

# Potential Funding Options at the Community and Technical Colleges

- **Worker Retraining:**

A state funded program that provides tuition assistance for professional and technical credit classes in community and technical colleges.

**Eligibility:**

- Currently eligible to receive unemployment benefits.
- Received a layoff notice and will be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- Have exhausted unemployment benefits within the last 24 months.
- Are a displaced homemaker within the past 24 months (homemakers who now need to work), or the spouse of an eligible unemployed worker.
- Have ended your self-employment due to economic conditions, within the past 24 months.
- Veterans that have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Services within the last 24 months.

- **Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET)**

A federally funded program that provides assistance with funding for college and support services.

**Eligibility:**

- Receiving Federal Food Benefits from DSHS
- Approved for training by DSHS
- King, Kitsap, and Pierce County Residents only, not available at all colleges

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income
1 person family	\$1,815
2 person family	\$2,452
3 person family	\$3,088
4 person family	\$3,725

- **Opportunity Grant**

A state funded program that provides work related training to low income adults. Funding is for tuition, books, supplies and emergency support services.

**Eligibility:**

- Income Based – 200% of poverty level
- Must be a Washington State resident
- Must be enrolled in a state-approved career path

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Gross Monthly Income</b>	<b>Yearly Income</b>
<b>1 Person Family</b>	\$1,815	\$21,780
<b>2 Person Family</b>	\$2,451	\$29,420
<b>3 Person Family</b>	\$3,088	\$37,060
<b>4 Person Family</b>	\$3,725	\$44,700

- **WorkFirst**

A federally funded program for low income parents receiving TANF from DSHS. Provides assistance for tuition, fees and required books.

**Eligibility:**

- Parent receiving TANF
- Must be referred by DSHS case manager.

- **Federal Financial Aid (grants, loans & work study)**

Start the application process by completing and submitting the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or you can apply on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This application can also qualify students for State Needs grants and other school specific scholarships.

- **Scholarship Programs**

There are many scholarships available and not all are income based. You can find scholarships through companies, organizations, community groups etc. The internet is a wonderful resource for scholarship research.

The following websites offer **free** scholarship opportunities:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

[www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com)

