



WSBF

Washington School for the Blind
Foundation

Helping Washington's Blind Youth Achieve Success

Senior Technology Grant Program

The Washington School for the Blind Foundation (WSBF) is pleased to announce the creation of the Senior Technology Grant Program. This project will allow students who are completing their final year at WSSB to acquire technology that they are being trained to use while attending the school. Through generous grants from the WSBF, students will be able to have the technology in their hands while making installment payments and, upon successful demonstration of effective use of the tool and completion of the contract, will receive the equipment at graduation. The WSBF will subsidize the cost of the technology based upon each student's financial need thus making the technology affordable to everyone.

Application Process:

Students and their parents may apply to be a part of this program by filling out the WSBF Senior Technology Grant Program form. Upon receipt of a completed application, the WSBF Board will review the application and create a contract detailing the equipment to be a part of the project and the financial obligations of the student/family.

Upon successfully being admitted to the project, the student will receive the technology and any training necessary in its use. Students will be taught to contact vendors regarding warranty issues during their time at the school. After the student leaves WSSB, equipment issues will be the responsibility of the student.

The student/family financial obligations will be based upon WSSB's current record of the USDA eligibility for free/reduced meals.

Students who do not meet the requirements for free/reduced meals will have a financial obligation of **50%** of the costs of the approved technology.

Students who meet the requirements for reduced meals will have a financial obligation of **25%** of the costs of the approved technology.

Students who meet the requirements for free meals will have a financial obligation of **10%** of the costs of the approved technology.

For these financial obligations, a variety of payment possibilities are available. Some of these include monthly payments, quarterly payments, lump sum payments, outside grants and work study programs.

A final payment covering the entire balance (if any) must be paid by the student's last day at WSSB in order to fulfill the project's financial obligation.

After successful demonstration of the objectives, financial obligations and completion of the schooling at WSSB, the balance of the equipment cost will be gifted from the WSBF and ownership of the equipment will be transferred from the foundation to the student.