

College Bound Updates

October 5, 2023



**WASHINGTON STUDENT
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College Bound Scholarship

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Key Takeaways

College Bound auto-enrollment:
what it is and isn't

Resources: WSAC, CSF, others

Next Steps for everyone!



Reminder: College Bound Commitment



Combines with other state financial aid to cover the average cost of tuition (at public rates), some fees, and a small amount for books= **commitment**.



Can be used at over **65** two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities.

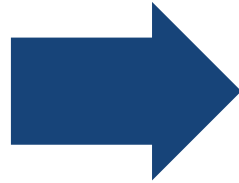




Eligibility and Auto-Enrollment: A Two-Step Process

Step One

- Auto-enrollment for eligible public-school students.
- Eligible for FRPL in 7th, 8th, or newly eligible in 9th grade.
- Foster Youth are auto-enrolled through HS graduation.



Step Two

- Fulfill the College Bound Pledge.
- Meet income and residency requirements.
- Be accepted to and attend an eligible college.



College Bound Pledge Requirements

Graduate from a Washington State high school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher if students plan to attend a four-year public or private college directly after high school.

- **Beginning fall 2023**, there are NO GPA requirements for students who plan to attend a community college or technical school.

NEW!

Enroll in college within **one year** of high school graduation. Students must attend one of 65+ eligible WA institutions to receive CB funds.

Complete a financial aid application form, the FAFSA or the WASFA beginning senior year and meet income requirements.
***NEW**: 2024-25 FAFSA & WASFA will be available in December.

Have no felony convictions.



How the College Bound Auto-Enrollment Process Works

FRPL *eligible* at public schools

- FRPL application/family income survey
- Direct certification
- Other sources

School reports to OSPI

- Monthly

OSPI data to WSAC

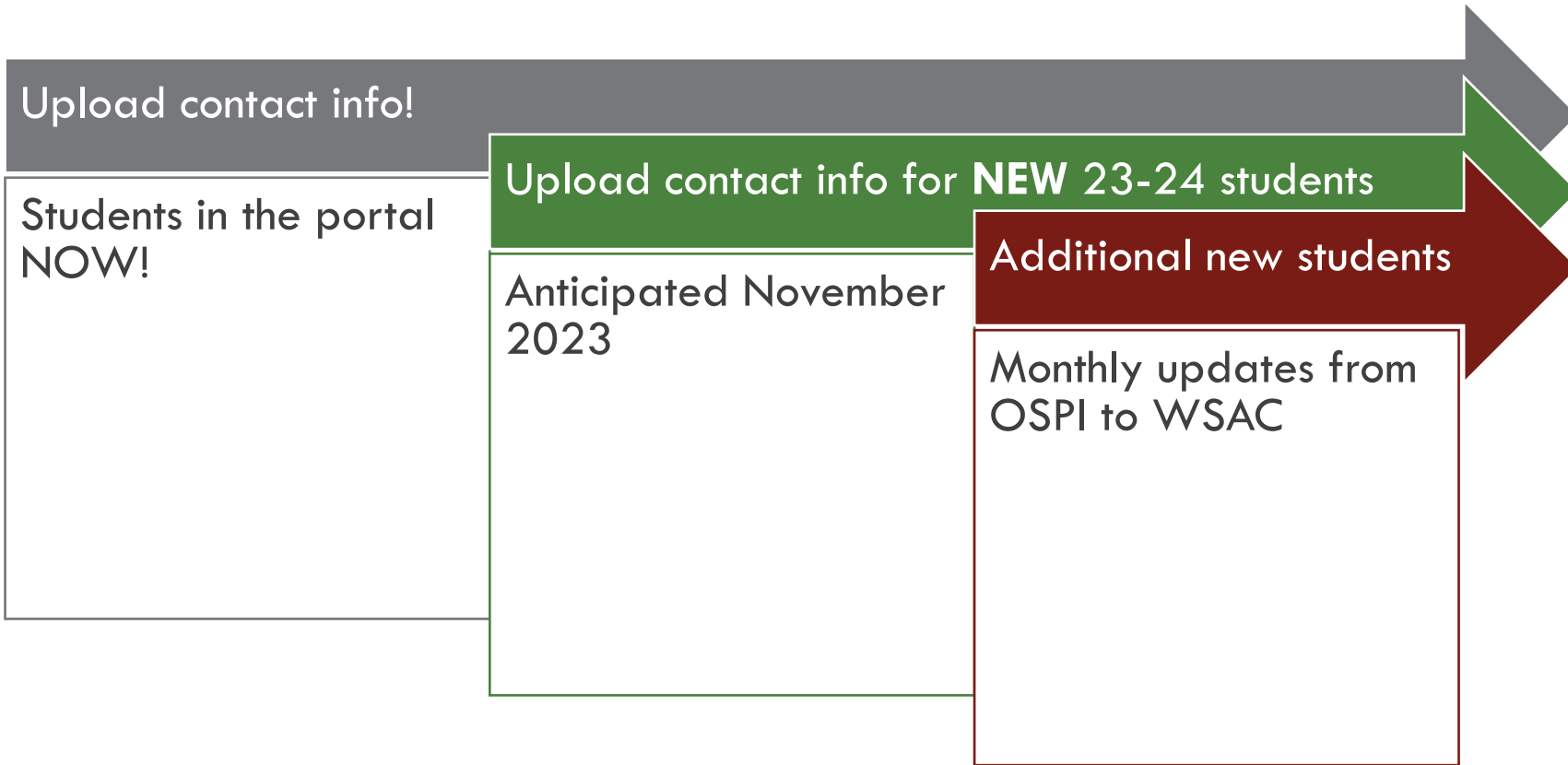
- Monthly, starting in November every year

Student contact info

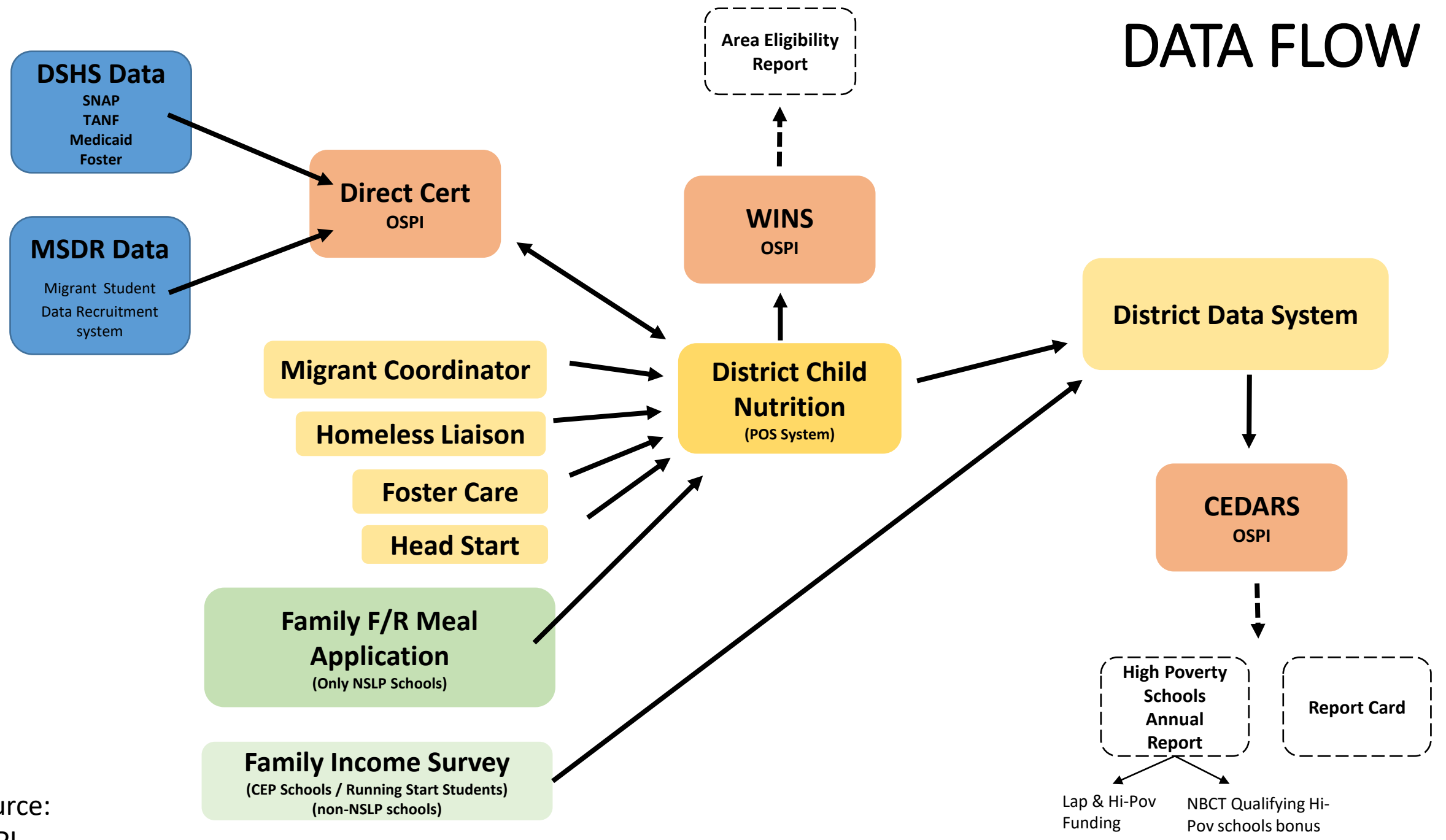
- Districts/schools upload student contact info via WSAC portal
- WSAC mails certificates to students monthly



A Bit More on Timeline ...



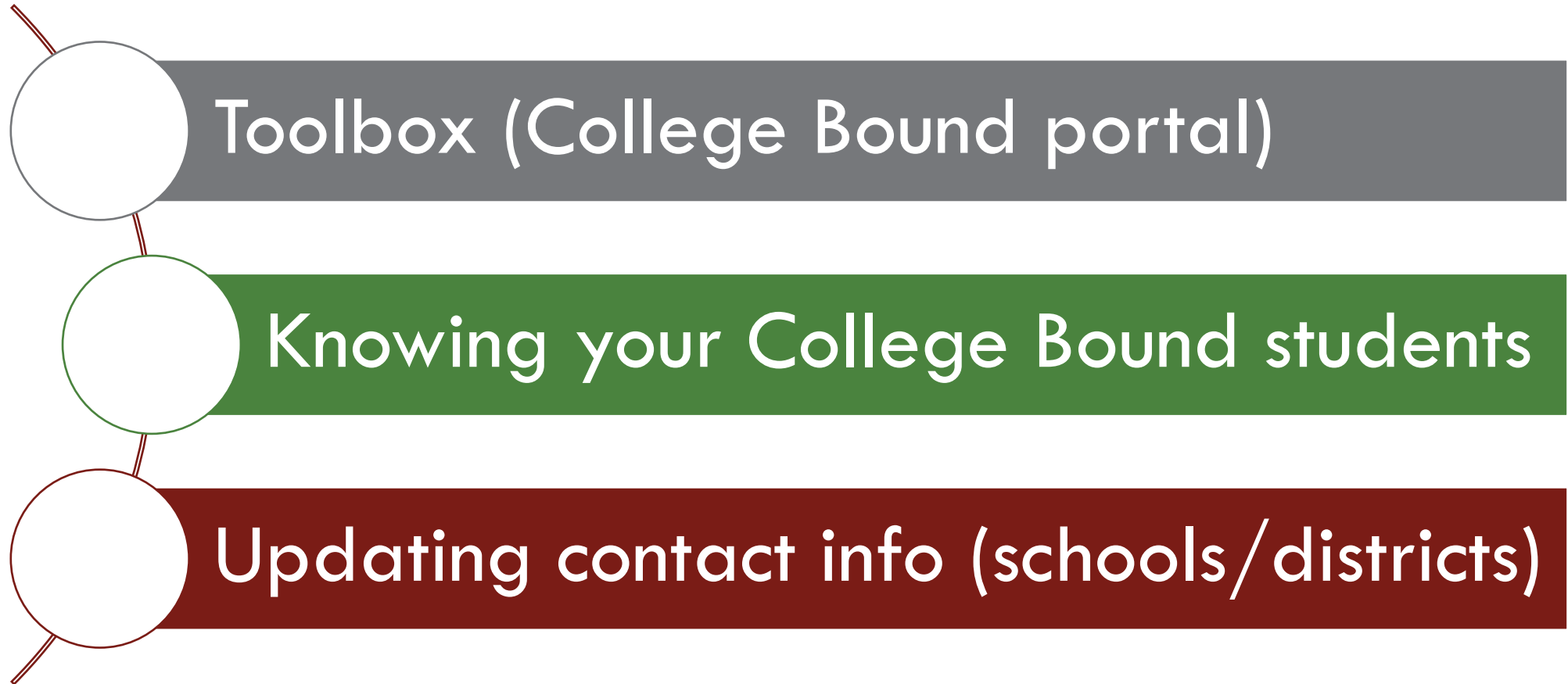
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Source:
OSPI



Using the WSAC Portal

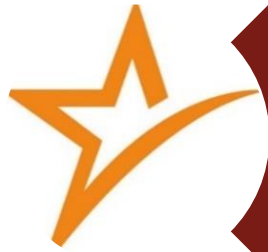


College Bound Toolbox
Resources





What is WSAC doing to support College Bound students?



Certificate mailings monthly to auto-enrolled students with new/first addresses



HS grade-level mailings, email campaigns, and other reminder letters



Collecting updated student contact info: OtterBot texting to juniors and seniors and their parents



Resource: OtterBot Texting Service - Help with Financial Aid & Postsecondary Navigation

- OtterBot is a free texting service created to support high school juniors and seniors who have signed up for College Bound (and their parents!), and open to any student looking for college-going support.
- wsac.wa.gov/otterbot





Resource: OtterBot Texting Service - Help with Financial Aid & Postsecondary Navigation

- Student and parent campaigns covering:
 - Financial aid awareness & completion
 - College readiness support
 - Due dates & reminders
- Please update your student/parent contact info for College Bound students in the WSAC portal!



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**MEET THE COLLEGE BOUND
REGIONAL OFFICERS**

THE CBRO TEAM

Contact NW
Coastal Regional
Director until filled

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Northwest &
Peninsula
Regions



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Spokane, Northeast & North Central
Regions



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Seattle & King County



AMBER GOODRICH
Yakima, Southeast & South
Central Regions



CENNADY COLEMAN
Tacoma, South Puget Sound &
Southwest Regions

Partnering with CBRO's

College
Bound
Awareness

Financial Aid
Completion

Student + Family
Events

Trainings for
Practitioners

Support +
Resources



CREATE YOUR FUTURE WITH COLLEGE BOUND

COLLEGE BOUND 101



- CB 101 Review
- Explore your Road Map
- Fit and Match
- Goal Setting
- Scholarship Exploration

Fit and Match Worksheet

What is important to you in an educational setting?

Let's begin by considering the different aspects of higher education. As you are exploring different options, it's important that you research a post-secondary institution that aligns with you! This worksheet will help you think about what characteristics of a school are important to you.



Part 1: Post-Secondary Exploration

Visit bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search to start exploring what options are right for you. Fill out your responses on the worksheet below for sections you find important.



Location:

****Remember, as you are considering location, College Bound and other state financial aid can only be used at schools in Washington State.**

United States- Which states in the U.S. are you interested in potentially going to school in?



Distance from Zip Codes- Are there any zip codes you would like to go to school near?

How far are you willing to be from those zip codes?

What is post-secondary education?

Post-secondary education is **any formal learning opportunity after high school.** This includes learning skills for a specific job or earning a degree.

WEBSITE UPDATES

CB Refresh
materials will be
posted here!



Washington College Access Network (WCAN)



Overview

College Knowledge Materials



Student Engagement Initiatives

Contact Us

CSF staff lead the Washington College Access Network (WCAN) to raise awareness of the College Bound Scholarship and to increase FAFSA/WASFA completion rates. We provide training, tools, resources and technical assistance to school staff and community-based practitioners tailored to fit each individual school, district and community.

We give counselors and school staff the tools and information they need to promote a college-going culture and provide their students with access to all financial aid opportunities.

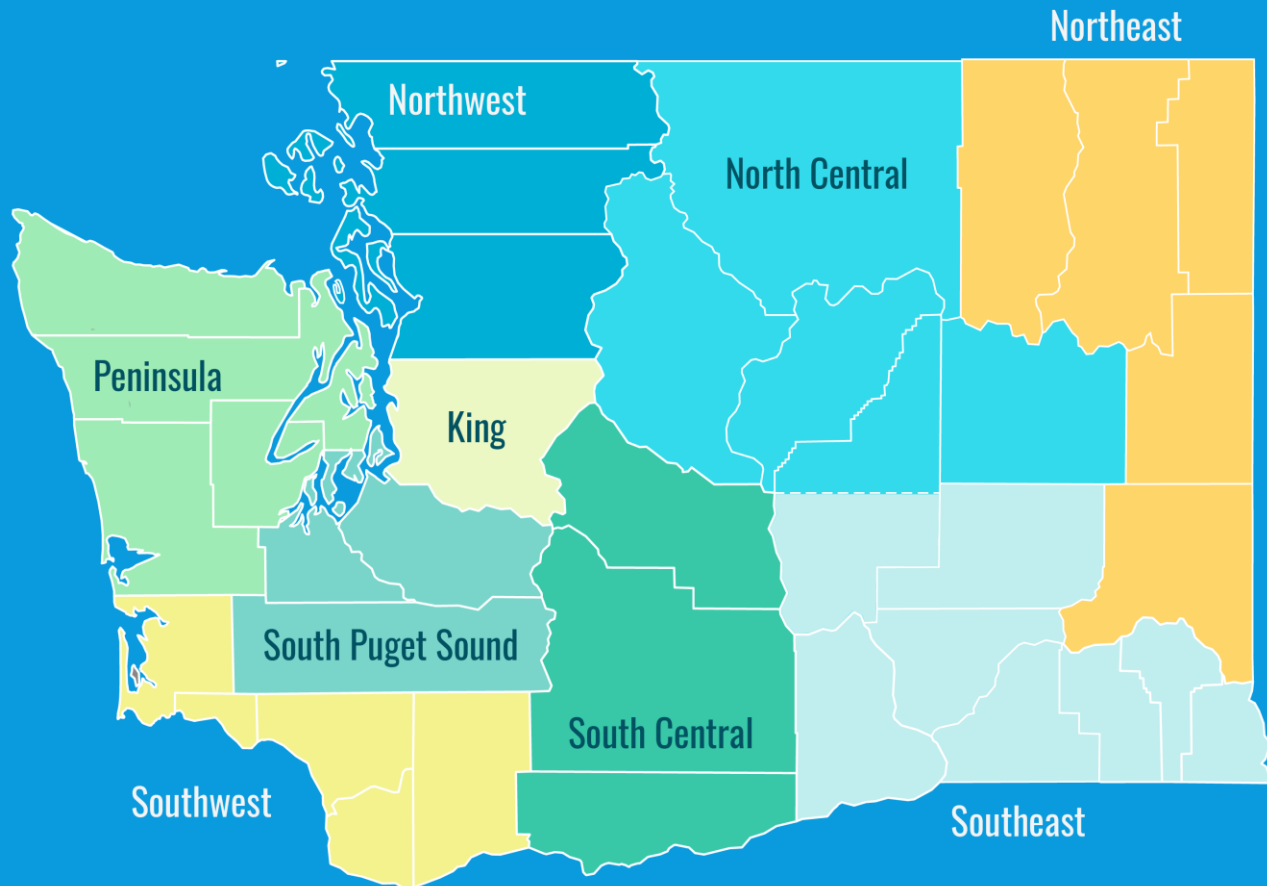
WCAN is led in partnership with the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC).

College is postsecondary education

WCAN uses the term "college" to refer to the attainment of valuable postsecondary credentials beyond high school, including professional/technical certificates and academic degrees.

www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wcan

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Questions? Email info@wcan.org for more information!

WSAC Resources

(+one more update!)



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Additional Resources: collegebound.wa.gov

- Updated Middle and High School Flyer – available in 13 languages

- College Bound Student and Family presentation – available in English and Spanish

- Redesigned College Bound products plus **NEW [materials available to order now!](#)**

bit.ly/CollegeBoundMaterials

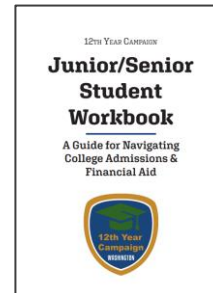




Resource: The 12th Year Campaign

The 12th Year Campaign boosts college and financial aid application rates in Washington by helping those working with high school seniors and their families complete applications for college admissions and financial aid.

- Free training
- Printed and digital resources
- Online financial aid completion events



wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign



Important Information for the Class of 2024

The 2024-25 FAFSA
& WASFA will be
available in
December

2025-26 and beyond
will be available
October 1st

Class of 2024 will
complete the 2024-
25 FAFSA or WASFA
using 2022 income
information





Takeaway: Financial Aid Changes are Coming

2024-25 FAFSA and WASFA are changing. The WASFA will mirror the FAFSA

The FAFSA form will be shorter and less complex.

More students will be eligible for federal Pell Grants, and the average Pell award will be larger.

Preparing students and families this fall is key.

Support and training is available!



Join Us to Learn More About the Changes to Financial Aid

Aim Higher Washington Trainings

- Virtual
 - October 12th 10:00am-11:15am
- In-Person

Date	Location
9/27/23	Clover Park Technical College (Open to Pierce County, hosted by Graduate Tacoma)
11/13/23	Lower Columbia College
11/14/23	Highline School District
11/15/23	Columbia Basin College
11/16/23	Gonzaga University

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION Trainings



Big changes are coming this fall for 2024-25 financial aid applications! Learn more before the application is released this December.



Learn more at wsac.wa.gov/aim-higher-training

Ways to Get Trained

Watch our Training Video Can't attend a virtual or in-person training? Watch our 38 minute training video!	Attend a Virtual Training October 12, 2023 10:00-11:15 a.m. Register Here	Attend an In-Person Training This fall trainings will be offered in Tacoma, Pasco, Longview, and, Spokane.
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Join Us For WSAC Wednesday

WSAC Wednesdays



Practitioners, do you have questions about financial aid?

WSAC's College Access and Support division is here to help! Join us the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00-11:00am for an open Q&A.

Register in advance
<https://bit.ly/WSACWednesday>



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Waterfall

Think of something you will bring back to your school or organization to use this fall and type it in the chat, but don't hit return yet





Quick post-webinar survey! Thank you for your feedback 😊



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