



Washington Opportunity Pathways is a label applied to all student financial aid programs in Washington *except student loans*.

It is not a specific financial aid award.

State Support of Higher Education: The average total cost to educate each Washington State resident full-time community and technical college student for the 2009-10 academic year is \$6,706. Students pay an average of \$2,340 for tuition. The remaining \$4,366 is paid by state taxes and other funds from the state of [Washington's Opportunity Pathway](#). The costs shown are approximate. The actual tuition a student pays each quarter varies due to credit load, residency status and other factors.

Educational Tax Credits: You may be eligible to claim qualified tuition and fees paid against your federal income taxes. [The American Opportunity Credit](#) is a tax credit of up to \$2,500 for qualified tuition and related expenses paid during the tax year. [The Lifetime Learning Tax Credit](#) is a tax credit equal to 20 percent of the taxpayer's out-of-pocket expenses during the tax year. For guidance, consult a tax advisor or visit the [Internal Revenue Service website](#).