

\$2.76 Million in Education Scholarships is Available from Washington Campus Compact

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BELLINGHAM—College students looking for ways to pay for college, and who want to make a difference in their local communities can now do both.

Washington Campus Compact received \$2.76 million to offer college students across the western region who participate in community service. Washington Campus Compact is one of only 28 national and local organizations that received funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service in the Corporation's AmeriCorps Education Award funding for 2004-05.

“College expenses are on the rise and these education scholarships can really help those students who want to volunteer and serve in their communities,” said Jennifer Dorr, executive director for Washington Campus Compact. “There are academic, social and civic reasons why we advocate for students to get involved with their communities during college. The benefits and impacts to the student, to the institution, and to the community are significant.”

Through participating in Washington Campus Compact's Education Award program, students at member institutions can receive \$1,000 to \$2,362 in education scholarships while serving in their communities. Students can get involved in a variety of ways including: tutoring or mentoring in schools or preschool programs, participating in service-learning courses or certain internship/practicum programs, volunteering with environmental projects or at community service agencies, or a variety of other ways that are of personal and/or scholastic interest.

Established in 1992, and hosted at Western Washington University, Washington Campus Compact is a higher education presidential membership organization committed to providing meaningful experiences for students to become active engaged leaders in their communities, furthering the civic and public purposes of higher education and strengthening communities. WACC is an affiliate state office of Campus Compact, a national organization comprised of more than 900 higher education institutions committed to the civic and public purposes of higher education.

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