



WA high school students:
Ready Washington wants to partner with you!
Ready WA Student Storyteller Program 2025-2026

WA students: how are you preparing for life after high school? What classes and/or activities have supported you in exploring your options for education/training and careers after high school? What support do you wish you had?

Ready Washington would like to partner with you for six to nine months to learn from your experiences, and to showcase your talents and aspirations through the media platform(s) of your choice (social media, blog posts, video, podcast, etc.). Your voice should inform the conversation in our state about education-to-career pathway planning.

The Project

- Students will meet regularly (we will work with you on a meeting schedule that fits your needs) with each other and a small group of Ready Washington members, over Zoom, to discuss lived experiences in and out of school in exploring possible career paths and preparing for life after high school. Ready WA members can offer storytelling training and mentoring as students would like.
- Students will decide which parts of their journey they would like to share and how (photos, videos, essays, Q&A, etc.), with guidance from Ready WA members. Ready WA would ultimately like to share three or so updates in some format (blog, video, infographic, etc.) from each student over the course of the year about their journey. We hope this storytelling project will grow students' own communications capacity, as well as inform policy and program decision-making in our state.
- Ready WA members can provide mentoring about career pathways as students wish.

Examples of stories from 2024-2025 school years include a [blog](#), an [infographic](#), and a [video](#).

Compensation

Students will be compensated for their time.

- ~\$200 for attending meetings
- \$150 per storytelling project (up to 4)
- **TOTAL: up to \$800**

Why participate?

- Meet and engage with other students who are interested in college and career readiness.
- Build communication skills and experience, which could be included on a resume.
- Engage with state-level communications professionals and advocates regarding the K-12 and postsecondary education systems in Washington state, as well as to discuss college preparation guidance.
- Use Ready WA and partner platforms to share your story about your journey through high school and into what will come after graduation.
- Inform how schools carry out education and career pathway planning.

We seek students who:

- Have an interest in communications as a career pathway
- Can commit to the project for the school year
- Are juniors or seniors in high school, or first-year students in postsecondary education

Application Process

Applicants should send the following information to Rita Walker at rita@partnership4learning.org no later than **October 10**.

- Name
- School name and grade level for the 2025-2026 academic year
- Email address and phone number
- Confirmation that you intend to fulfill the project commitments
- A short essay (150-200 words max) about why you would like to be a Ready WA Student Storyteller

Additional Questions?

Contact Rita at the email address above for more information.

About Ready Washington

[Ready Washington](#) is a coalition of nearly 30 state education agencies, associations and advocacy organizations that work together to engage and amplify the voices of students, families, and educators. We create information and resources that help every student understand where they are in their educational journey, where they want to go on their career pathway, and the skills and knowledge they will need to reach their goals.