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Opportunity Scholar

SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Pathways into high-demand Washington careers for Washington students.

The Graduate Scholarship (GRD) provides valuable financial aid for students pursuing advanced degrees as nurse practitioners. The scholarship aims to increase the number of advanced degree health professionals providing health care in medically underserved areas. The GRD Scholarship award value is up to \$25,000 over three years.

This scholarship can be used to cover cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, and other costs such as housing, transportation, food, and more. You may also be eligible for a travel stipend when training at a remote site. Funding can be used for eligible Nurse Practitioner degrees, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) at five nursing schools in Washington state.

WHO IS WSOS?

Washington has one of the fastest growing state economies with more trade, health care, and STEM jobs than we can fill. The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship aims to connect our state's leading industries with top Washington talent by reducing barriers to education and training. Working collaboratively with the state and industry partners, our goal is to propel low- and middle-income students to high-demand careers.

APPLICATION MILESTONE	APPLICATION DATES
Application Opens	March 17, 2026 at 9 a.m.
Application Deadline	May 12, 2026 at 9 p.m.
FAFSA/WASFA Filed	May 12, 2026
Recommendation Form Submitted	May 14, 2026 by 9 p.m.

up to \$25,000

The GRD Scholarship is distributed evenly over the Scholar's remaining terms in their DNP or MSN Program.

\$500

Per term travel stipend available to Scholars when clinical practicum site is 50 miles or more from home.

\$3,600

Preceptor site stipend available to eligible MUA or HPSA sites that host GRD Scholars for practicums.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

Residency

- Be a Washington state resident. In most cases a Washington state resident is someone who lives in the state for one year immediately prior to starting their college or program.
- There are other ways to be considered a resident. Please read the [WSOS residency summary](#) to determine if you are a Washington state resident.

Financial Aid

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid ([WASFA](#)) for the relevant academic year by the application deadline.
- Apply for [Federal Education Tax Credits](#), if eligible.
- Either have a family income at or below 125% of [Washington state median family income](#) (MFI) based on family size - OR - have a family income at or below 155% MFI and provide information on the application about current and expected student loan debt, past reliance on income-based programs, and current financial situation.

Enrollment Plan

- Currently pursuing a specialty in Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP – primary care), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health (PMHNP), or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP – primary care) in a DNP or MSN program at one of the following eligible universities: Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle University, UW Seattle, or Washington State University (WSU Spokane, Tri-Cities, Vancouver, or Yakima).
- Applicants must have completed at least one semester or two quarters in their DNP or MSN program.
- Plan to have completed no more than 25% of clinical practicum hours by the end of summer term 2026.
- Plan to complete at least one-half of the program's required clinical hours in a Washington state Medically Underserved Area ([MUA](#)) or Health Professional Shortage Area ([HPSA](#)) as designated by HRSA, and as assigned or approved by your program's Clinical Placement Coordinator for the quarter or semester.
- Be enrolled full-time as defined by your DNP program or part-time as defined by your MSN program.
- Be in good academic standing as defined by your DNP or MSN program.

Post-Degree Plan

- Intend to practice in a Washington state Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) as designated by HRSA for at least two years after program completion.
- Commit to sharing job attainment data post-degree completion with WSOS.

How to apply: Visit the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship [website](#) to apply! Applicants may start the application, save progress, and return to complete it later up until their application deadline.