

# WASHINGTON STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Making higher education more affordable, accessible and inclusive

## 13 Member Campuses Across WA

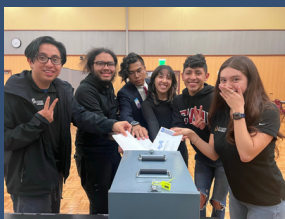
The Washington Student Association was formed over 50 years ago by students at WSU, UW and WWU who opposed extreme tuition increases. Now, our mission is the same, to make higher education more affordable, accessible and inclusive for all students.

The WSA represents over 150,000 students and leads the nation's only Legislative Liaison Program, putting Washington students directly in front of the legislature to lobby for their campuses for the entire legislative session.

The WSA is the only student-led statewide organization with a constant and successful presence in Olympia, fighting for students!



Year-round the student association supports student governments in legislative agenda building, voter engagement, hosting lobby days to bring students to the Capitol, mobilizing students to support higher education bills, and more!



## Some topics we focus on:

1. Cost of Education- Financial Aid, Tuition, Loan Programs, Course Materials, etc.
2. Basic Needs- Food, Housing, and Childcare Security, etc.
3. Campus & Student Safety- Sexual Assault & Hazing Prevention, etc.
4. Student Rights & Representation- Board Representation, Student Freedoms, etc.

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## Some of our biggest wins:

**WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT-** Students were at the forefront of the creation of our country's most equitable financial aid program, now it serves nearly 100,000 students each year and has grown every year since its creation.

**LOCAL TUITION SETTING-** Students lobbied for a cap on tuition increases after the recession caused institutions to dramatically increase them, now the state authorizes how much they can increase each year.

**RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS-** Students are responsible for requiring that professors provide reasonable accommodations for students for religious purposes.

**FENTANYL OVERDOSE PREVENTION-** Students led a bill last year to require fentanyl overdose prevention resources, Narcan and training on all college campuses.

**DREAM ACT 2.0-** This allowed undocumented students to have access to the Washington College Grant.

**STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS-** This bill provided oversight for student loan providers and created a dedicated student loan advocate available for free.

**LIMITING DIFFERENTIAL TUITION-** Students led efforts to limit the usage of differential tuition, separate institution-added fees, for specific undergraduate & graduate programs.

**K-12 COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED-** Students in the WSA proposed legislation requiring K-12 schools to teach comprehensive sex, sexuality and consent education before students attend college.

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HUBS-** This bill requires college campuses to provide students with same-day voting and ballot printings stations up to 8 days before every general election.

**NOTIFYING ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OF THE WA COLLEGE GRANT-** This bill allowed students who received SNAP benefits in high school to be directly notified they were eligible for the Washington College Grant.

**EARLY REGISTRATION FOR MILITARY STUDENTS-** Students led this bill to allow veterans, military affiliated and dependent students to access early registration so they could fully use their benefits.

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