



ICW STUDENT AID ALL-STAR



**Amy A.**

2013 Mass Communications Major  
Enumclaw, Washington



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*Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans*

Being able to afford college is no easy task. Without scholarships, grants and loans, it would be impossible for me to attend Walla Walla University.

As I did not receive a state need grant this year, it has become harder to obtain funding for college. It has become necessary to take out additional loans to get by, therefore, putting much more financial stress on me and my family.

It is incredibly important for young adults, like myself, to be educated -- however, this is not possible on our own.

Continued financial support by our legislators and government is imperative to the future of young people.



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**Yonas F.**

2012 Politics and Psychology Major  
Everett, Washington



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*Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans*

I have always been an optimist about getting help to attend a college of my choice. Whitman College and the federal grants I get have allowed me to continue to be an optimist.

My family contributes nothing to my education. I pay the difference between what I receive in financial aid and the cost of attendance.

I have a deep appreciation for the help I get. Whitman College is a challenging school but financial aid helps keeps my focus on my education and reduces my stress.

I plan on becoming the best citizen I could be by voting and being involved in political campaigns and other methods of increasing the potential of individuals to succeed in their lives.



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**Leah S.**

2012 American History Major  
Everett, Washington



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*Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Loans*

Financial aid has helped me in so many ways. I know that if I didn't receive any financial aid, there would be no way for me to attend St. Martin's University. Saint Martin's is very expensive compared to the other schools I applied to.

Financial aid has helped me in getting closer to my degree and I am so very grateful for all that I have been given. It has truly been a blessing.



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**Maureen B.**

2013 Community Service Major  
Lacey, Washington



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I hope to contribute to society and my community by giving back what was freely given to me in my time of need.

I want to become a social worker anywhere in Washington but ideally at DSHS here in Olympia. I would love to help those in need get what they need to survive but also to blossom into what they can ultimately become.



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**Melanie B.**

2013 Electrical Engineering Major  
Seattle, Washington



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*2013 Electrical Engineering Major  
Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, ICW Scholarship, Loans*

Without financial aid I would not be able to go to Seattle University. My mom lost her job this year, and I lost State Need Grant. With further cuts, I might have to drop out of school and got a job to save up money to continue my education.

Financial aid allows me the opportunity to better myself while pursuing a degree in a field that I love. I hope that with my Electrical Engineering degree I can invent new things to help society: Whether it be finding new forms of energy that are not harmful to the planet or making equipment that could save somebody's life.



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**Sheila D.**

2013 Community Service Major  
Snohomish, Washington



**Sheila D.**

*Pell Grant, Institutional Aid, Scholarships, Loans*

I received my AA from Pierce College-Puyallup in 2011 and now I am attempting to get my bachelor's degree.

For the financial-aid I receive, I am very grateful. I did not receive the State Need Grant because there was not enough to go around this year. This has made it difficult to continue my education.

There was a time in my life when my family and I needed help, and we received it from wonderful people in several community service divisions. It was then that I decided I wanted to go back to school to get a degree

I don't know where I would be if it were not for the hand-up and assistance I received.