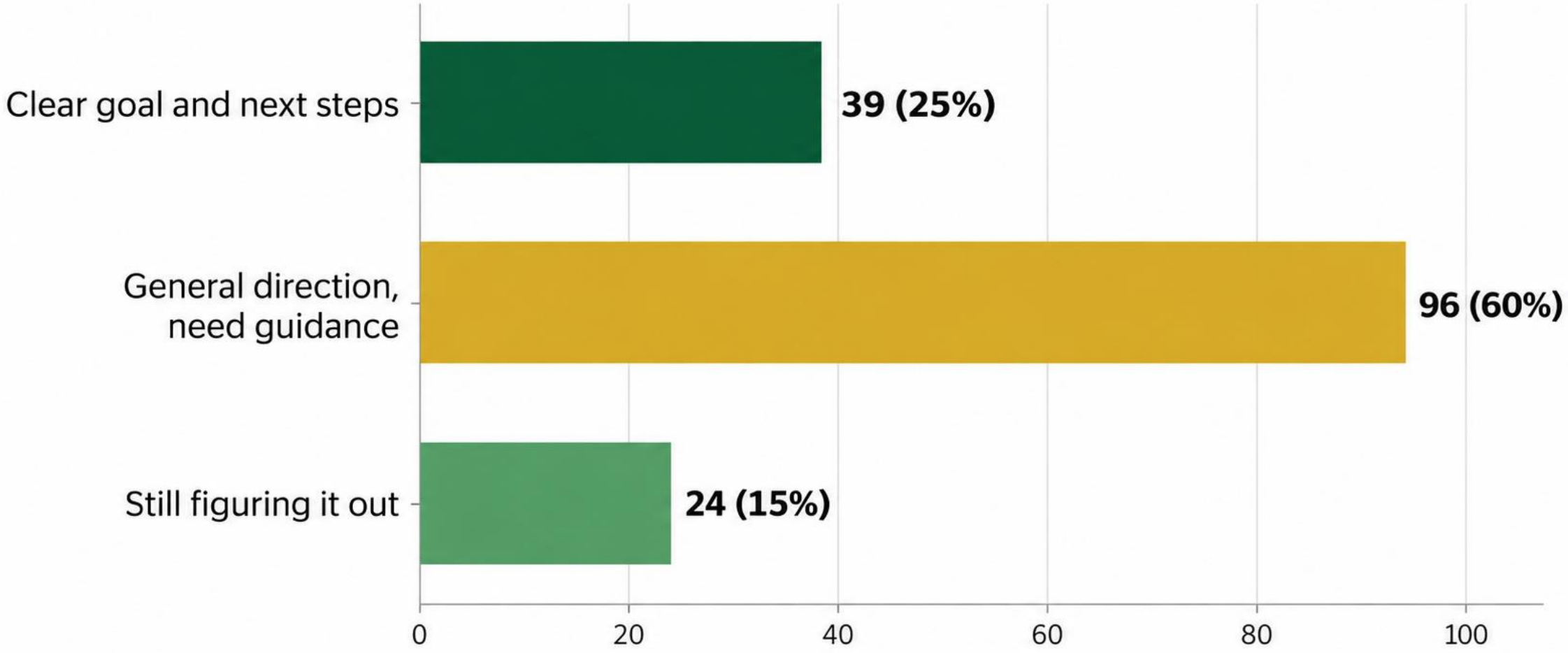
Senior interest in post-high-school pathways

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How clear is the plan right now?

n = 159 responses



Applying to 4-Year Colleges/University

- Applications & Deadlines
- SAT/ACT
- Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Essays

College Vocabulary

Regular Decision	Submit application by institution's specified date and receive a decision within a stated period
Rolling Admission	Institution reviews applications as they are submitted and renders admissions decisions to students throughout the admissions cycle
Early Action	Students apply early to an institution and receive a decision in advance of the regular response date. Students admitted under Early Action are **not** obligated to accept the offer of admission. Early Action is **non-binding**.
Early Decision	Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution, where, if admitted, they will definitely enroll. Early Decision is **binding**, meaning students may not withdraw their acceptance.

Most Commonly Applied to Decision Deadlines

- WCC- Rolling
- BTC- Rolling but check program admissions
- WWU- Early Action- Nov. 1st. Regular- Jan. 31st
- CWU- Jan. 31st
- EWU- Feb. 1st
- UW- Nov. 15th
- WSU- March 31st
- SPU-Early Action- Nov. 1st. Regular- Jan. 15
- Whitworth- Early Action- Nov. 15, Early Action 2- Jan 15th. Regular March 1.
- GCU- Rolling

Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program

The Washington Guaranteed Admission Program (WAGAP) guarantees your admission to a Washington public, four-year college or university.

All you need to do by high school graduation is:

- Earn and maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Meet the college academic distribution requirement courses (CADRs)

There's a place for you at Washington's public, four-year universities and WAGAP is just one of many ways to gain admission. To learn more, visit https://bit.ly/WaGap today!

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WAGAP
participating institutions

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EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

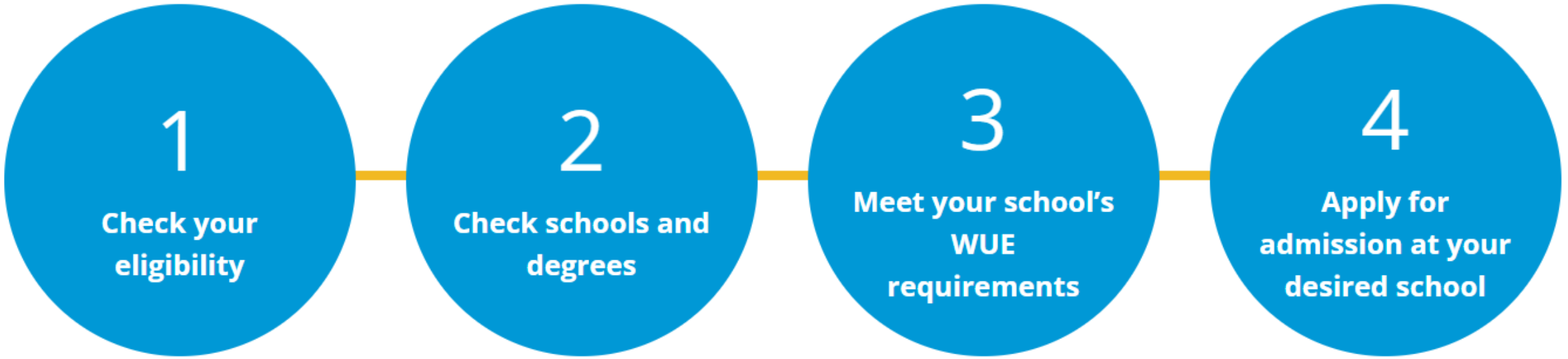
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

How do I access this?

Apply!

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

WUE Provides Students Greater Access to College with Reduced Tuition Rates at Participating Schools



https://www.wiche.edu/

University Opportunities

WSU- Instant Decision Day- WAGAP @ LHS

28 Oct.

30 Oct.

Visit WWU

Whitworth on campus

6 Nov.

Common Application – CommonApp.org

(Online platform where students can apply to multiple schools with one application)

How it works

1

Create your profile

Your Common App profile is your chance to shine. It's everything you want a college or university to know about you – from your academic coursework to your extracurricular activities.

2

Add colleges to your list

Now you get to decide what's most important to you in a college or university. Search through the characteristics and add colleges that align with them.

3

Gather requirements

Once you've decided where you want to apply, make a checklist of everything required. Each college and university is different, so make sure you stay on top of their application requirements.

Transcripts
Essay
1-2 Teacher Letters of Recommendation
Counselor Recommendation

4

Submit applications

Be sure to take a moment to celebrate this huge accomplishment! And remember to finish the academic year on a high note, apply for financial aid and prepare for the future.

SAT/ACT Updates

Most universities are test optional

- Do NOT require SAT/ACT scores for admission
- Confirm with your university

Check SAT/ACT website for future dates

- SAT - CollegeBoard.org
- ACT – ACT.org

Reasons to consider taking the SAT:

- Grades/transcript do not accurately reflect your ability to be successful in college
- Scholarships
- Placement in English/Math courses

Community and Technical Colleges



Free to apply



Easy to enroll

Graduate high school or be 18 years old



Still send FAFSA/WASFA to schools



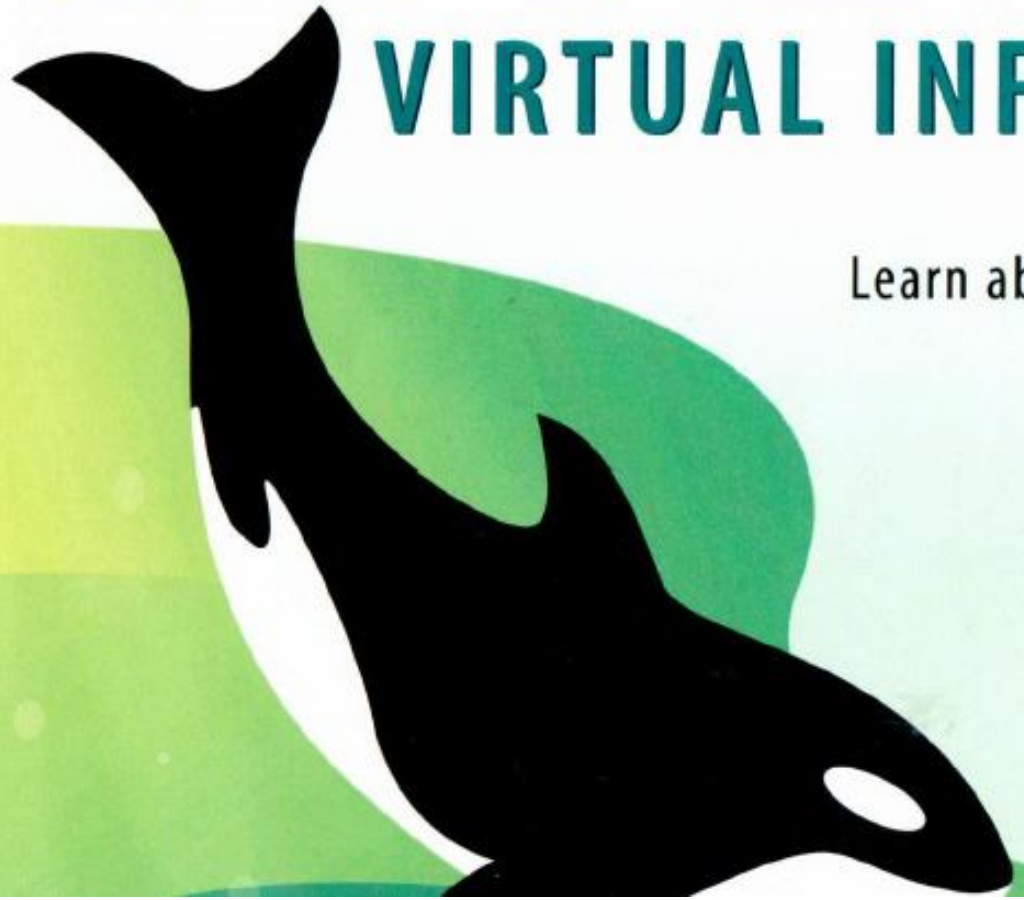
Transfer degrees or AA/certificate options

Common Options for Our Students:

- Whatcom Community College
- Bellingham Technical College
- Skagit Valley College
- Everett Community College

DIVE-IN to WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS



Learn about what Whatcom Community College has to offer
& hear from current students!

DATES & TIMES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8
@ 6 p.m.

October 30th



Tentative Agenda

8:30 AM, 8:45 AM, or 9:00 AM
Arrival and Check-In

Check your confirmation email for your designated arrival and check-in time.

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM (depending on arrival time)
Campus Tours

After your students check in, your group will be given a campus tour.

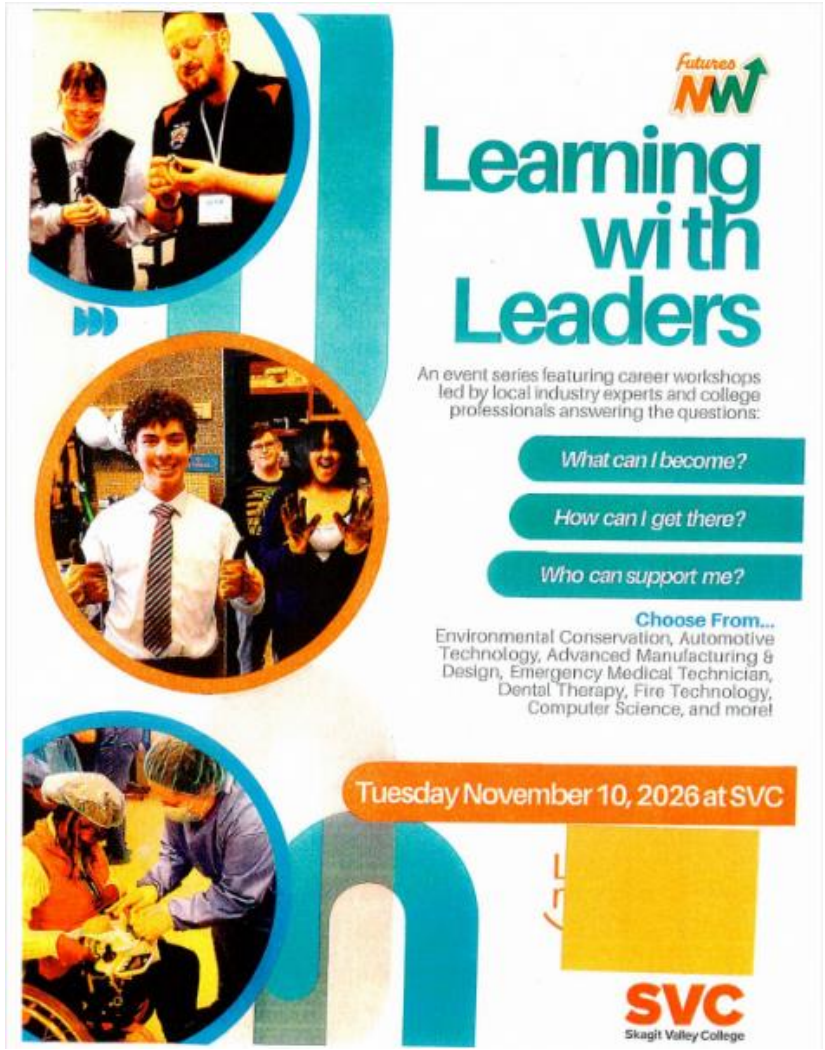
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Presentations

During this time, you will have the opportunity to attend an Admissions Information Session, Information Session, and more.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Lunch on Campus

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Residential Hall Showroom Viewings

November 10th



November 17th

Bellingham TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TOUR DAY

Explore BTC programs & pathways that help you Be You!

Hey, juniors and seniors, this is your chance to see what's happening at BTC and start planning your future after high school!

You'll get to explore BTC's programs, learn about high-paying career paths, and talk to students and instructors about why they do what they do.

For more information about BTC Tour Day contact your High School Counselor or Career Center Coordinator.

Questions:
e: outreach@btc.edu
p: 360.752.8745

FORGE YOUR OWN PATH
www.btc.edu

Guide to Paying for College



FAFSA/WASFA

Grants- Needs based
Work Study
Loans- Subsidized and unsubsidized



Financial Awards from Schools

CSS Profile
Merit Based Scholarships
Athletics, Arts, Music, Leadership
Endowments- $ from the school
Needs Based Scholarships- College Bound



Scholarships from outside organizations

Financial Aid As An Umbrella



Grants	• Income-based, federal, state and institutional.
Scholarships	• Merit and income-based, from public, private, and nonprofit sources.
Loans	• Income-based, federal and private.
Work Study	• Income-based, federal, state and institutional.

Examples of Washington State Financial Aid

- Washington College Grant
- College Bound
- State Work-Study
- Passport to Careers
- Opportunity Grant

Complete the Washington Application for State Financial Aid
(WASFA) or FAFSA to be considered for Washington State Financial Aid

WASFA
Washington Application for State Financial Aid

FAFSA® form

Anyone uncomfortable with submitting a federal FAFSA form can use the WASFA to apply only for state aid only.

Washington College Grant

With the WA Grant (Washington College Grant), more families are eligible for financial aid than ever before.

Family Size	Full Award	Partial Award
Eligible Student Family of 1	**Income** $43,500 or less	**Income** Up to $72,500
Eligible Student Family of 4	$83,500 or less	Up to $139,500

Award amounts vary based on income, family size, and the school or program attended.

WA Grant

OtterBot Texting Service - Help with Financial Aid & Post-secondary Navigation

Free, statewide, human-managed, AI-powered texting service that supports WA high school students and their parents/guardians in multiple languages.



CONTENT AREAS

Financial Aid

- FAFSA completion
- WASFA completion
- Verification
- Award letters
- Appeals
- Scholarship search

Admissions & Enrollment

- Admissions applications
- Admissions requirements
- Enrollment steps

College-going Info

- Terms and definitions
- Campus navigation
- Transition prep
- Socioemotional support

Reminders & Notifications

- Orientations
- Class registrations
- Scholarships
- Priority application dates

OtterBot/FutureBot

Parent/Guardian

Student

FAFSA/WASFA: It's a Process, Not an Event

Completion support opportunities:

Nov. 5th @ LHS during Quarter Report Card pick-up

1. Parent and student create Student Aid Account and send it to schools you are applying to
2. March - Award Letters sent out
3. Select School
4. Decide on financial aid package

Scholarships

National	Local	State
• FastWeb • CollegeBoard • Rolling Timeline	• LHS Scholarship WebPage/SchooLinks • Most January-April	• WashBoard.org • Rolling Timeline • College Bound Scholarship

Apprenticeship Programs

Local Businesses

- Matrix
- Axiom
- Andgar
- Lynden Sheet Metal
- Express Electric

See Mrs. Mehlhoff for more information on Apprenticeship Programs

Blue Tech By the Bay
EXPLORE EXCITING MARITIME CAREERS

Northern Construction Career Day

May TBD

Outdoor Heavy Equipment

Students have the opportunity to operate rigs, tools, and equipment under the guidance of operators and apprentices.

Indoor Hands-On Activities

Students can try their hand at activities such as laying mortar on brick, survey map reading, or operating a crane simulator. They will be introduced to local education programs, industry associations, apprenticeship training programs, etc. These organizations offer short sessions about their programs and support services.

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THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

ASVAB

Oct. 16 at LHS
7:50 in Library

Armed Services
Vocational
Aptitude Battery

Cap & Gown Orders

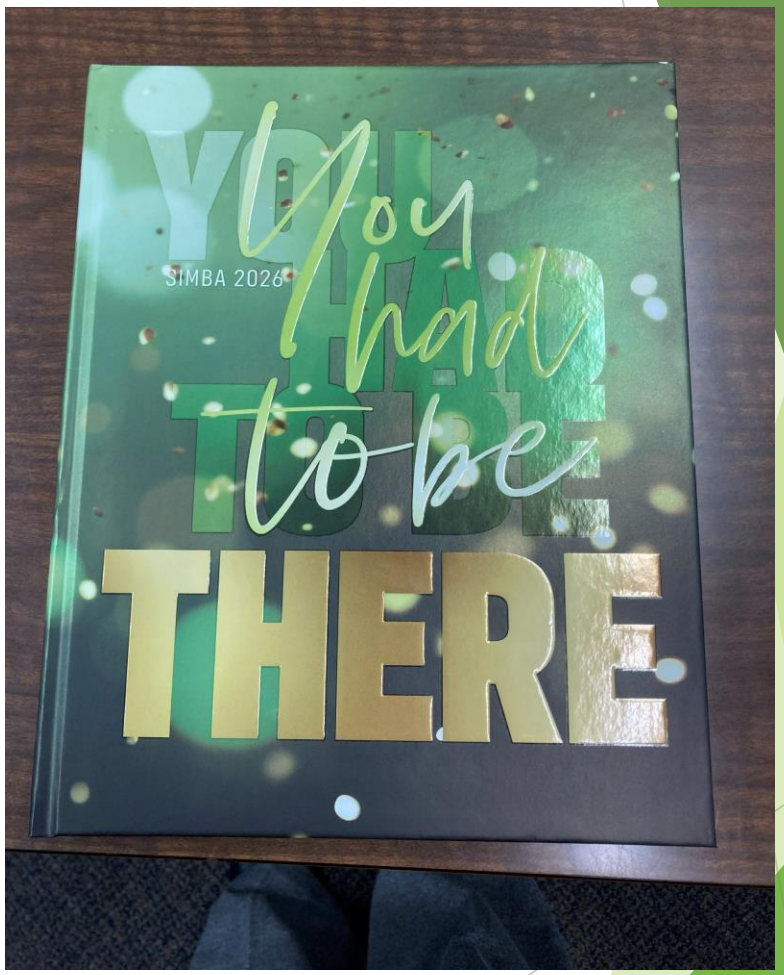
Order week: TBD

All orders go through Jostens

Jostens.com

Required: Cap, Gown, Stole, Tassel

Jostens is coming on Oct. 21 during Activity period @ 9:35 am



Yearbook Deadline

December 11th

-senior portraits & quotes

-Graduation ads and graphics



To schedule an appointment

Scan the QR code that aligns with your student's **LAST NAME**

Mrs. Elsner
Last Names A - G

Mrs. Shaffer
Last Names H - O

Mrs. Lynch
Last Names P - Z

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