

## FAQs

### CPS Wentcher Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions for Students & Families

#### Q How much will my scholarship be and what does it cover?

A The Wentcher Foundation offers up to \$10,000 per year in scholarship funds, disbursed as \$5,000 per semester. The exact amount depends on the financial need verified with your college. As a “last-dollar” scholarship, Wentcher funds are applied after all other grants and scholarships, adding to your financial aid package rather than replacing it.

Your Wentcher scholarship can be used to cover:

- Tuition
- Room and board (housing and meal plans)
- Books and required fees as part of your Cost of Attendance (COA)
- Health and dental insurance, if included in your COA

To maximize its impact, Wentcher funds cannot displace (or reduce) other institutional aid, ensuring they reduce your financial burden and cover essential expenses.

#### Q What if I don't use my full \$10,000 scholarship for the regular school year?

A If the maximum amount your school allows is less than \$10,000, the remaining funds may be used for a computer (once in four years, up to \$2,000), additional expenses for study abroad, and summer classes. Study abroad and summer classes must be credit-bearing and count toward graduation. Funds cannot roll over to the next year.

#### Q When will my scholarship be sent to my school?

A The Wentcher Foundation coordinates with your school's Financial Aid Office to confirm the maximum amount allowed and the timing of your scholarship funds. The scholarship is sent in two disbursements: one in the fall and one in the spring.

\* *Please note: Your Wentcher scholarship may not appear immediately on your Financial Aid Award letter so don't worry if it isn't listed.*

#### Q Can Wentcher send funds to third parties or for housing costs?

A No, the Wentcher Foundation can only send scholarship funds directly to your university. We do not pay third-party vendors or cover off-campus housing directly. All funds are distributed through your institution to ensure they are applied to your student account for eligible expenses.

#### Q Do I have to reapply each year for my scholarship?

A No, you don't need to reapply, but you must upload official transcripts to the Wentcher Foundation portal after each term.

#### Q What is required for me to renew my scholarship each year?

- A To retain eligibility, Wentcher Scholars must:
- Enroll full-time and maintain full-time status.
  - Maintain a cumulative B average (3.0 GPA).
  - Upload official transcripts after each term.
  - Each spring, the Wentcher Foundation will require students to upload an award letter for the upcoming year. We will also confirm your financial need with your college to ensure continued eligibility for the scholarship.

#### Q What do I do if I'm struggling to meet the requirements?

A If you are facing academic or personal challenges, reach out to the Wentcher Foundation staff. We can guide you to campus resources for support. Contact Theresa Pfister at [theresa@wentcherfoundation.org](mailto:theresa@wentcherfoundation.org) if you need support.

#### Q What if I need to change my major or transfer to a new school?

A Wentcher funding is not dependent on your major. You may use your scholarship at any accredited, nonprofit, Title IV-eligible school in the U.S. However, financial aid eligibility may change based on the institution. Contact us as soon as possible if you're considering a transfer. The CPS Wentcher Scholarship can be received for up to four years of undergraduate support, or 8 semesters.

#### Q What resources can I access as a Wentcher scholar?

A Beyond financial assistance, the Wentcher Foundation offers a range of resources to support your college success.

Wentcher Scholar Support Services:

- Academic Support: Semester stipends for Chegg Study, available upon request, to assist with coursework.
- Career Development: Access to professional work opportunities through CareerSpring.
- Community-Building: Peer-to-peer workshops, pizza nights, and networking events—both virtual and on-campus—to strengthen connections within the Wentcher Scholar community.
- Individual Check-Ins: One-on-one Zoom or phone meetings with Programs staff for guidance on college challenges and referrals to campus resources.

Mental Health & Wellness: Free, 24/7 access to licensed clinicians through All One Health, our Student Assistance Program, available via app or phone

#### Q I have more questions, who should I contact?

A **Academic Status, Benchmarks, and Student Resources:**  
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