

What is the College Bound Scholarship?

College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students who sign up in middle school and fulfill the College Bound pledge.

College Bound combines with other state financial aid to cover average tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small book allowance. You can earn an approved certificate or degree at over 60 eligible schools in Washington. This includes public and private two- and four-year colleges, technical colleges, and private career schools. Find a list of participating schools at www.collegebound.wa.gov.

Am I eligible?

Apply if you are in 7th or 8th grade and meet one of the following requirements:

- ▶ Your family meets the income requirements in the chart below.
- ▶ You are in foster care or a dependent of the state.
- ▶ Your family receives basic food or TANF benefits.

2018-19 Income Chart

| Household Size | Annual Income Guidelines* | Monthly Income | Weekly Income |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2 | \$30,451 | \$2,538 | \$586 |
| 3 | \$38,443 | \$3,204 | \$740 |
| 4 | \$46,435 | \$3,870 | \$893 |
| 5 | \$54,427 | \$4,536 | \$1,047 |
| 6 | \$62,419 | \$5,202 | \$1,201 |
| Each additional household member | Add \$7,992 | Add \$666 | Add \$154 |

*Household income must be less than or equal to this amount.

The College Bound Scholarship is a state funded program administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council. For more information about the program and about other financial aid options in Washington, visit www.readysetgrad.org, or contact us by email at collegebound@wsac.wa.gov, or by phone at 888-535-0747, option 1.



How do I know if I successfully applied?

Once a College Bound application is started, you will get a Missing Information Letter (MIL) that will require both a parent and student signature, you may need to check which eligibility requirement you meet. Once the application is complete, you will get a College Bound certificate in the mail.

What happens next?

Once you have completed your College Bound application and received your certificate, the program staff will continue to remind you of important information and updates.

How will I receive the scholarship?

- ▶ Fulfill the scholarship pledge requirements and meet state residency requirements.
- ▶ File the FAFSA or WASFA in your senior year and every year in college to determine income eligibility.
- ▶ Be accepted to and attend an eligible college.
- ▶ Be in good standing at your college.

Is there a deadline?

Yes! You must apply by June 30 at the end of your 8th grade year.

What is the pledge?

College Bound students promise to:

- ▶ Graduate from a Washington State high school or home school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.
- ▶ Apply to college.
- ▶ Submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) as soon after October 1 as possible in your senior year of high school.
- ▶ Have no felony convictions.