Washington Student Engagement Networks (WA-SEN) Student Regional Coordinator, Paid Internship

An initiative administered by Independent Colleges of Washington as a member of the College Promise Coalition

Part-time contract 8 hours per week (Hybrid)

Duration June 2025- June 2026

Pay \$21/hour

*Please note positions are subject to funding from a pending grant

Reports to Student Engagement Advisors

Job Description:

Recruit & Engage Student Leaders

- Working with the Student Engagement Network (WA-SEN) Advisors, recruit a diverse group of student leaders (especially undergraduates) to engage with legislators in the district and in Olympia during the session.
- Identify, train, and supervise student liaisons, volunteers/participants and future interns in assigned region.
- Facilitate both virtual and in-person legislative interactions, including in-district meetings and advocacy efforts in Olympia.

Build & Strengthen Student Networks

- Organize and lead student groups throughout the year in online and in-person settings.
- Foster collaboration among students passionate about higher education policy.
- Network with **fellow students**, **school clubs**, **and student government** to expand WA-SEN's reach with support from liaisons when applicable.
- Work with liaisons to request professors to forward WA-SEN event invitations to students in their courses and distribute event posters to campuses in your assigned region.

Mobilize Advocacy Efforts

- Educate legislators on the importance of financial aid expansion and higher education attainment.
- Lead self-directed engagement initiatives, using both virtual and in-person strategies.
- Receive coaching and support from WA-SEN to enhance advocacy efforts.
- Attend **town hall events in your legislative district**, representing WA-SEN and preparing to ask questions related to WA-SEN's goals and concerns.

Host & Support Campus Advocacy Events

- **Table at campus events** to increase awareness and recruit student advocates.
- Help organize or assist in WA-SEN events at your college.

Commit to Full Participation in WA-SEN Events

- Work with the WA-SEN team to plan, prepare and host annual WA-SEN events.
- Attend all required WA-SEN events unless prohibited by school, work, or family obligations.
- **Engage actively in all virtual events** by turning on video, contributing to the chat, and assisting as needed.

Signature WA-SEN Events

Constitution Day (September, exact date TBD) – Constitution Day and
 Citizenship Day, September 17, is designated to commemorate the signing of the

- U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. This nationally recognized holiday is intended to promote education around the Constitution.
- **Fall Summit (October/November, exact dates TBD)** A key networking and training opportunity. If unable to attend, you must coordinate with WA-SEN.
- Student Engagement Day in Olympia (Late January/Early February, exact dates TBD)
 A major advocacy event where students meet directly with legislators.

This is your chance to amplify student voices, drive policy change, and build leadership skills while shaping the future of higher education in Washington. Join WA-SEN and be a force for student advocacy!

Qualifications

- Strong commitment to the mission and vision of WA-SEN.
- Enthusiasm about helping students attend college and complete a degree regardless of financial circumstance.
- Ability to recruit and work with diverse students (age, veterans, race/ethnicity, etc.).
- Great communication skills.
- Ability to work autonomously, excellent organization and time management skills, with the ability to juggle multiple projects simultaneously.
- Access to transportation for campus and legislative visits.
- Washington College Grant or federal Pell Grant recipient a plus, but not required.
- Washington State Work Study eligible students encouraged to apply.

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Regions:

There are five regions currently identified for the 2024-25 academic year, with one opening per region. To meet the minimum requirements of a WA-SEN student position, interested students should apply to the region where they are attending college.

WA-SEN North Region Coordinator

Bellingham Technical College (42nd), Cascadia College (1st), Edmonds College (32nd), Everett Community College (38th), Peninsula College (24th), Olympic College (35th), Shoreline College (32nd), University of Washington- Bothell (1st), Western Washington University (40th), Whatcom Community College (40th), Washington State University- Everett (38th), Skagit Valley College (40th), Washington Student University-Everett (38th).

WA-SEN Eastern Region Coordinator

Big Bend Community College (13th), Eastern Washington University (6th), Gonzaga University (3rd), Spokane Community College (6th), Washington State University- Pullman (9th), Wenatchee Valley College (12th), Whitworth University (7th).

WA-SEN South Sound Region Coordinator

Bates Technical College (27th), Clover Park Technical College (29th), Evergreen State College (22nd), Pierce College- Puyallup (25th), Pierce College- Fort Steilacoom (28th), Pacific Lutheran University (29th), Saint

Martin's University (22nd), South Puget Sound Community College (22nd), Grays Harbor College (19th), Tacoma Community College (28th), University of Puget Sound (27th), University of Washington- Tacoma (27th).

WA-SEN King Region Coordinator -FILLED

Bellevue College (41st), Green River College (47th), Highline College (33rd), Lake Washington Technical Institute (45th), North Seattle College (46th), Renton Technical College (11th), Seattle Central College (43rd), Seattle Pacific University (36th), Seattle University (43rd), South Seattle College (34th), University of Washington- Seattle (43rd).

WA-SEN Columbia Region Coordinator

Centralia Community College (20th), Clark College (49th), Central Washington University (13th), Columbia Basin College (16th), Heritage University (14th), Lower Columbia College (19th), Walla Walla Community College (16th), Whitman College (16th), Washington State University- Tri-Cities(8th) Washington State University- Vancouver (17th), Yakima Valley College (14th/15th).

Regions and assigned campuses within regions subject to change as best practices realized.

Please direct questions about this opportunity to team@wa-sen.org