

# FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

In general, people who choose to attend a four-year college or university are interested—or think they *may* be interested—in careers that require at least a bachelor's degree. These careers include teaching, social work, engineering, business administration, management, and many others. Some people see college as a way to enrich their understanding of the world and develop greater skills in areas such as writing, music, art, or drama. Still others take courses that will enable them to go on to graduate school and careers requiring advanced degrees, such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, or scientific research.

Regardless of your reasons for wanting to attend a four-year college, it is important to “shop around” and decide which colleges or universities are likely to be the best for you. It is usually best to apply early, apply to more than one institution, and to visit those schools you think you might want to attend. Getting ready to go to college requires that you accomplish many tasks in addition to all the work you will be doing to complete your senior year. The purpose of this section is to help you plan and accomplish those tasks so as to have as many choices as possible open to you when you graduate.

## Requirements for Admission

- Complete, at least, the minimum high school courses required for admission or community college course work. *Check with a high school counselor for the graduation requirements.*
- Most colleges have several requirements for admission beyond those necessary to graduate from a Washington State High School. The Higher Education Coordinating Board has proposed changes to the college admission requirements starting July 2005. Contact the university/college you are interested in attending for specific admission requirements. These requirements may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Completion of three years of math or the equivalent (through Algebra II),
  - One credit (two semesters) of visual or performing arts (art, music, drama, etc.),
  - At least two years of the same world language (French, Spanish, German, ASL, etc.).
- Submit a high school transcript
- Send the application with the application fee (if required)
- Take the SAT or ACT test and forward the score to the college/university

While admission to college is often based on a student's transcript through the 6<sup>th</sup> semester (the end of the junior year), grades in the senior year may be used to qualify for scholarships and admission to special programs, or departments. There is no good time to “kick back” and assume that grades are no longer important!

A lower-than-average GPA does not necessarily exclude a student from attending a four-year college or university. Sometimes other skills and abilities—such as leadership, athletics, or exceptional skills in other areas—can compensate for a lower-than-desired GPA. Some students have physical or reading disorders that may affect their achievement in school, if not their ability to learn. Sometimes

a student's GPA has suffered because of unusual circumstances, such as illness, moving to a new school, family problems, etc. Circumstances such as these, which may have adversely affected your cumulative GPA—should be explained in a letter to admissions representatives during the application process.

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees will vary with each institution. You can request the current year's information from the institution but realize that cost will most likely increase every year.

### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to college students and parents for basic educational costs through grants, loans and work-study programs. The first step in applying for financial aid is to file a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA), which can be done by completing a paper form (available in the counseling office) or on line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). See the Financial Aid section for more information.

### Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students attending or planning to attend a four-year college/university. Read the bulletin and visit your Career Center on a regular basis to stay abreast of opportunities. See the Scholarship section for more information.

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Colleges and Universities	Phone	Website
Antioch University	(206) 441-3100	<a href="http://www.antioch.edu">www.antioch.edu</a>
Bastyr University	(425) 823-1300	<a href="http://www.bastyr.edu">www.bastyr.edu</a>
Central Washington University	(509) 963-3001	<a href="http://www.cwu.edu">www.cwu.edu</a>
City University	(888) 422-4898	<a href="http://www.cityu.edu">www.cityu.edu</a>
Cornish College of the Arts	(206) 726-5016	<a href="http://www.cornish.edu">www.cornish.edu</a>
Eastern Washington University	(509) 359-2397	<a href="http://www.ewu.edu">www.ewu.edu</a>
The Evergreen State College	(360) 867-6000	<a href="http://www.evergreen.edu">www.evergreen.edu</a>
Gonzaga University	(509) 322-2584	<a href="http://www.gonzaga.edu">www.gonzaga.edu</a>
Henry Cogswell College	(425) 258-3351	<a href="http://www.henrycogswell.edu">www.henrycogswell.edu</a>
Heritage College	(509) 865-8500	<a href="http://www.hheritage.edu">www.hheritage.edu</a>
Northwest College	(800) 669-3781	<a href="http://www.nwcollege.edu">www.nwcollege.edu</a>
Pacific Lutheran University	(253) 535-7151	<a href="http://www.plu.edu">www.plu.edu</a>
Saint Martin's College	(360) 491-4700	<a href="http://www.stmartin.edu">www.stmartin.edu</a>
Seattle Pacific University	(206) 281-2000	<a href="http://www.spu.edu">www.spu.edu</a>
Seattle University	(206) 296-6000	<a href="http://www.seattleu.edu">www.seattleu.edu</a>
Trinity Lutheran	(800) 843-5659	<a href="http://www.tic.edu">www.tic.edu</a>
University of Puget Sound	(253) 879-3211	<a href="http://www.ups.edu">www.ups.edu</a>
University of Washington	(206) 543-2100	<a href="http://www.washington.edu">www.washington.edu</a>
University of Washington-Bothell	(800) 736-6650	<a href="http://www.bothell.washington.edu">www.bothell.washington.edu</a>
University of Washington-Tacoma	(253) 692-4000	<a href="http://www.tacoma.washington.edu">www.tacoma.washington.edu</a>
Walla Walla College	(800) 541-8900	<a href="http://www.wallawalla.edu">www.wallawalla.edu</a>
Washington State University	(888) 468-6978	<a href="http://www.wsu.edu">www.wsu.edu</a>
WSU-Spokane	(509) 358-7500	<a href="http://www.spokane.wsu.edu">www.spokane.wsu.edu</a>
WSU-Tri-Cities	(509) 372-7250	<a href="http://www.tricity.wsu.edu">www.tricity.wsu.edu</a>
WSU-Vancouver	(360) 546-9779	<a href="http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu">www.vancouver.wsu.edu</a>
Western Washington University	(360) 650-3440	<a href="http://www.wvu.edu">www.wvu.edu</a>
Whitman College	(509) 527-5176	<a href="http://www.whitman.edu">www.whitman.edu</a>
Whitworth College	(509) 777-1000	<a href="http://www.whitworth.edu">www.whitworth.edu</a>