

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an NWACC honors student participating in the Wealth Gap Project, a service learning project focused on our own students. We hope to raise \$500 to allow certain eligible students to take the COMPASS without having to pay the regular fee, which is scheduled to go up to \$15.

At one point in my life I was a single mother of four. Because of my own experience, I feel that this program supporting similar students would serve those who experience poverty and have a difficult time getting out of it. When you are in a poverty mindset you cannot logically see the future, you are only trying to get through the day. The \$15 fee may seem like a small sum of money, but my research shows it clearly keeps some potential NWACC students from taking this important entry level exam.

I have worked with Christie Brinsfield the advisor for Career Pathways and she is very excited to have funds available for those that are trying to get out of their hardship. She has looked into the number of people that would qualify and it would range from 18 to 24 students per semester.

I am asking you to consider giving a donation (as small as \$5) for this program. Your donation, no matter how small, would be a monumental gesture facilitating marginalized folks ability to turn around their lives and climb out of the bottom of the wealth gap.

If you can make a donation, either take a check to the NWACC Foundation or put a check in the interoffice to the foundation specifying that it is for the COMPASS fund in Career Pathways.

I and the other students of the project greatly appreciate your consideration!

Thank you,

Lynn Reed

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