

Washington Campus Compact Begins \$2.76 Million Program

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BELLINGHAM – Students in Service, a Campus Compact AmeriCorps program, will be offering scholarships to up to 2,000 college students throughout the West to allow them to pay for college while making a difference in their local communities.

Washington Campus Compact recently received a \$2.76 million grant to offer as many as 2,000 college students across the Western region, comprised of California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and Oregon, an opportunity to participate in community service and receive scholarships to offset tuition costs.

Washington Campus Compact is one of only 28 national and local organizations to receive funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service to offer the corporation's AmeriCorps Education Award funding for 2004-05. Students interested in participating in the program should visit the Web site www.studentsinservice.org

“The education scholarships can help students who want to volunteer, but have been financially unable to do so because of increasing college expenses,” said Jennifer Dorr, executive director of Washington Campus Compact. “The benefits of their service impact their communities and institutions, as well as providing academic, civic and financial reasons for students to become involved.”

Through the Students in Service program, students participate in local, regional and national service-learning opportunities. Service activities include tutoring and mentoring, public safety, environmental initiatives and other community needs. Students can sign up through one of many formal programs, or identify their own service 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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