



CLASS OF 2020 RESOURCE PAGE

Our Mission – To inspire and challenge active learners to positively impact a changing world.

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We are working to put together information to help our seniors both with finishing this spring and in preparation for what each senior is doing after high school.

If you have resources to share or need information that is not on here, please email your counselor and we will work to add resources to this site.

Information is provided in the following categories

- MHS Spring 2020 Info
- College Info
- Financial Aid Info
- Scholarships
- Career / Job Info

MHS SPRING 2020 INFO

Graduation Caps & Gowns Pick up



Meridian HS seniors will be able to pick up their cap and gown on May 8th in the MHS bus loop. Time for pick up will be from 10am to 11:30am.

Ordering Transcripts

To order transcripts, go to

- <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/25174/account> OR
- the Meridian High School website. Under Families and Students/Resources you will find Order Transcripts through Parchment.

If you do not know your code to set up a profile please contact Mrs. Brinkman at

rbrinkman@meridian.wednet.edu Remember that you will need to order one sent to your college or university at the end of the year. They will go out after all grades are posted.

HSBP and Graduation Pathway

To graduate it is still required that you have completed your High School and Beyond Plan and have met your Graduation Pathway requirements. Some students may be eligible to have their Graduation Pathway waived.

Expedited Assessment Appeals (EAA) Waiver: It is required that the student, through one of the options below, show that they have attained the skills and knowledge to meet the high school standards and possess the skills necessary to successfully achieve college or career goals established in their HSBP.

- Admission to a higher education institution or career preparation program
- Award of a scholarship for higher education
- Enlist in a branch of the military

Please contact your counselor if you are interested in knowing more about the EAA waiver.

COLLEGE INFO

Washington Student Achievement Council provides weekly messages with resources and information about financial aid, collage, and career planning and more. Below is there recent message. The full bulletin is provided here <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAWSAC/bulletins/2882271>

Colleges Adjust Requirements and Deadlines in Response to COVID-19

In the face of COVID-19, Washington's colleges and universities are being flexible about course requirements, test scores, deadlines, and more. [Contact admissions offices](#) directly if you have special circumstances or questions about how to meet requirements and deadlines during COVID-19.

- Some colleges are [modifying admissions requirements](#):
 - Many colleges have extended the deadline to officially decide where you plan to enroll. Many have also extended the deadline to make deposits.
 - Some campuses have gone test-optional, meaning you do not have to submit scores from standardized tests like SAT and ACT.
- If someone in your family has lost a job or is working less, colleges may be able to provide more financial aid:
 - If you've already filed a 2020-21 FAFSA or WASFA, talk to the financial aid office about your situation.
 - If you haven't applied for financial aid, it's not too late. [Submit your application](#), then follow up with the college.
- Many colleges are offering [virtual campus tours](#) you can do online from home.
- Remember, [it's not too late to apply!](#) Many of Washington's four-year public and private, not-for-profit colleges and universities are still accepting applications for fall 2020.

BTC Virtual Info Session

Click [HERE](#) to register

BTC Next Steps: find a helpful chart [HERE](#)

College Virtual Tours - tinyurl.com/u768vby

- [Verto Spring Virtual College Fair](#)
- <https://www.ecampustours.com/>
- <https://campustours.com/>
- <https://www.youvisit.com/colledesearch/>

NACAC offers online information to help students understand the college admissions status during the COVID-19 response: <https://www.nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus>.

NCAA Information

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/open-letter-ncaa-student-athletes>

College Planning - [Cappex](#)

University of Washington admissions page - <https://admit.washington.edu/covid-19/>

ENGLISH

Students who have applied to WCC, who have a Student ID Number and access to their [MyWCC](#) student portal can still do the [Informed Self Placement for English here](#).

Students who are having trouble accessing the ISP for English, or who would prefer to work directly with me for English Placement, can use the attached document titled [English Placement Guidance for student](#).

- This document provides descriptions of each English Course offered
- Students will simply choose a class and email me (cgreen@whatcom.edu) with that choice and I will enter their placement choice manually

MATH

Because we can no longer host on-campus proctored Math Placement Tests at this time, [students can work directly with me to select](#) a Math Placement.

- The philosophy right now is to simplify the process for students, and to provide them with the autonomy to make a good choice.
 - § Students who have applied to WCC, who have a Student ID Number and access to their [MyWCC](#) student portal may want to take a *PRACTICE ALEKS* Math Placement Test *independently from home* for their own understanding of their math abilities, and how they align with WCC math courses.
 - § Students can also use the attached document titled [Math Placement via Transcripts All High Schools](#) to see what course their most recent grade in their most recent math class places them into.
 - § Students can also use the attached document titled [Math Course Descriptions](#) to get a sense of what each math class at WCC entails, and make a decision based on that information.
- With one/a combination of the three measure above, students must simply email me (cgreen@whatcom.edu) with their Math Placement choice and I will enter their placement manually
- If students are unsure about what course would be the best fit for them, I can help them use the tools attached to make a strong choice. We can connect via EMAIL, PHONE, or ZOOM

FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA opens Oct. 1 each year. Fill it out as soon as possible. We will have a FAFSA help night each fall.

www.fafsa.org (for U.S. citizens)

<http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa> (for non-citizens)

OTTER" Chatbox Provides Student Support and Financial Aid Info

[Otterbot](#) is a free texting service designed to help Washington high school seniors navigate financial aid for college and career education.

- Students can access Otterbot via text message 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by text texting "Hi Otter" to 360-928-7281.
- Otter sends periodic messages with financial aid information, resources, and deadlines.
- Students can text Otter with questions about financial aid, college planning, and more.

For more info please visit www.wsac.wa.gov/otterbot.

Attention Prospective College Bound Scholars Recipients you must complete the FAFSA or WASFA (undocumented student) to receive aid. www.fafsa.gov

Reminder all seniors should apply!

SCHOLARSHIP INFO

MHS Scholarship Database

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16ANIWuw5s1mLnBsy5EcrlxKaTvBh3zHTjbsE8nXGsyA/edit?usp=sharing>

Other Scholarship Sources

www.scholarships.com

www.washboard.org (WA schools only)

www.fastweb.com

LendEDU.com

Meridian Public School Foundation Scholarship

The Meridian Public School Foundation application process is open. Due date for completion of all required pieces is April 30th, 2020. The process is as follows: The website is

<http://www.meridianpublicschoolfoundation.org/application/>

You must submit the following:

1. A .pdf file of your application. Please save it as a .pdf file (go to "print" then where the drop down menu is to choose a printer, choose "Save as .pdf". Send this as an attachment to Mrs. Waterman (swaterman@meridian.wednet.edu). THEN click "submit" on the application.
2. Two letters of recommendation - one from an MHS staff member and one from a community member - either email this to Mrs. Waterman yourself or have your recommender do that. Again, .pdf file is needed.
3. Notify your counselor that you are applying and politely ask them to fill out the counselor rating form. They will email that to Mrs. Waterman.

Remember that staff, including counselors, are swamped. Do not wait until the last minute to ask for letters of recommendation and the counselor form.

Late applications will not be accepted. You must submit all of the items above to have a complete application!

The deadline is April 30th, 2020 by 3:00pm.

Don't hesitate to apply - almost everyone gets some amount! If you have questions, please let me know.

~Mrs. Waterman

Highlighted Scholarship

This is a great scholarship for anyone going into the trades and planning to get a certificate, enter an apprenticeship program or get your associate's degree in a trades-related field!

The **Career and Technical Scholarship** is now open for Washington residents of any age planning to go to community or technical college on their path to a high-demand, family-wage career in the trades, STEM or health care. This scholarship offers \$1,500 per quarter in scholarship funding for anyone planning to enter the workforce after earning their certificate, apprenticeship and associate degree. The scholarship can be used to cover tuition, fees and other costs of attendance like housing, transportation, food and more.

The application closes on June 4 at 11:59 pm. Visit our website to learn more, then watch this **video** for tips about how to apply! Haga **click aquí** para obtener más información en español.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at awards@waopportunityscholarship.org.

CAREER / JOB INFO

Sample Resumes - <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/high-school-resume-examples-and-writing-tips-2063554>

Reume Tips - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x9bvg4A0zEgSzUPX-cTFsDKIewsqocK_mMJ68iTVxVk/edit#slide=id.p

Resume Builder - [Resume Builder](#)

Career Planning & Research

[Career Information & Links](#)

[Washington Career Bridge](#)

Career Search

[Worksource](#) – community resource for job-related information (resume help, job searches, etc.)

[MyNextMove](#) – career searches, surveys

[Washington Dept. of Labor](#) - apprenticeships

[Jobs in Health Care](#)