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WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT

Many students from low- and middle-income families can receive money from the Washington College Grant to pay for tuition or other school expenses. Grant amounts vary based on income and family size.

Submit a financial aid application to apply for Washington College Grant and other types of financial aid.

File the FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. Tax filers are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to import income information.

File the WASFA: <https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>
Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) if you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA.

Contact BTC's Student Financial Resources office for more information

Visit College Services 101 | Call 360.752.8351 | Email fnaid@btc.edu

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AREAS OF STUDY

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Industrial Maintenance & Mechatronics
Instrumentation & Control Technology
Machining
Process Technology
Water & Wastewater Treatment
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ALLIED HEALTH & NURSING

Dental Assisting
Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
Medical Administration
Nursing (DTA/MRP, PN, LPN–RN)
Nursing Assistant
Radiologic Technology
Surgery Technology
Veterinary Technician

BUSINESS

Accounting Technician
Administrative Assistant
Business (DTA/MRP)
Business Management
Human Resources Specialist
Office Assistant
Operations Management Certificate
Social Media Marketing

CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Arts
Pastry Arts

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Civil
Clean Energy
Composites
Electronics Technician
Geomatics
Mechanical Design

FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE SCIENCES

Fisheries & Aquaculture Sciences
Fisheries & Aquaculture Techniques

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Electrician
HVAC & Refrigeration

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Networking
Computer Networking Articulation to a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity from WWU
Cloud Computing
Computer Network Management
Computer Network Support
Computer Support Specialist

TRANSPORTATION

Automotive Collision Repair Technology
Automotive Technology
Diesel Technology

GENERAL EDUCATION & TRANSFER

www.btc.edu/GenEdTransfer

BTC'S TRANSFER OPTIONS

www.btc.edu/TransferOptions

2 BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES:

Operations Management (Fully Online)
Engineering Technology (Fully Online)

BTC has now expanded access to our Allied Health & Nursing programs!

To find out more about this exciting opportunity please visit www.btc.edu/admissions or contact admissions@btc.edu.

CELEBRATING FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

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ASHLEY HARRISON

Bachelor of Applied Science in Operations Management

Choosing to go to college as first-generation

Ashley's BTC experience started with a family conversation at the dinner table. Ashley had worked in the home health care industry and as a laborer doing odd jobs. But she wanted to make a better life for herself; she wanted to go to college, the first in her family to do so. "My family was very supportive of my decision to attend college even though they never went themselves," said Ashley. "I had taken some worker retraining classes at BTC and heard a lot of positive feedback from people that I know, so I knew that going to BTC was a great choice for me."

Getting help to navigate college

Ashley worked hard and took advantage of the services that BTC has to provide for first-generation college students. "The TRIO program at BTC was amazing. They helped me navigate the financial aid and registration processes and provided me with critical

tutoring support as well," Ashley recalls.

Ashley graduated with an Associate Degree in Business Management, but wanted to pursue her bachelor's degree as well.

Continuing at BTC with a bachelor's degree.

"I had several choices of colleges to attend after I completed my associate degree, but, in the end, I decided to stay here at BTC and work towards a Bachelor of Applied Science in Operations Management because of my positive experience," Ashley recounted.



Financial assistance through BTC scholarship

Ashley knew that she would need financial assistance if she was going to pursue her goals, so she applied for a BTC Foundation Scholarship. Ashley noted: "When I was informed that I was awarded a scholarship, I was amazed. It was such a huge relief. I desperately needed a new computer for my studies and this scholarship made that possible." Ashley was awarded the newly established Holli Brawley Memorial Scholarship, which was started by employees at WWU to honor a colleague who fell victim to an act of fatal domestic violence. "I did some research on my scholarship, and when I learned about the circumstances of its establishment, it brought me to tears," said Ashley. "It means so much to me that I was honored with this scholarship."

Continued growth through leadership engagement

Not only is Ashley working on her bachelor's degree, she is now getting engaged in other campus activities, including serving as a TRIO Ambassador as well as a member of the Associated Students of Bellingham Technical College (ASBTC). Ashley also serves on the Accreditation Steering Committee, the Planning & Resource Allocation Committee, and as the student representative of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee at the college.

"All of these activities have given me so much more confidence in myself. I cannot thank BTC enough for this experience. Once I graduate, my goal is to enter a career where I can give back to my community," said Ashley.



Through the ASBTC, students have a voice to assure that student issues and concerns are heard. Learn more about Student Life and ASBTC at www.btc.edu/StudentLife.



TRIO Student Support Services at BTC is aimed at helping students adjust to college life, succeed in classes, graduate with a degree or certificate, and start a career or transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Find out more about benefits and how TRIO can support you at www.btc.edu/TRIO.



If you are interested in supporting the Holli Brawley Memorial Scholarship at BTC, please visit www.btc.edu/donate. For more information about the BTC Foundation, visit www.btc.edu/foundation.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

OVER 250 OF BTC'S CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES ARE 100% ONLINE: www.btc.edu/ContinuingEd

TECHNOLOGY & COMPUTERS

- Microsoft Office Suite: Beginner to Advanced
- Data Analytics & Power BI
- Cybersecurity Certification

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Accounting & Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business

LEADERSHIP & BUSINESS SKILLS

- Essentials of Project Management & Exam Prep
- Leadership & Org Development
- Lean Six Sigma (Yellow & Green Belt Certification)

INDUSTRY & TRADES CERTIFICATIONS

- Welding, Flagging & Forklift
- Building Trades & Home Inspection
- High Risk Organization Training

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- CPR & First Aid
- Healthcare Professionals Training
- Self-Care & Wellbeing

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

- Recreation & Leisure
- Food & Beverage
- Hobbies & Interests

Industry-Recognized Clock Hours & CEUs Available



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**CONTINUING
EDUCATION AT BTC**



CUSTOMIZED CORPORATE TRAINING

BTC's Customized Corporate Training provides convenient and flexible training services to help your business and employees meet their fullest potential. BTC will collaborate with you to design training solutions customized to fit the needs of your organization and your employees' learning requirements, developing specific pathways to help your employees & business thrive. Training is available at your site, online or on our campus. *All BTC Continuing Education Classes & Programs above can be customized to your corporate training.*

Get started: CCE@btc.edu

CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES

All classes can be found online
at www.btc.edu/familystudies
or contact jknudsen@btc.edu

CHILDBIRTH

Preparation for Childbirth & Parenting \$199

Course fees waived for those covered by WA Apple Health (Medicaid) waivers.

Thu 1/19-3/9 6:30-9 p.m.

W 3/1-4/19 6:30-9 p.m.

Pregnancy & Childbirth \$149

Course fees waived for those covered by WA Apple Health (Medicaid) waivers.

T 1/10-2/7 *online* 6-8:30 p.m.

W 2/1-3/1 *online* 6:30-9 p.m.

M 2/27-3/27 6-8:30 p.m.

Prep. For Childbirth: Weekend Cond. \$149

Course fees waived for those covered by WA Apple Health (Medicaid) waivers.

Sa/Su 2/25-26 *Holiday Inn* 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Note: Class times are Sa 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m and Su 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Comfort Techniques for Labor & Birth \$40

Thu 1/19 6:30-9 p.m.

Thu 2/16 *online* 6-8:30 p.m.

Thu 3/16 6:30-9 p.m.

Breastfeeding Basics & Beyond \$40

Sa 1/21 *online* 10-11 a.m.

BABY CONNECTIONS

Bringing Baby Home \$199

Sa/Su 2/4-5 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Baby 'N' Me (1-7 months) \$149

W 1/25-3/15 1-3 p.m.

Baby 'N' Me (8-12 months) \$149

T 1/24-3/14 1-3 p.m.

CHILD & FAMILY
CLASSES AT BTC



FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Exploring with Toddlers \$199

M 1/9-3/27 9-11 a.m.

Note: This class is for 1 year olds

T 1/10-3/14 9-11 a.m.

Note: This class is for 2-3 year olds

Exploring Together: Birth to 5 \$249

Previously named: More Than One

W 1/11-3/15 9-11:30 a.m.

Thu 1/12-3/16 9-11:30 a.m.

F 1/13-3/17 9-11:30 a.m.

Raising Toddlers and Preschoolers \$99

M 2/6-3/13 6-8 p.m.

Raising School Age Children \$79

M 1/23-2/13 *Fairhaven* 9:30-11 a.m.

M 2/27-3/20 *Fairhaven* 9:30-11 a.m.

CHILDBIRTH CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

PeaceHealth provides half- scholarships for all BTC Childbirth classes (up to \$100/year). **Inquire at time of registration!**

PARENTING SCHOLARSHIPS AT BTC

Thanks to the BTC Foundation, IMCO, WECU, Kiwanis, PeaceHealth St. Joseph's Hospital, Nathan & Amanda Dwyer, and other generous members of our community. www.btc.edu/ParentingScholarship

START YOUR FINANCIAL AID PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND COLLEGE!

Financial aid applications for the next school year are OPEN NOW!

The FAFSA and WASFA opened on October 1, 2022. Applications are for the 2023-2024 school year which includes summer quarter 2023 through spring quarter 2024. Completing one of these applications will allow you to be considered for various types of financial aid such as grants, scholarships, work study or loans available at Bellingham Technical College.

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Which application should you complete? FAFSA or WASFA?

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WASFA: Washington Application for State Financial Aid

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BTC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Last year, the BTC Foundation awarded more than \$800,000 in scholarships, with the average scholarship award being \$3,200 with 55% of all applicants receiving a scholarship.

Please check website for application dates: www.btc.edu/scholarships.

For more information, contact Valerie Frank at vfrank@btc.edu or call 360.752.8684



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