



**Welcome, Cohort 22!**  
**2026 Leadership 1000 Scholars**

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# Today's Presenter



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# Goals for today



History of the Leadership 1000 Scholarship



Maintaining Eligibility for your Scholarship



Resources available as a CSF Scholar



Updating your information



Q&A



# Leadership 1000 Program

The Leadership 1000 Scholarship is a scholarship program funded by individuals, families, foundations, and businesses to provide college scholarships to talented students who need assistance attending an eligible college or university in Washington state.



# Leadership 1000 Donors

The Leadership 1000 Scholarship program awards college scholarships to outstanding students in our regions, thanks to the generosity of our benefactors. Although scholars are selected based on academic promise and financial need, donors may have additional requirements.

# The Basics



- Up to \$5,000 per year to attend 2 or 4-year colleges
  - If you start at a 2-yr college, you will be expected to transfer after 2 years
- Awarded for 4 years → renewable by June 30 every year
- Prefer you enroll full time (12+ credits) each term → if not, your award will be adjusted
- Must file a FAFSA or WASFA every year
- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at your school

# Timeline & Processing



- Funds mailed or electronically transferred 10 business days prior to the beginning of each term
- For additional or late renewals, we need two weeks minimum to process your payment
- Reasons why your scholarship is not disbursed:
  - Check got lost
  - Not enrolled full time
  - Financial Aid application not complete
  - Change of school without notifying us
  - Not meeting SAP
  - Didn't complete renewal process
  - No financial need

# Enrollment & SAP



- Enrollment –
  - Aim to be enrolled full time (12+) each term\*
  - Contact us if you will not be enrolled full time
  - Contact us and your financial aid office **BEFORE** you drop
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
  - Must meet college's SAP policy and continue to be eligible for financial aid
  - Not meeting SAP = No scholarship **and you may have to repay the funds**

# CSF Emergency Funds

- Emergency Funds are available when students experience ONE TIME unexpected expenses. Examples: transportation, books, supplies, medical expenses. Other non-emergency expenses include summer term, study abroad, graduation extension (5<sup>th</sup> year funding).
- Over your 4 years of college your request cannot exceed \$2000
- Contact Scholarship Services for a petition application
- These emergency funds are separate from the ones available through College Services.



# Using your support system



- Scholarship Services:
  - Your scholarship
  - Your FAFSA/WASFA
  - Any issue with your financial aid
  - Emergency funds
  - Your donor
- College Services
  - Your Coach
  - On-campus connections
  - Skill building
  - Financial support

# Updating Your Information

Please make sure to let us know if anything changes



- Change of address, phone number, email
- Transferring Colleges\*
  - Need to know the college and term transferring PRIOR to payment
  - Must work with college to process new financial aid award
  - Need support of any kind

[ScholarshipServices@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:ScholarshipServices@collegesuccessfoundation.org)



# We are here to help!

- Maria Rebecchi - [mrebecchi@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:mrebecchi@collegesuccessfoundation.org)
  - Especially for scholarship or financial aid questions (but I'll help connect you to people and resources)
- Anna Bennett - [abennett@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:abennett@collegesuccessfoundation.org)
  - Connects you with your donor

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