

Dear CSF Family,

These are challenging times. We all share similar concerns about the health and safety of our families, friends and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of our staff, students and communities is of the utmost importance. This value shapes the proactive steps we have taken, informed by the best guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Washington State Department of Health.

Difficult decisions have required closing all K-12 schools, universities and college campuses throughout Washington state to prevent community spread. Similarly, CSF has also closed our offices and required staff to work remotely.

Unfortunately, the underserved students we support are hardest hit by these major disruptions and face new and mounting barriers to their success. They need the full support of the community, now more than ever.

We remain laser-focused on our mission and have adapted our supports and services to best support students, schools and districts in these challenging times.

For CSF Scholars in middle school and high school, we have transitioned our student communications to electronic formats including texting, email and other group communication platforms. We remain in direct and regular communication with our students, schools and districts as we support students through new and creative ways to help bridge the gap.

For CSF Scholars in college, CSF advisors have unique remote advising tools to help students overcome academic, social, emotional and financial barriers. They are helping students adjust to the lost sense of community and association that a school campus can provide. And as many college students face housing and food insecurity challenges, we are already seeing a surge in emergency funding requests to help them find a place to live or stable access to food.

It is early and we do not yet know every need of our students, but *we are asking for your help*. We know this pandemic is having a devastating impact on so many of our students and their families.

With this in mind, we have established the CSF COVID-19 Student Support Fund to help us remain nimble and provide flexibility to meet the needs of our students through this evolving and unprecedented situation.

There is no doubt that there are big challenges ahead, but I know we are collectively up to the task. Please [donate to our CSF COVID-19 Student Support Fund today](https://collegesuccessfoundation.org/donate) at collegesuccessfoundation.org/donate.

CSF is here to help keep you informed during the COVID-19 outbreak. We encourage you to access our [COVID-19 Resource Guide for Students and Families](https://news.collegesuccessfoundation.org) at news.collegesuccessfoundation.org. Curated with our students in mind, key topics include online learning, college, finances, COVID-19 resources and more.

Thank you for supporting CSF and for keeping our students and their families' health and safety top of mind. Take care of yourself and your family. I look forward to seeing you in person in the near future.

Sincerely,



James Dorsey, President & CEO

COVID-19 Resource Guide for Students and Families

CSF's resource guide is designed to support the students, families, and communities we serve. It is curated with our students in mind to highlight the best resources at the community, state and federal levels.

A select list of resources is below. View the complete resource guide on our newsfeed at news.collegesuccessfoundation.org.

Education and Online Learning Resources

[OSPI COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#)

k12.wa.us/about-ospi/press-releases/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-resources
For educators, school districts, students and families.

[Washington Student Achievement Council COVID-19 Resources](#)

wsac.wa.gov/covid-19
Non-academic resources for students, info on WA colleges and universities, state and national resources.

[U.S. Department of Education COVID-19 Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)

ed.gov/coronavirus
Resources for elementary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, and at-home activities.

[League of Education Voters Resources for Online Learning](#)

educationvoters.org/resources/covid-19-resources
A working resource for parents, families, teachers, students, and other community members.

College Resources

Visit each institution's website to read info specific to their COVID-19 response.

[Washington Student Achievement Council Class of 2020 Action Plan](#)

wsac.wa.gov/actionplan
Helps students stay on track with college and career planning, financial aid applications, and more.

[Washington State Council of Presidents: Novel Coronavirus Information & Resources](#)

councilofpresidents.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information-resources
COVID-19 info from Washington state's public four-year colleges, their partners, and state leadership.

[Independent Colleges of Washington: COVID-19 Campus Resources](#)

icwashington.org/page/covid19
Provides COVID-19 info from Washington state's independent colleges and universities.

[National Association for College Admission Counseling: Coronavirus Impact Status Update](#)

nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus
Info about changes in college admission events, deposit dates and more.

[New York Times: How to Make College Decisions When Campuses are Closed](#)

nytimes.com/2020/03/15/well/family/coronavirus-college-visits-high-school-students.html
Provides college decision workarounds in this time of social distancing.

Foster Youth Resources

[Think of Us Child Welfare COVID-19 Command Center](#)

thinkofus.helpjuice.com

Information for foster youth and those serving foster youth including states, agencies, and service providers.

[FosterClub on the Coronavirus Emergency](#)

fosterclub.com/c19

Provides links to resources, information, and opportunities to find support for those experiencing foster care or without family support.

Financial Resources

[Employment Security Department](#)

esd.wa.gov/

For those who have lost their job or need to find one.

[Federal Student Aid](#)

studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus

Info for students, borrowers, and parents on studies and loan repayment.

[Washington State Department of Financial Institutions](#)

dfi.wa.gov/coronavirus/financial-resources

Info on unemployment help, paying rent & loans, utilities help, insurance issues, small business loans, etc.

Statewide COVID-19 Resources

[Washington State Coronavirus Response](#)

coronavirus.wa.gov

Washington state's official COVID-19 site including info on government and community services.

[Washington State Department of Health Novel Coronavirus Fact Sheet](#)

doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020/FactSheet

Fact sheet on symptoms, who is at risk, and more. Available in multiple languages.

[Washington State Department of Labor and Industries COVID-19 Resources](#)

lni.wa.gov/agency/outreach/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19-resources

Info about paid sick leave, worker's compensation and other resources.

[OneAmerica Resources for Immigrants](#)

weareoneamerica.org/2020/03/23/covid-19-coronavirus-resources-for-immigrants-recursos-para-inmigrantes

Resources to ensure immigrants in Washington state are able to receive the care they need.

[Governor Jay Inslee Proclamations](#)

governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations

Formal declarations from the Governor related to COVID-19.

Community Support Resources

Check each county's public health department or government pages for info specific to that county.