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**TO:** 2023-2024 Passport Students

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**SUBJECT:** Passport awards for 2024-25

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding Passport awards for the 2024-25 Academic Year. *This is preliminary information to assist you with planning for next academic year*.

**Background:** Since 2018, the Passport program has grown significantly and is serving record numbers of students. This legislative session, WSAC requested $2 million in additional funding for the Passport program to help with maintaining scholarship amounts and services to students. Unfortunately, the final budget only added $1 million in program funding for the 2024-25 Academic Year, which will impact the maximum amount for student awards.

**Awards:** After careful consideration and thoughtful conversations, WSAC has determined the following:

* Maximum Passport awards for 2024-25 are set at $2,800 and are awarded based on financial need.
* Some colleges may choose to supplement Passport awards with student support funds.

**Other Program Updates:** Beginning July 1, 2024, Passport scholarships and support are available to eligible students for up to 18 quarters. In the past, it was available to students for 15 quarters. Additionally, Passport eligibility no longer expires at age 27.

If you need support while you are on campus, make sure you reach out to your [Passport Campus Teams](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z7jkhtdAoWj3KYJiDXIaxKWfhJFQDph5EK-4J-tNkNo/edit?usp=sharing). They can help provide you with assistance related to financial aid, academic guidance, personal issues, and other areas to help you overcome barriers to earning your degree.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Passport scholarship amounts or support available at passport@wsac.wa.gov.