

**OCTOBER FOR FAMILIES OF 7THGRADE STUDENTS**

**NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

**College Bound Scholarship**

Your child may be eligible to sign up for the College Bound Scholarship! This early promise of financial aid is funded by the state of Washington to encourage students to dream big and continue their education after high school.

**What does the scholarship pay for?**

College Bound combines with other state financial aid to cover the average tuition (at comparable public colleges), some fees, and a small book allowance. It is not a “full-ride” scholarship. Other college costs--such as room and board, transportation, and personal expenses--will be the student and family's responsibility. These could be covered by a combination of the family’s funds and federal grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

Any 7th or 8th grade student who meets one or more of the following requirements is eligible to apply:

* Their family meets the income requirements as listed in the brochure or on [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov/).
* They are a foster youth or a dependent of the state.
* Their family receives basic food or TANF benefits.

**How can my child sign up?**

[Apply Online](https://fortress.wa.gov/wsac/portal/Programs/College%20Bound/Application) (available in English and Spanish).

**Remember, the deadline to apply for College Bound is June 30 at the end of a student's 8th grade year.** Students only have to apply once even if they move or change schools in Washington.

To learn more, visit [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov), call 888-535-0747 (Option 1), or email collegebound@wsac.wa.gov.

The high school graduation rate for College Bound students in the Class of 2015 was 75 percent. The rate for eligible students who did not apply for the program was 62 percent.

**Did You Know?**

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* **Family Event:**
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**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Think about college as an important part of your future**. Discuss your thoughts and ideas with your family and with people at school.
* **Start saving** for college, if you haven’t already.
* **Take challenging and interesting classes** to prepare for high school.

**Family Checklist**

* **Continue saving** for your child’s college education.
* **Stay in contact with your child’s teachers and counselor** so that they can let you know about any changes in your child’s behavior or schoolwork.
* **Keep an eye on your child’s grades** and help find tutoring if necessary.

### **MYTH:** You can’t apply for scholarships until senior year.

**REALITY**: Wrong! If you wait until senior year to start searching and applying for scholarships, you're already three years behind the curve.

Many scholarships are actually open to students 13 years and older (and some even younger!). For example, students need to apply for the College Bound Scholarship before the end of 8th grade.

When it comes to scholarships, there's only one thing you really need to remember — the more often you apply, the more chances you have to win.

Check out [theWashBoard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org). It matches Washington students with scholarships!