

# 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 meet the program's state residency requirements.

## 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.

## GOOD TO KNOW:

Students would have applied to College Bound in middle school before the end of their 8th grade year and committed 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 fees** (at public college rates), some **fees** and a small book allowance.

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