

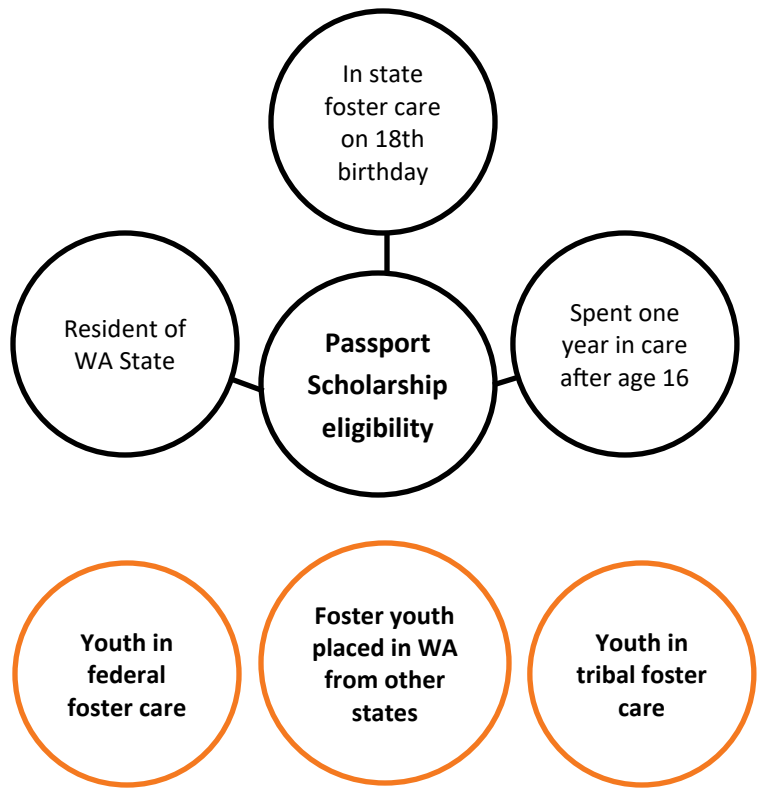


Expand Access to Higher Education

Passport to College Promise Scholarship: Student Scholarship and Assistance

The Passport program provides financial assistance (up to \$4500/year) and on-campus support for current and former foster youth to pursue post-secondary education. It was established by the Legislature in 2007, and currently provides assistance to nearly 350 youth each year.

Importantly, Passport covers educational expenses beyond tuition, including room, board, and books. This helps students complete college with less debt. Only 24% of Passport students also received loans in their financial aid packages.



2018 Ask: Expand Passport Scholarship eligibility to include: (1) youth from the tribal foster care system; (2) refugee minors in federal foster care in WA; and (3) foster youth placed in Washington from other states.

Youth Perspective

“Since I was in tribal foster care I am ineligible for the Passport to College Promise Scholarship, but I would have benefitted from it not only financially, but in addition, socially. I would be connected to a group of young adults that have similar backgrounds as me and know what it is like to go through the foster care system. There would also be a point person that I could go to on campus to help me with resources.” – Jade, age 22

Join us in Olympia for Youth Advocacy Day on January 26, 2018!

