

# How to access College Bound

As you reach the end of high school, it is important to understand how to access College Bound funds. Now is the time to review the program requirements and prepare yourself for what comes next. The College Bound commitment ensures eligible students will have their tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small amount for books covered by state financial aid, like the Washington College Grant. This document outlines the steps you will take to access the program funds, as well as the responsibility of your college and the College Bound program staff.

## To access the funds:

### You will

- Meet the College Bound pledge requirements.
- File the FAFSA or WASFA. You can file as early as December 2023 for the 2024-25 academic year. Please note, each college has their own financial aid deadlines that you must follow.
- List every college that you plan on applying to on your financial aid application.
- Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible institution in Washington State within one year of high school graduation.



### Your college will

- Determine if your income meets the eligibility guidelines.
- Calculate your financial aid award.
- Send you an Award Letter (by mail or email) indicating how much financial aid you will receive.
- Disburse your financial aid, including your College Bound funds, before classes begin.



### College Bound program staff will

- Match your financial aid application to your College Bound application.
- Identify you as a College Bound student to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA or WASFA.



If you have questions about your financial aid award, eligibility, or the process, please contact the financial aid office at your college. To verify if you have met the pledge requirements, or check if your financial aid application matched to your College Bound application, contact the College Bound program at [collegebound@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:collegebound@wsac.wa.gov), 888-535-0747, option 1 or [collegebound.wa.gov](http://collegebound.wa.gov). Learn more about planning for your future at [wsac.wa.gov/actionplan](http://wsac.wa.gov/actionplan).

