

TUITION SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS ON THE PENINSULAS



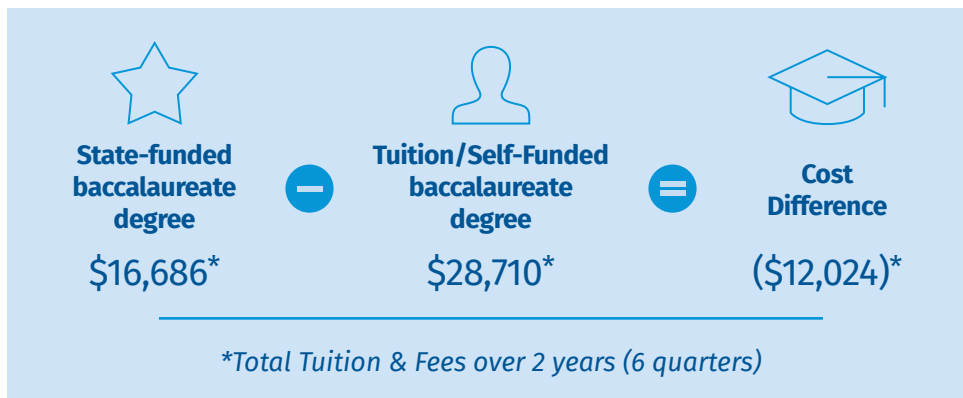
The Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas region is one of the most underserved regions of the state for access to baccalaureate and graduate post-secondary degree programs. An analysis by Washington STEM found that by 2026 there will be 3,615 family-wage job openings in the region that require a four-year post-secondary degree, but in 2018 only 1,254 high school students in the region were projected to go on to earn a four-year degree or higher.

2020 Budget Request

Western is requesting \$1.9 million per year to significantly reduce tuition rates for students attending Western on the Peninsulas and to improve recruitment and student support services.

- \$12,000 tuition reduction over two years for students attending WWU on the Peninsulas
- Improved four-year degree pathways for the residents of the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas through targeted recruitment and student support strategies
- Increase of at least 100 students attending Western on the Peninsulas
- Remove significant inequalities between students attending WWU's Bellingham campus and place-bound students served by Western on the Peninsulas

State-Funded Degrees = More Access



Western on the Peninsulas

193 students enrolled

70% of students are over age 25

56% of students are the first generation in their family to attend college

49% of students are from low-income families

20% of students are veterans or their dependents

Degree and certificate programs include business administration, cybersecurity, early childhood education, elementary and special ed, educational administration, environmental policy, environmental science, human services and multidisciplinary studies.

