

What is the College Bound Scholarship?

Middle School Students: Are you interested in health care? Construction? Video game design? Running a business? Whatever your career goals, the College Bound Scholarship will help you attend and pay for the school that is right for you! 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. The College Bound Scholarship covers average tuition, fees, and a book allowance at over 60 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington. Are you College Bound?

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.

2020-21 Income Chart

Household Size	Annual Income*	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
2	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$614
3	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$773
4	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$933
5	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$1,092
6	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$1,251
Each additional household number	\$8,288	\$691	\$160

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

How do I apply?

You can apply online at collegebound.wa.gov. Check with your school counselor; they may have started an application for you at school.

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.

Is there a deadline?

Yes! You must apply by June 30 at the end of your 8th grade year. For the class of 2024, there is a deadline exception due to COVID-19 school closures. Visit collegebound.wa.gov for details.

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 mark 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.