

## College Preparation and Advocacy

Program	Location(s)	Ages/ Population Served	Program Description	Contact Information	How to Enroll	Cost to Participants
Access @ the University of Puget Sound	1500 North Warner Tacoma, WA 98416	Middle school and high school students.	Access offers college mentoring, visitation days and overnight stays, help applying for college, workshops for students and parents, tutoring, and summer school programs.	(253)879-3927 <a href="mailto:access@ups.edu">access@ups.edu</a> <a href="http://www.ups.edu/admission/access/programs.htm">www.ups.edu/admission/access/programs.htm</a>	There is an application process to be accepted into the program. Once accepted into the program, students have access to a variety of college readiness resources.	Free.
Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative -NLF	Northwest Leadership Foundation 717 Tacoma Ave. S. Tacoma, WA 98402	Tacoma 12 <sup>th</sup> graders.	A Christian leadership development and scholarship program that: (1) selects a multicultural cadre of eight to ten of Tacoma's most talented urban student leaders; (2) intensively trains the group of students for a year, and (3) sends the team to Whitworth College in Spokane for four years of fully funded education.	(253) 272-0771 ext. 15	There is a lengthy application process. See website for more information: <a href="http://www.actsix.org">www.actsix.org</a>	Free.
Centro Latino's WIA Youth Program	1208 S. 10 <sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma, WA 98405	Low-income youth, 14 – 21 years old, with proof of US citizenship or resident card.	Centro Latino's Youth Program is multi-faceted. It includes helping youth find scholarships, and financial aide. The program also involves tutoring, academic support and goal setting, post-secondary exploration, a career resource center, and community activities.	(253) 572-7717	Call Centro Latino or stop by to enroll. Must provide documentation of US citizenship or resident card and income verification.	Free.

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<b>Gates Achiever Scholarship</b>	<p><b>Lincoln HS</b> 701 S. 37th St. Tacoma, Washington 98418</p> <p><b>Mt. Tahoma HS</b> 6229 S. Tyler St. Tacoma, Washington 98409</p> <p><b>Foss HS</b> 2112 S. Tyler St. Tacoma, Washington 98405</p>	Students at Lincoln, Mt. Tahoma, and Foss High Schools are eligible to apply for a Gates Achiever Scholarship during their junior year of high school. Other eligibility requirements, including family income, can be found online at <a href="http://www.waefoundation.org">www.waefoundation.org</a> .	Students who are accepted into the program are awarded scholarships of up to \$5000 per year for four years of college. Students are also given "hometown mentors" who help them through the college application and selection process, and "college mentors" who provide encouragement and support while the student is away at college. Community Involvement Officers at each school also mentor students and help them get ready for college. Students must attend a Washington state college or university for at least the first two years of college. For more information, see the website or contact the Community Involvement Officer at the student's school.	Community Involvement Officers: Lincoln (253) 571-2000 Mt. Tahoma (253) 571-3800 Foss (253) 571-7300	<p>Application forms are available on the website (<a href="http://www.waefoundation.org">www.waefoundation.org</a>) starting in September.</p> <p>Juniors at the Achievers High Schools may apply for the Achievers Scholarship in the fall. The program will rely on the high school to determine junior status. The application period generally runs from early October until a mid-November deadline.</p>	Not applicable.
<b>Gear Up-Metro Parks</b>	<p><b>People's Community Center</b> 1602 S. MLK Tacoma, WA 98405</p> <p><b>Portland Ave. Community Center</b> 3513 Portland Ave Tacoma, WA 98404</p>	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify for the program (low-income, one or more years behind in reading or math OR potential first-generation college student).	Academic support and career exploration; family activities that explore educational options, financial aid, and college preparation; leadership and community service activities; college scholarships to any public university and many private universities in Washington. Students must participate 150 hrs/yr in order to get a \$4,000 scholarship and parent/ sponsor must participate 40 hrs/year.	<p><b>People's Community Center:</b> (253) 573-2397</p> <p><b>Portland Ave. Community Center:</b> (253) 573-2398</p>	There is an application process that includes income verification and a long-term commitment from the student and a parent or other adult sponsor. Call or stop by Gear Up office to get an application.	Free.
<b>Kiwanis Club</b>	Meetings held at Elks Lodge No. 174 1965 S. Union Ave. Tacoma, WA 98405	Monday through Friday.	College age and under.	Kiwanis is dedicated to developing leaders through lessons on community service.	<a href="http://www.kiwanis.org">www.kiwanis.org</a>	Visit website for more information.

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Merle Palmer Minority Scholarship Foundation	In transition, please call for details.	Minority students in Pierce County.	Provides scholarships to low income, minority students. The maximum amount offered is \$4,500.	(253) 572-9008 <a href="mailto:jan@palmerscholars.org">jan@palmerscholars.org</a>	Contact the foundation, or see website <a href="http://www.palmerscholars.org">www.palmerscholars.org</a>	Free.
TRIO Educational Talent Search - Metropolitan Development Council	Lincoln and Mt. Tahoma HS, Baker, Gray, McIlvaigh, and Gault MS	Low-income MS and HS students, with special emphasis on those who are among the first in their families to consider college.	ETS is a federally funded program designed to help MS and HS students explore their education and career options in a variety of fun ways. They offer career exploration, academic support, college entrance support, family activities, and cultural enrichment activities.	(253)905-6327 or (253)571-3963 <a href="mailto:Info@mdc-trio.org">Info@mdc-trio.org</a>	Contact the student's school and ask for the TRIO Talent Search representative for more info.	Free.
TRIO Educational Talent Search - Tacoma Comm. College	Foss and Stadium HS, Jason Lee MS	Low-income MS and HS students, with special emphasis on those who are among the first in their families to consider college.	ETS is a federally funded program designed to help MS and HS students explore their education and career options in a variety of fun ways. They offer career exploration, academic support, college entrance support, family activities, and cultural enrichment activities.	(253)571-1009 or (253)571-1114 <a href="mailto:talentsearch@tacomacc.edu">talentsearch@tacomacc.edu</a>	Contact the student's school and ask for the TRIO Talent Search representative for more info.	Free.
Upward Bound - Evergreen State College	Chief Leschi, Foss, Lincoln, Mt. Tahoma, Stadium, and Wilson all have Upward Bound programs.	Low-income high school students, with special emphasis on those who are among the first in their families to consider college.	Upward Bound provides intensive academic and personal support. Program services help students succeed in high school and prepare for a college education. Students receive instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, science, and foreign language. Program services are scheduled both after school and on Saturdays during the academic year. There is also a summer school component.	(360) 867-6012 <a href="mailto:vaughanj@evergreen.edu">vaughanj@evergreen.edu</a> . Schools with Upward Bound programs also have Upward Bound/school liaisons.	There is an application process that includes income verification. Contact Juana Vaughan or Upward Bound/school liaison at the student's school for more information. <a href="http://www.evergreen.edu/upwardbound/upwardbound.htm">www.evergreen.edu/upwardbound/upwardbound.htm</a>	Free.