



# Workforce Board

The Workforce Board is a state agency committed to the development of a highly skilled workforce that will sustain Washington's economic vitality. We accomplish this through research, partnership building, and policies designed to serve a diverse population.

## Assessing Financial Aid Need for Workforce Education Students

### What are the barriers to student access and completion?

- Financial costs of tuition, fees, and living expenses
- Lack of information about training opportunities and financial aid
- Child care
- Time involved and location of training opportunities
- Academic preparation

### Recommendations

- Increase financial aid
- Provide comprehensive support services, including child care, tutoring, and transportation assistance
- Provide better access to comprehensive information about training opportunities and financial aid

### Workforce Education Student Unmet Need in 2004-2005 after Traditional Student Aid and Aid from Workforce Development Programs

	Total Amount of Unmet Need
Need, before aid	\$277,616,514
Unmet need after traditional student aid	\$151,351,654
Estimated unmet need after traditional student aid and aid from Workforce Development Programs	\$97 million

**The Workforce Board advocates for the training of individuals to fill the over 75 percent of jobs not requiring a four-year degree.**