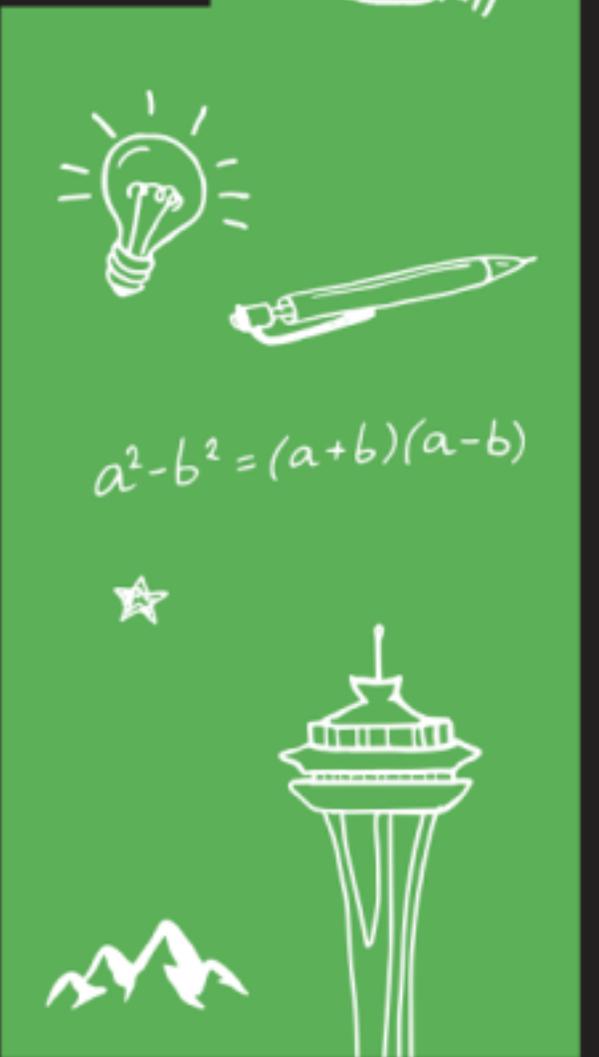


Preparing for Life After High School



By the end of this presentation, I will be able to...

- Explore options for life after high school
- Describe at least one benefit of going to college
- Understand how to get money to pay for education after high school

Agenda

- 1) Benefits of Going to College
- 2) How to Build Your College Profile
- 3) Paying for College

The Benefits of Going to College

- 1) Read “The Benefits of Going to College.”
- 2) Discuss with a partner:
 - What is the **most important** reason for you to go to college?
 - Is your answer the **same** or **different** from your partner’s? Explain.
 - What are **other** benefits?
- 3) When you’re done discussing, write one reason you want to attend college or a benefit of going to college.

1 ABOUT COLLEGE AND CAREER: BENEFITS OF GOING TO COLLEGE

A college **degree** will help you get higher-paying jobs and get hired faster. Getting a college degree or **certificate** may be the best thing you can do for your future.

WHY SHOULD I GO TO COLLEGE?

GET A BETTER JOB FASTER

Washington state has the 7th fastest growing economy in the U.S. There will be **740,000 job openings** in this state in the next 5 years (Boston Consulting Group & Washington Roundtable, 2016).

By 2020, **70% of ALL jobs** in Washington will require at least some college education (Carnevale, Smith & Strohl, 2015).

99% of new jobs between 2010 and 2016 went to people with more than a high school education (Carnevale, Jayasundera, & Gulish, 2016).

Young professionals with a high school diploma are **3 times more likely** to be unemployed than young professionals with a **Bachelor's degree** (Taylor, Fry & Oates, 2014).

MAKE MORE MONEY

There is a growing, massive **wage gap** between college-educated and less-educated young professionals (Taylor, Fry & Oates, 2014).

Young adults with an **associate's degree** earn an average of \$5,000 more per year than those with a high school diploma (Kena et al., 2016).

91% of "career jobs" in Washington State (jobs that require higher skills and pay \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year) will be filled by workers with a college degree or some college (Boston Consulting Group & Washington Roundtable, 2016).

AVERAGE INCOME BY EDUCATION LEVEL

Less than High school:	\$26,780
High school graduate:	\$37,336
Some college or associate degree:	\$41,548
Bachelor's degree:	\$61,828
Advanced degree (master's professional and doctoral degrees):	\$75,452

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017)

GOOD TO KNOW:

What you study in college matters. Some degrees are in higher demand and lead to careers with higher pay. Currently, degrees in science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), health and business lead to the highest entry level pay.

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2 GETTING READY: BUILDING YOUR COLLEGE PROFILE

Colleges don't only consider your grades. They want applicants who contribute to the **campus** community. Specific activities can make you a more competitive applicant and help you build your work resume. They can also be used in your high school and beyond plan that is required for high school graduation.

WHAT IS AN ACTIVITIES LOG/RESUME

Some applications require an activities log/resume. This list of your **extracurricular activities** provides a sense of your involvement outside of school. You should also include a short description of your involvement for each activity.

start to keep track...

<input type="radio"/>	Robotics club
	<i>president</i>
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	<i>from Jan to March '17</i>
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Keep in mind:
Your activities log/resume can also be useful when you apply for **scholarships** and jobs.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD I PURSUE?

- Athletics
- College access programs
- Community service
- Faith-based/religious programs
- Family responsibilities
- Jobs or internships
- Music, drama and arts
- Summer programs
- School clubs
- Student government

GOOD TO KNOW:

The level of **commitment and leadership** in your activities **matter more** in the admission review process than the number of activities.

* NO TIME?

Colleges understand that many students have work, family and other responsibilities. Many applications include a section where you can **write about yourself or your circumstances**. For example, many students need to work multiple jobs to support their family. This is considered leadership. *Share your experience!*

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How to Build Your College Profile

- Circle (o) the activities that you are currently involved with
- Star (★) the activities that you want to be involved with

Paying for College: Vocabulary Matching Activity

In groups of 4, do your best to match the definition with the term. Don't worry if you aren't sure what a word means; we'll be sharing out and checking answers when we're all done.

Ways to Pay for College

- Read the handout.
- Financial Aid includes grants, scholarships, loans.
- One applies for financial aid using FAFSA or WASFA starting October of senior year.

4 PAYING FOR COLLEGE: WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

College costs are different at different schools. Each college estimates the **Cost of Attendance (COA)** by adding together some or all of the below expenses:

Tuition	Room and board	Books and supplies
Fees	Transportation	Other living expenses

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

HOW DO I PAY FOR IT?

The cost of college can be overwhelming, but there are many different resources to help you pay for college. People often use various sources of financial aid to pay for college in addition to what they may have saved or earn from their job. Financial Aid resources include any **grant or scholarship, loan, or work study** offered to help you meet your college expenses.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID:

Scholarships – Money awarded to students based on academic or other achievements to help pay for education expenses. Scholarships generally do not have to be repaid.

Grants – A form of gift aid, usually based on financial need. A grant does not need to be repaid, unless, for example, you withdraw from a school and owe a refund.

Work Study – A financial aid program (federal or state) that allows a student to work on-campus or with approved off-campus employers to earn money to pay for **college expenses**.

Loans – Money you can borrow and repay over time, with interest added in most cases.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Financial Aid

- In order to be considered for financial aid, you need to complete the **FAFSA** or **WASFA** your senior year and every year while in college.
- Each college determines financial aid eligibility for federal, state and institutional types of aid based on awarding policies at that campus.

Scholarships

- There are thousands of scholarships that can help you pay for college. Different scholarships have different application requirements. Most scholarships require that you complete the FAFSA or WASFA.

KEEP IN MIND:

Knowing the different types of financial aid is only the first step. You may not need to take out financial aid to cover the full cost of attendance.

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College Bound Scholarship: All About It (Middle School)

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 should apply in middle school before the end of their 8th grade year and commit to meeting the College Bound Pledge in high school.



3 COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP: ALL ABOUT IT

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

The College Bound Scholarship 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
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	

GOOD TO KNOW:

You must use the College Bound Scholarship within **1 year** of high school graduation.

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If you have questions about the College Bound Scholarship, please contact the Washington Student Achievement Council at collegebound@wsac.wa.gov, 888-535-7047 option 1 or visit collegebound.wa.gov

College Bound Scholarship: All About It (Middle School)



Who is eligible? 7th and 8th grade students whose families meet the income requirements or receive basic food/TANF benefits are eligible to apply.

What is the College Bound Pledge?

- Graduate from a Washington high school or approved Washington homeschool program with a 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Not be convicted of a felony.
- Apply to an eligible college and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) to determine income eligibility.

College Bound Scholarship: All About It (9th Grade)



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College Bound Scholarship: All About It (9th Grade)

How do I get it? After completing the application in middle school, eligible students must fulfill The College Bound Pledge:

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- Have no felony convictions.
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- Get accepted to and go to one of the 66 colleges, universities or programs within one year of graduating high school.



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.

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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.
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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/2gIM56L



Eligibility: A Two-Step Application

Step One

- Apply in 7th or 8th grade, by June 30 of 8th grade (foster youth are auto-enrolled)
- Meet income requirements; verified on the application.

Step Two

- Fulfill the College Bound Pledge
- Meet income requirements verified by the college using information from FAFSA or WASFA
- Be accepted to and attend an eligible college within one year of graduating high school.

Accessing My College Bound Scholarship

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The scholarship may be listed on your financial aid award letter as a combination of several state grant programs, such as State Need Grant. You must use the College Bound Scholarship within 1 year of high school graduation.



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Reflect & Discuss

With a partner, discuss your answers to the following questions. Be ready to share.

- What surprised you from this presentation?
- What is something you learned?
- What other information would you like to know?

Getting Help

You're not alone. At OUR SCHOOL, the following people are here to help you navigate the process: