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WCAN.ORG | PCCN.ORG | READYSETGRAD.ORG | ROADMAPPROJECT.ORG

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WHAT IS COLLEGE BOUND?

The College Bound Scholarship is a commitment of **state financial aid** to **eligible** students and is a four-year scholarship (12 quarters/8 semesters). Students would have applied in middle school before the end of their 8th grade year and commit to meeting the College Bound Pledge in high school to receive the scholarship. College Bound combines on your **award letter** with other state financial aid to cover tuition (at public college rates), some fees and a small book allowance.

Find other eligibility requirements at collegebound.wa.gov

The College Bound Scholarship

DOES COVER:

- Average cost of **tuition** (at public college rates)
- Some college **fees**
- Small book allowance

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DOES NOT COVER:

- Housing
- Meal plan
- Transportation
- Healthcare insurance
- Non-mandatory fees

Other financial aid may assist with these expenses. This list may vary by college.

WHERE CAN I USE IT?

The College Bound Scholarship can be used at **over 60 2 - and 4 - year public and private colleges, universities and technical programs** in Washington state.

In the 2017-2018 school year the maximum College Bound Scholarship award amounts look like this:

College Types & Potential College Bound Scholarship Dollars

Public 4-Year Research Colleges

(for example: University of Washington)
Up to \$10,802 per year

Community and Technical Colleges (CTCs)

(for example: Spokane Community College)
Up to \$4,438 per year

Private 2-year Colleges

(for example: Art Institute of Seattle)
Up to \$4,467 per year

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Public 4-Year Comprehensive Colleges

(for example: Central Washington University)
Up to \$7,379 per year

Private 4-Year Colleges

(for example: Pacific Lutheran University) Up to \$11,904 per year

If you have

questions about the College Bound Scholarship, please contact the Washington

Student Achievement Council at collegebound@wsac.wa.gov
888-535-0747 option 1 or visit collegebound.wa.gov

3 COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP: THE PLEDGE

REMEMBER THAT TIME IN 7TH or 8TH GRADE

when you signed a pledge to go to college? We haven't forgotten about you. Here is what you need to know about the pledge for the College Bound Scholarship.

HOW DO I GET IT?

After completing the application in middle school, eligible students must fulfill **The College Bound Pledge**:

- Graduate from a Washington state high school or homeschool program with at least a 2.0 GPA. If you were in foster care at any point after 7th grade, please visit readyssetgrad.org/fostercare to learn more about additional options.
- Have no **felony convictions**.

- Be income eligible, as determined by your college with the information from your **FAFSA** or **WASFA**. You can view income requirements by using readyssetgrad.org/cbs-mfi
- Get accepted to and go to one of the over 60 colleges or universities or programs within one year of graduating high school. Visit readyssetgrad.org/eligible-institutions for a complete list of eligible schools.

COLLEGE BOUND OVERVIEW

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* GOOD TO KNOW:

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GET UPDATES:

Sign up to get updates on the College Bound Scholarship and other ways to get college ready by visiting: bit.ly/2glM56L

3 COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP: ACCESSING IT

You're about to graduate and go to college. It's time to start thinking about what you need to do to get your College Bound Scholarship. There are forms to complete and deadlines to meet, and it's important that you and your family understand the process.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO:

1. Meet the College Bound Scholarship pledge requirements.
2. File the **FAFSA** or **WASFA**. You may file as early as October 1 of your senior year. Remember that each college has their own financial aid deadlines that you must follow.
3. Be admitted to and enroll in a college in Washington within one year of high school graduation.
4. Be a U.S. citizen, eligible non-citizen, or have been granted **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)** status.

WHAT WILL THE COLLEGE DO?

1. **Determine** if your income meets the eligibility guidelines.
2. **Calculate** your financial aid award.
3. **Send** you a financial aid award letter (by mail or email) indicating how much financial aid you will receive.
4. **Disburse** your **financial aid** to you, including your College Bound Scholarship, before classes begin.

*** If you don't receive your "match email"** notifying you that your College Bound application matched with your FAFSA or WASFA, call **888-535-0747 (option 1)** or email **collegebound@wsac.wa.gov**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- College Bound will send you a **"match email"** notifying you when your FAFSA or WASFA is matched to your original College Bound application.
- College Bound will automatically identify you as a College Bound student to all of the colleges you listed on the FAFSA or WASFA.

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