



WAVE Scholarship Update

New online tool to ease application process

The Workforce Board is launching a brand-new portal to make applying for the WAVE Scholarship quick and easy—for your students, and for you when you fill out your certification form with just a few clicks.

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) honors Washington’s outstanding career and technical education students. Each of the state’s 49 legislative districts can have up to three winners per year—for as many as 147 total annual scholarship awardees. Graduating high school seniors who completed or are in the process of completing a second year in a single CTE pathway are eligible. Community and technical college students who have completed or are in the process of completing a year of professional-technical training are also eligible.

To learn more about the WAVE Scholarship visit our [website](#).

Washington Workforce Association Fall Conference – Workforce Board Presentation Planned – Nov. 12-14

What’s New, What’s Next with Washington’s Workforce Plan—TAP

The state’s new workforce plan, Talent and Prosperity for All (TAP) is in the beginning phases of implementation. Workforce professionals and educators are still learning about the new plan for 2024-2028 and will have plenty of questions, as well as front-line feedback on what’s needed to make the plan truly actionable and useful in every region of our state.

This presentation from Workforce Board staff enables participants to learn more about the plan, what it means for their daily work, and the chance to share regional pilot projects that can be incorporated into the broader TAP plan and brought to scale. This presentation also highlights the plan’s Youth Priority, including the need to increase youth awareness of and access to workforce services, while also reducing barriers to education and credential attainment.

Key points include an analysis of youth employment trends post-pandemic, exploration of workforce barriers, showcase of successful local initiatives, and examination of AI's impact on youth employment prospects.

There is still time to [register for the conference](#) we hope to see you there.