



WWIN's mission: To provide health and education grants to low-income women in Washington to help them improve their lives.

The need is great...

- The Federal Poverty Level is \$11,880 for a single woman and \$24,300 for a family of four
- More than 460,000 women in Washington live below the Federal Poverty Level
- **51% of female-headed households with children in our state live below the Federal Poverty Level**

Data from the US Department of Health and Human Services and the US Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey

Our Programs

Education Grants remove a financial barrier to higher education, empowering women to shape their futures and lift themselves out of poverty, raising their self-esteem and the odds that their children will develop the skills and tools to continue on a path of success for generations. General Education Grantees receive up to \$5,000 over a one-year period to assist with the costs of tuition, mandatory fees, books, or required supplies at the accredited Washington college or university of their choice, and Star Scholars are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 in grant funding for each year of their college career (up to \$20,000 over four years), provided that they meet educational benchmarks and make progress toward their goals.

Health Care Grants provide support for critical, unmet health care needs that return a woman to good health so that she can focus on her future. Health Care Grantees are awarded up to \$3,000 to assist with the costs of selected services, including crucial dental, vision, and mental health care services that are not covered by Washington's expanded Medicaid program.

Our grant-making process is straightforward and responsive:

- **Grantees are selected within just six weeks of submitting their applications.**
- A grantee can start using her grant on the same day that she signs her grant agreement.
- Grantees have nearly unlimited provider choice: They can attend the college they prefer and choose their major according to their interests and passions, and they can select the health care provider with whom they feel the most comfortable and confident.

About Our Grantees

- Their average annual household income is just \$14,456
- All grantees have incomes below 138% of the Federal poverty level. Single grantees make less than \$16,394 annually; families of four make less than \$33,534 annually
- 49% are employed full- or part-time
- 64% receive public benefits
- 46% have dependent children, and 34% are single mothers
- 84% are the sole providers for themselves and their families
- The average age is 31 and the age range is 18-64
- 51% are White/Caucasian and 49% are non-White
- 57% are from the Seattle metropolitan area (King, Pierce, Snohomish Counties); 22% are from Western Washington, outside Seattle metropolitan area; and 21% are from Eastern Washington

About WWIN's Education Grantees

- They attend 38 community, public, private, and tribal colleges across the State
- Their average cost of tuition, fees, books, and supplies for this academic year is \$28,202
- 34% are seeking an Associate's degree or certificate and 66% are seeking a Bachelor's degree
- 63% are the first in their families to go to college
- Their average GPA is 3.6

About WWIN's Health Care Grantees

- 76% receive funding for dental crowns and bridges to replace missing or broken teeth
- 28% receive funding for glasses or contact lenses to see better at work, school, and home
- 4% receive funding for mental health counseling, most of whom seek to work with trauma or PTSD specialists
- Nearly 100% cite going back to school or work as goals and look to their WWIN grant to help them achieve this

***“You haven’t just provided me with financial support...
You’ve given me the chance to achieve the goals I set for myself years ago.”
– Amanda, Education Grantee***

WWIN’s History

WWIN was founded by Julia Love Pritt, a Seattle-area businesswoman, in 1992. One of four children and raised by a single mother, Julia experienced significant hardship growing up. Her mother sacrificed so much for her children, often at the expense of her own health and well-being. A hard worker, Julia eventually co-founded a very successful software company. Yet divorce, breast cancer, and the loss of her mother soon shattered her world. In a time of incredible trauma and grief, Julia reflected on her access to resources: mental health counseling, health insurance and dental care, and an education upon which she could rely. She also realized that her own mother had not had access to any of those resources and had suffered as a result. Julia founded WWIN to help women like her mother – women with motivation and determination, who just need a little help getting past the barriers standing in the way of their dreams.

Our Impact

Each year, WWIN provides significant financial assistance for higher education and health care:

- 148 grants, ranging from \$200 to \$5,000, were awarded in the last year
- Since 1992 WWIN has provided over 6,200 grants to women

Our impact reaches beyond our grantees to touch those who encounter them as productive employees, contributors to the community, providers for their families and role models. And we know that our grantees find success even within just a few years of receiving a WWIN grant. Our grantees from the past five years recently completed an alumni survey and told us that:

- 38% of education grantees have increased their incomes enough to no longer be eligible for a WWIN grant
- Among the education grantees who graduated, 61% of education grantees have increased their incomes enough to no longer be eligible for a WWIN grant
- 34% of health care grantees have increased their incomes enough to no longer be eligible for a WWIN grant

- 61% of education grantees are now employed
- 81% of education grantees who graduated are now employed
- 55% of health care grantees are now employed

- 76% of education grantees have graduated
- 24% of education grantees are still in college working toward their degree
- ...Which means that among our education grant respondents, 100% either graduated or are still in college working toward a degree.
- Among those who are still in college, 100% are on track to graduate on time.

We are so proud to have helped to make such a significant difference in a short period of time!

How Our Work is Made Possible

100% of WWIN’s funding is generously donated by individuals, foundations, corporations, and community groups.

As a community, when we invest in a woman, we spark a new direction, not only for her, but for those who depend on her. Investing in women is the smartest way to ensure a successful future for all of us.



Your gift changes futures!

Please make a donation today.

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