

WWIN Grant Programs

WWIN provides grants in four program areas:

- **Education at accredited institutions in Washington**
- **Mental Health Counseling with licensed mental health professionals**
- **Health Care Insurance Premiums for women who have health insurance**
- **Physical, Dental, Vision, and Hearing for exams and treatment**

The Education Grant provides up to \$5,000 a year for assistance with tuition and books at accredited institutions in the state of Washington. Women are only eligible for WWIN funding if other grants and scholarships received do not fully cover the costs of tuition and books. WWIN can fund any level of degree or vocational certification through a Bachelor's degree.

How to Apply: Education Assistance grant applications are available **online twice a year (usually June and November)**. Visit www.wwin.org/how-to-apply/opening-dates/ for specific opening dates. During each opening, applications are available on our website for two days only. Once received by WWIN, complete applications are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. If your application is processed, WWIN will call you on the telephone to do a phone screening. If you appear to be eligible after the initial screening, you will need to come into our office in Bellevue for an in-person interview. In order to apply, a woman must be enrolled in the school of her choice and have completed the federal financial aid (FAFSA) form.

The Mental Health Counseling Grant covers up to 24 sessions of therapy with the licensed mental health professional of the grantee's choice during a period of up to one year. Grantees may choose how often to schedule therapy sessions and whether individual or group counseling sessions are preferred. The coverage rate is paid per counseling session, and grantees are responsible for charges that exceed the coverage rate.

How to Apply: Mental Health Counseling grant application screenings are conducted **every SECOND Tuesday of the month from 12pm-1pm**. During that time please call 425-451-8838 extension 305 to be connected to a trained volunteer who will ask questions to screen you for eligibility. You may need to call more than once to get through. The number of applications is limited, so if the available applications have already been given out by the time you call, the voicemail greeting will be changed to reflect the status; you will need to try again the following month. If you appear to be eligible after the initial screening, WWIN will send you an application for you to fill out completely and promptly return.

The Health Care Insurance Premium Grant provides assistance for the payment of monthly premiums for grantees who have health insurance. WWIN does not provide health insurance, but rather pays monthly premiums for one year on the grantee's behalf up to a specified maximum. In addition, the grant covers up to \$1,000 in co-pays or co-insurance and deductibles for doctor visits. The grant assists with coverage for the individual woman only; it does not cover prescription drugs.

How to Apply: Insurance Premium Assistance grant application screenings are available **every FIRST Tuesday of the month from 12pm-1 pm**. During that time please call 425-451-8838 extension 305 to be connected to a trained volunteer who will ask questions to screen you for eligibility. You may need to call more than once to get through. The number of applications is limited, so if the available applications have already been given out by the time you call, the voicemail greeting will be changed to reflect the status; you will need to try again the following month. If you appear to be eligible after the initial screening, WWIN will send you an application for you to fill out completely and promptly return.

The Physical, Dental, Vision, and Hearing (PDVH) Grant covers a wide range of dental services and basic physical/vision/hearing screening exams. This grant covers up to \$3,000 over a six-month period for approved medical services, and it can also be used for expenses related to eyeglasses or hearing aids. A grantee can see the professional of her choice, and she can see more than one professional if necessary. Among the physical services covered are mammograms, eye exams, hearing exams, and yearly physicals, in addition to many restorative dental procedures. The dental grant does not cover tooth whitening or veneers, braces, or implants.

How to Apply: Our PDVH grant openings are conducted three times a year, generally in May, September, and January. **To find out specific opening dates, visit www.wwin.org/how-to-apply/opening-dates/ or call 425-451-8838 option 4.**

Grant openings last for two days only; on those days, you may call 425-451-8838 extension 307 and listen closely to the instructions. You will be leaving a message on the message line and the instructions will outline exactly what you need to tell us. Information we will likely ask for includes: your name, address, and phone number; income as reported on your most recent tax return or estimated annual income; and your family size. Only leave one message as multiple messages from the same caller will be disregarded. At the end of the 2-day opening we will assign numbers to each caller and hold a random drawing that will determine which callers will receive applications in the mail. If you receive an application, fill it out completely and mail it back by the deadline noted on the cover letter that will be included with the application. WWIN will call you once we receive your application to review it by phone. If you appear to be eligible after the initial screening, you will need to come into our office in Bellevue for an in person interview.

By Appointment Only

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