


**2019 WVASFAA  
Spring Conference  
Stonewall Resort  
March 26-28, 2019**



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### Legislative Update

SB 636 – homeschooled students qualify based upon a high school transcript that they provide instead of taking the TASC or high school equivalency exam

SB 1- WV Invest Grant program

Did not pass

HB 3145 - Underwood-Smith Scholars program

HB 2882 – Health professionals’ student loan program

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### WV Invests Grant

- Must be enrolled at least half-time
- Meet SAP, have a cum 2.0 GPA for renewal
- Does not have an associate degree
- Resident of WV 12 months before applying
- Pass a drug test each term
- Complete 8 hours of community service
- Sign a promissory note that student will reside in WV 2 years or repay
- Enrolled in eligible institution in a program identified by Commerce that meets workforce needs
- Award is tuition and mandatory fees minus federal, state, and institutional scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers

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### WV Invests Grant

- Must complete the FAFSA annually
- Must complete verification if selected
- Must complete a grant application annually in addition to the FAFSA
- Deadline dates to be determined
- Provide counseling to students of the requirement to provide documentation of residing in WV after program completion or else pay the funds back
- Hold conference calls on a regular basis over the next several months


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### Award Letters

- [Nursing](#)
- [Engineering, Science & Technology](#)
- [Underwood-Smith](#)
- [WV Higher Education Grant](#)
- [PROMISE Scholarship](#)

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### Chatbot SAM



**Conversations (All-Time)**  
585  
1,766 interactions

**Conversations Per Day**

**Interactions By Hour**

**Interactions By Day**

**Response Types**

- Engagement
- Knowledgebase
- Search
- OK
- Other
- Orphan

**Knowledgebase Size**  
988  
256 custom

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### FY2020 Budget

Program	2019-20 Funding
PROMISE Scholarship	\$47,500,000
Higher Education Grant	\$40,619,864
WV Invests Grant	\$10,034,748
Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student Grant	\$5,011,298
Engineering, Science and Technology Scholarship	\$452,831
Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship and Loan Assistance	\$328,349
WV Center for Nursing Scholarship	\$250,000
Total	\$104,197,090

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### WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

2019-20 Expected Family Contribution ( EFC )	Maximum Annual Higher Education Grant Award
0 - 5,576	\$2,800
5,577 - 11,000	\$2,400

\*Pending approval by the Commission April 26, 2019

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## PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

- To be eligible students must have a 3.0 core and cumulative GPA and
  - Have either a 22 composite ACT with a 20 in each subsection or
  - Have a 1100 composite SAT with a 530 in reading/writing and 520 in math
- School Day SAT tests scores can be used for PROMISE eligibility
- Students must be a resident of WV for 12 months before applying and complete half of their graduation requirements at a WV high school
- It is a merit-based scholarship and not based upon financial need
- Complete the PROMISE application and FAFSA by March 1

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## PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

All students to be reviewed for either a 1 semester or 2 semester award

- 30 hours for a 2 semester award
- 15 hours for a 1 semester award

Current recipients do not have to reapply

Institutions can grant deferrals for medical, bereavement, military, study abroad, internships, or co-op programs

Appeals go through the institution first, then to HEPC, and a final level appeal with the Advisory Board

Student must be an undergraduate; cannot use PROMISE to pay for courses that do not apply to undergraduate program of study.

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## PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

Hours counted when a 1 or 2 semester award

Grades counted in cum GPA

Summer PROMISE awards

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## Underwood-Smith TEACHER LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Loan Repayment Program

Priority is for first-time teachers teaching in high need-fields or geographic areas determined to have a critical need

Teachers receive up to \$3,000 award in return for 2 years of service; can renew and receive up to \$15,000

Application will be on [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com) July 1 with a November 1 deadline.

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## Engineering, Science & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

- On CFVW is a list of eligible occupations and eligible majors
  - List of eligible majors is by CIP code, degree inventory, and eligible STEM majors as classified by the Department of Homeland Security as STEM fields.
  - List of eligible occupations comes from US Census Bureau listing of STEM occupations by SOC code.
- Assist if you can communicate with students who receive award that they need to update their contact information with ECSI so that they can receive all communications.

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## Underwood-Smith TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Subject to change in special session that would go into effect for Fall 2020

Awards for 2019-20 would be fulfilled and current recipients would still need to complete their service requirement

Assist if you can communicate with students who receive award that they need to update their contact information with ECSI so that they can receive all communications.

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Application opens April 15  
 Deadline for application June 1 which covers fall, spring, and summer  
 Students must select terms in which they want to be considered for funding  
 Institutions update their applicants by June 15  
 GPA at end of Spring term, midpoint, expected grad date, cost of attendance (consult with your Nursing Dept)

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Awards made and students notified beginning of July  
 Must complete counseling, promissory note, and receive disclosures  
 Payments sent in August/December  
 For those who reach midpoint in December/January institutions must update their gpa  
 Closings in June

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## HEAPS Part-time

- Annual reports due August
- Students must be enrolled between 3-11 semester credits
- Students must be WV residents 12 months prior to completing the FAFSA
- Can't receive HEAPS and WV Grant in the same payment period

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## HEAPS Workforce

- Submit programs to be considered for 2019-20 the beginning of May
- Programs need to be submitted by June 15 to ensure they are available when the application goes live July 1
- 2018-19 application will be taken down the first half of June depending on funding and course start dates
- If you will not be in over the summer, please reconcile and return a signed closing to Carrie before leaving for the summer.
- Can't receive HEAPS and WV Grant in the same payment period
- Must complete verification if selected on the FAFSA

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## Statewide Contracts

Net price calculator

Verification and document management

Default management

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## Training

April 3 – state aid training webinar

May – FAMS training

July – NASFAA CORE training

September – counselor workshops

October – NASFAA CORE training for new professionals

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## Other matters

- Cost of attendance/Budgets
- Closing Statements
- Program reviews
- Program participation agreements

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## NASFAA CORE – all 17 certifications

Bonnie Edwards – BridgeValley Community & Technical College

Stephany Harper – Glenville State College

Michelle Hypes – Glenville State College

Sarah Musgrave – Marshall University

Alice Roberts – Marshall University

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## NASFAA CORE – Black Belts

Lora Bryant – Alderson Broaddus College

Tara Hensley – Marshall University

Mary Jones – Glenville State College

Tara Kurilchick – West Virginia University

Diane Sisler – WVNET

Tresa Weimer – Fairmont State University

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## NASFAA CORE

5. Texas - 560

4. Ohio - 701

3. Missouri – 855

2. West Virginia – 1,060

1. Georgia – 1,284

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## NASFAA CORE

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### NEED TO UPDATE

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 10. Alderson Broaddus - 32 | 5. WV Wesleyan - 56    |
| 9. Shepherd - 37           | 5. Southern WV - 56    |
| 9. Valley - 37             | 4. Fairmont State - 67 |
| 8. HEPC - 38               | 3. Glenville - 85      |
| 7. WV Northern - 45        | 2. Marshall 103        |
| 6. Concord - 46            | 1. WVU - 325           |

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