

College Bound Scholarship

*Supporting and preparing
for the first class*

State Financial Aid Workshops
May 1 - 4, 2012



Program Overview

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- ***Washington Learns* recommendations**
 - Increase scholarships and support for low-income youth
 - Raise educational attainment in Washington
- **Modeled after Indiana's 21st Century Scholars**
 - More likely to enroll, persist, earn degrees*
 - Reduces concerns over cost; encourages preparation

*St. John (2005). Meeting the Access Challenge: Indiana's Twenty-first Century Scholars Program. Lumina Report.

Applications Steadily Increasing

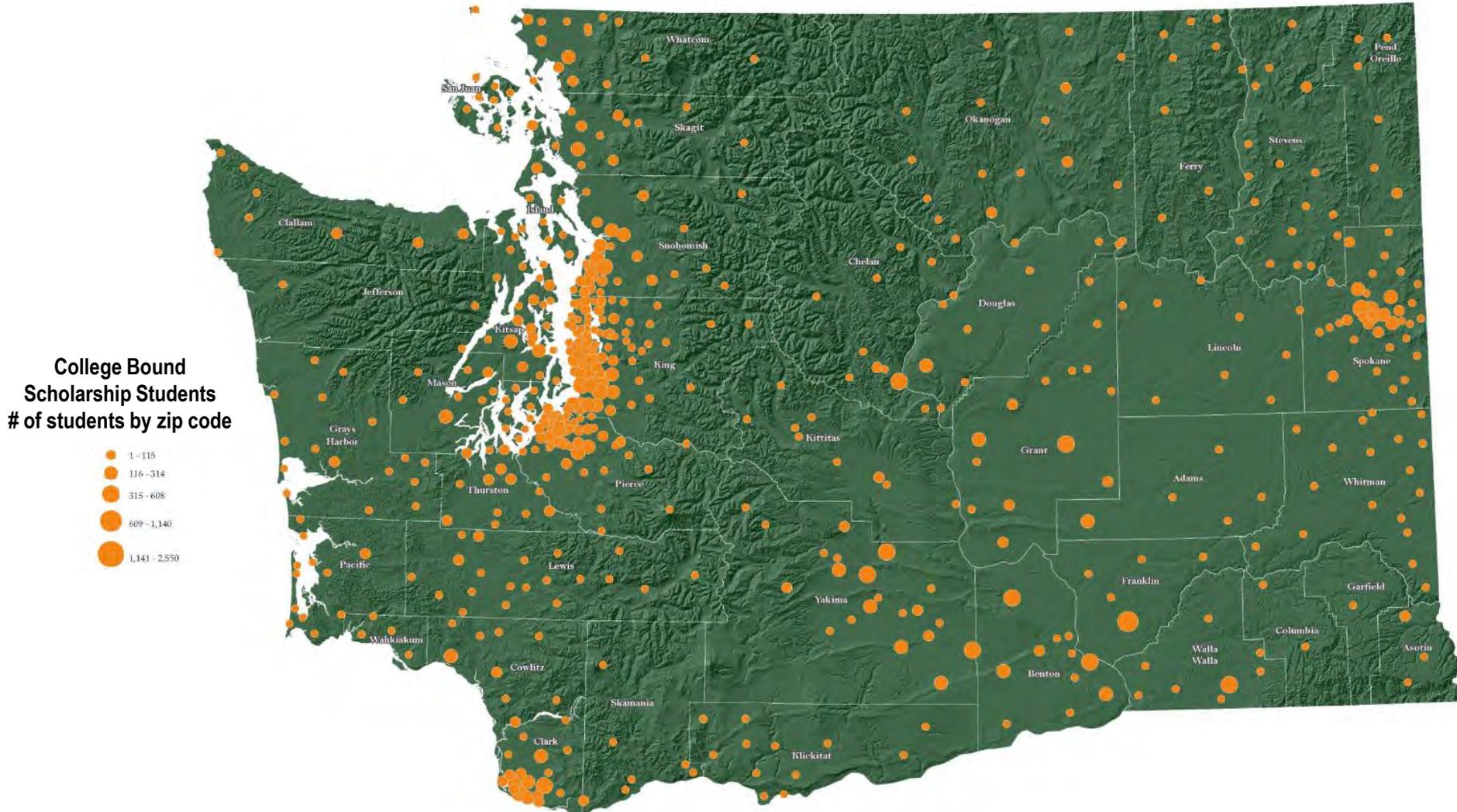
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	Expected Graduation Year			
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Eligible Students	28,093	28,600	29,856	30,549
Complete applications	15,857	15,778	20,411	22,876
Percentage of eligible	56%	55%	68%	75%

- 101,000 applications received to date!
- 57% of this year's 8th graders already signed up (18,000)
- 22% of this year's 7th graders already signed up (8,000)

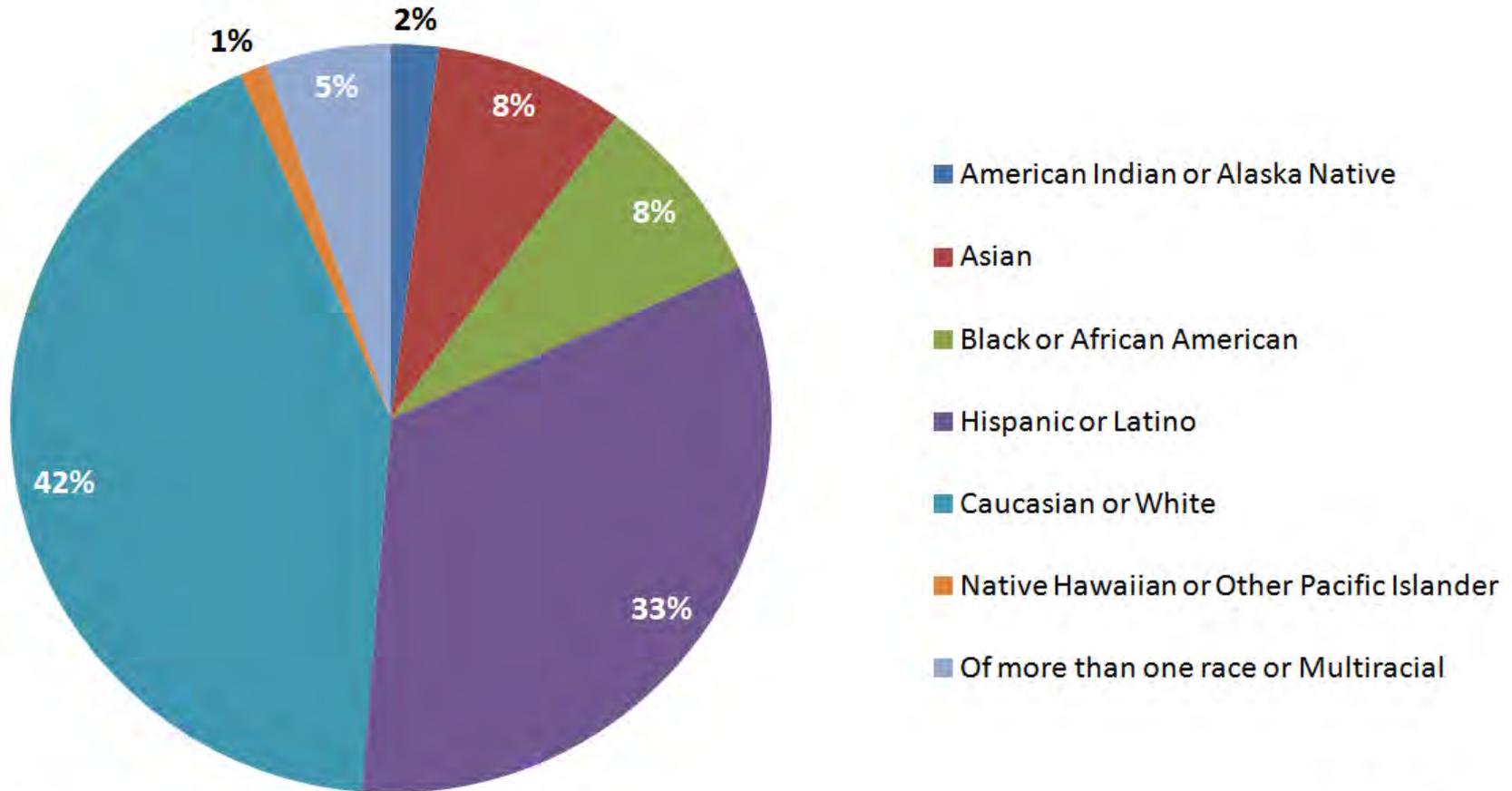
Students From Nearly Every City

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College Bound Students by Race/Ethnicity

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79,947 Records

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Class of 2012 Students

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- Nearly 16,000 in the 2012 cohort
- More than 9,000 have filed a FAFSA
- Nearly 90% have a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Nearly 50% have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Many students indicated a four-year institution as their first choice on the FAFSA



CBS Scholarship Eligibility

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Monitored via the Cruncher in the HECB Portal

- Valid CBS Application
- High school graduation with 2.0 GPA
- Four-year scholarship (pro-rated for part-time enrollment)
- Enrollment within one year of high school
- Five year expiration date from HS graduation

Determined by Financial Aid Administrator

- Students family income must be within 65% of Median Family Income (\$53,000 for a family of 4 for 2012-13)
- Award amount up to maximum (reduce per state aid received, to not exceed need, and for part-time)

Unless specified, follows SNG eligibility guidelines

Student Identification

“the matcher”

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- HECB matches the FAFSA records to the College Bound Scholarship database
 - Students if they have been identified (and if the FAFSA has been rejected) and “next steps”
- Match tool has been very successful – very little manual intervention (3%)
- Non-filing Seniors sent letters
 - It is not too late to apply
 - Resources for students without SSN
 - If filed, contact HECB

Student Identification

“the cruncher”

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- The CBS-FAFSA records are presented to campuses via the CBS Cruncher.
- Provides campuses with a list of students eligible for awarding consideration and information about students who are not eligible.
- Campuses will review the information again to verify high school graduation/GPA before disbursing funds.
- Campus outreach personnel may want information regarding CBS students identified.
- **Some campuses have “crunched” to communicate with students regarding timing of awarding.**

CBS Cruncher “How To”

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- Search for students using name, SSN, or a file upload
- Identify those who are “OK to Award”
 - “OK to Award” includes valid CB applicants who are likely to meet high school requirements or have met them, and who meet timeframe requirements, etc.
 - Campuses are not required to verify high school requirements or enrollment deadline unless the student inquires.
 - Campuses may alter the value for “HSRequirementsMet” and “EnrollmentDeadlineMet”
- Match students to verify “OK to Pay” beginning in August when OSPI data are available
 - Depending on point in the awarding cycle, this may be the field to review in lieu of “OK to Award”

Cruncher Results

CBS Eligibility Cruncher

Search by Name

Search by SSNs

Search by File Upload

Enter a list of SSNs, separated by commas or white space (tabs, spaces, or new lines)

Search

Exit

Showing 1-3 of 3 results

Name (last, first, SSN)	OK to Award	OK to Pay	CB App Status	HS Grad Yr	HS Req Met	Enrollment Deadline Met	5-yr Elig. Expired	CB Qtrs Used	CB Qtrs Remaining	In Repayment
Andrade, Julia L. [REDACTED]	No	No	Invalid - Failed to Meet CB App Deadline	2012	Unknown	n/a	No	0.000	12.000	No
Arroyo, Joshua L. [REDACTED]	Verify	No	Valid CB Application	2012	Unlikely	n/a	No	0.000	12.000	No
Jones, Steven R. [REDACTED]	Yes	No	Valid CB Application	2012	Likely	n/a	No	0.000	12.000	No

- Downloading and saving results in Excel recommended
- Determine eligibility by "OK to Award" or "OK to Pay" columns
- Campuses may edit "HS Req Met" and "Enrollment Deadline Met" fields

Revising Cruncher Results

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- Revise HS Requirements met and Enrollment Deadline met fields if you have information to verify eligibility. Examples of reasons for a manual status change:
 - Transcript received confirming graduation requirements met or not met
 - **Student was enrolled in the previous year but didn't receive the scholarship or provides a transcript confirming enrollment**

Name (last, first, SSN)	OK to Award	OK to Pay	CB App Status	HS Grad Yr	HS Req Met	Enrollment Deadline Met	5-yr Elig. Open	CB Qtrs Used
Jones, Steven, R [REDACTED]	Yes updated 1/31/2012	No updated 1/31/2012	Valid CB Application	2012 estimated from OSPI	Likely			

OverrideHS Req Met

HS Req Met: Yes

Reason: Transcript received

Submit Cancel

Verification of HS/2.0



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- Frequent data exchanges with OSPI throughout summer
- Contacting students not in the OSPI match requesting transcript provided to HECB or campus
- Campuses will be notified when records are updated (when large match done and individual records noted)
- Campuses may use admissions data to verify graduation and 2.0 GPA

Inclusion of CBS on Initial Awards

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- Reduce student inquiries
- Avoid over-awarding loans
- Withdrawal of awards for no-graduates anticipated to be minimal
- Earlier information for students
- Large-scale state program rather than **“outside scholarship”**



State Need Grant & College Bound

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- 2007 funding model and CBS program design envisioned that every CBS student would receive SNG.
- Although the Legislature has continued to provide increases to SNG to keep pace with tuition and fees, **SNG is not an “entitlement.”**
- Unprecedented college enrollment in recent years left 26,000 un-served SNG students.
- February 1 FAFSA priority deadline was set to increase likelihood CBS students will receive SNG.
- Agency will submit budget request for 2013-15 and share estimates for 2012-13 with members and staff this summer.

Awarding Policies

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- Awarding policies should not be altered to serve more students with CBS and stretch SNG dollars.
- Package a student with SNG if it is still being awarded under your policies.
- CBS will be increased to meet the maximum if it has not been met with SNG or other state funded grants or scholarships (gift assistance).
 - Passport, Scholars, WAVE, Opportunity Grant, Opp. Schol.
- CBS will count as self-help for SNG purposes.
- Only Need, other state aid, and part-time enrollment can reduce the amount a student is eligible to receive in CBS.
- No minimum award in CBS.

Awarding Policies

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- Like SNG, a small CBS award will count against their terms of eligibility. However, there is a limited timeframe they can use the award and if eligible, CBS should be awarded.
- Part-time awards will be reduced in the same manner as SNG.
- Less-than-halftime eligibility will mirror SNG policy at this time.
- Summer awarding will begin in 2013.
- CBS is intended to coordinate with state aid to cover tuition, fees & a book allowance.
 - When packaging initially, it will be awarded with other gift aid according to campus policies.
 - When packaging after an initial award, it should replace unmet need, loans and work-study at the student's discretion.

NOTE: After the first year of CBS implementation, guidance may be revised for 2013-14.

Award Amounts

2012-13 CBS Max. Award (full-time)	
Research/Private 4-Year	\$11,904
CWU	\$8,537
EWU	\$7,925
TESC	\$8,376
WWU	\$8,589
CTCs/Private 2 Year	\$4,467

- Award amounts based on tuition/S&A fees at 15 credits plus \$500 book allowance
- Awards reduced by SNG and other state aid

Packaging Examples

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Mock four-year campus away budget where maximum CBS award is \$8,500

Student is served by SNG	
COA	\$21,000
-EFC	<u>-\$1,000</u>
NEED	\$20,000
<i>Pell Grant</i>	<i>\$4,600</i>
<i>SNG</i>	<i>\$7,600</i>
<i>CBS</i>	<i>\$900</i>
<i>Self Help (work and or loan)</i>	<i>\$6,900</i>

Packaging Examples

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Mock four-year campus away budget where maximum CBS award is \$8,500

Student is un-served by SNG	
COA	\$21,000
-EFC	<u>-\$1,000</u>
NEED	\$20,000
<i>Pell Grant</i>	<i>\$4,600</i>
<i>CBS</i>	<i>\$8,500</i>
<i>Self Help (work and or loan)</i>	<i>\$6,900</i>

Packaging Examples

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Mock four-year campus away budget where maximum CBS award is \$8,500

Student receives other state aid in excess of maximum award	
COA	\$21,000
-EFC	<u>-\$1,000</u>
NEED	\$20,000
<i>Pell Grant</i>	<i>\$4,600</i>
<i>SNG</i>	<i>\$7,600</i>
<i>Passport</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Other self-help aid</i>	<i>\$4,800</i>

Packaging Examples

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Mock public two-year campus at-home budget where maximum CBS award is \$4,500

Student is served by SNG .	
COA	\$11,000
-EFC	<u>-\$1,000</u>
NEED	\$10,000
<i>Pell Grant</i>	<i>\$4,600</i>
<i>SNG</i>	<i>\$3,600</i>
<i>CBS</i>	<i>\$900</i>
<i>Need-based self-help aid</i>	<i>\$900</i>

Packaging Examples

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Mock public two-year campus at-home budget where maximum CBS award is \$4,500

SNG applies to campus gift-equity of 60%.	
COA	\$11,000
-EFC	<u>-\$1,000</u>
NEED	\$10,000
<i>Pell Grant</i>	<i>\$4,600</i>
<i>SNG</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>
<i>CBS</i>	<i>\$3,100</i>
<i>Sub Loan</i>	<i>\$900</i>
<i>Unsub Loan</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>

Institution Payments & Reporting

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Requesting funds:

- CBS funds will be requested in the same manner as SNG and paid from an estimated allocation granted in August
 - Public institutions will continue to use the Cash Request feature in the Portal where a CBS area will be added
 - Private institutions will use the CSAW reimbursement screen where funds can be requested simultaneously for both programs
- Funds will be transmitted in the same manner as SNG
- CBS and SNG are separate funds and will be tracked and reconciled separately

Reporting:

- All schools will use CSAW to submit interim reports for CBS and SNG
- Interim report changes covered in detail in systems update

CBS Processing Timeline

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2012	Institution Action	Explanation
January	n/a	HECB begins notifying students that their CBS application is matched to FAFSA.
February and beyond	Use "CBS Cruncher" to identify students who may be considered for awarding and are "OK to Award"	Upload ready-to-award students into the CBS Cruncher in the HECB Portal to identify valid CBS applications eligible for awarding consideration.
	Continue identifying and awarding students	Continue to upload your lists of students to the Cruncher frequently to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify new students added to the cruncher• Determine students whose status may have changed

CBS Processing Timeline

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2012	Institution Action	Explanation
August and beyond	Confirm eligibility for awarded students prior to disbursement by viewing “OK to Pay”	HECB will update the Cruncher to reflect final high school graduation data received from OSPI. Students awarded after this time can be awarded on “OKtoPay” field in Cruncher.
August/September	Private campuses include CBS awards in CSAW	CSAW includes a field for the CBS award amount.
Fall and as needed	Request payment from HECB	Colleges will request payment for CBS following the same procedures as that of SNG. Public institutions will use the Portal to request cash, and the Private and Proprietary sectors will request reimbursement through CSAW. Campuses will receive an initial allocation and funds will be increased/decreased for each campus based on eligible student enrollments.
November	Submit Interim Reports	Institutions will upload SNG and CBS data simultaneously and address edits for both programs in CSAW.

Goal: Maximize number of FAFSAs completed by February 1st priority deadline

- Provided Clock-hour trainings for high school staff on Financial Aid 101 and FAFSA Completion.
- Worked with high schools on accessing College Bound senior lists, and provided targeted outreach to College Bound students on college prep and FAFSA completion events.
- FAFSA completion events statewide.
- Conducted outreach to media to promote FAFSA completion and the College Bound Scholarship.

FAFSA Completion Events

54 College Goal Sunday (FAFSA Completion) events statewide:

- Number of events initially higher, 10 were cancelled due to weather.
- **Total Attendance: 4,483**
- **FAFSA Filers: 2,570**
- **Volunteers: 1,111**
- 78% of attendees were from target demographic (low income, first generation, and/or students of color).



College Goal Sunday Plus Events



- FAFSA completion plus workshops for 9th-11th grade College Bound Students.
- Olympic and Peninsula Colleges have hosted College Bound events for 3 years.



FAFSA Completion in the Media

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College Goal Sunday Washington event comes to Auburn

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College Goal Sunday Washington aims to reduce the barriers students face in paying for college. This year's annual events take place at 25 different locations in South King County beginning in January.

The free program stops at Auburn High School, 800 4th St. NE, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 14.

College Goal Sunday Washington helps students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the form that is required to apply for federal financial assistance for higher education.

The College Success Foundation (CSF), in coordination with the Northwest Education Loan Association (NELA), the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB), the Roadmap Project/Community Center for Education Results (CCER), Washington College Access Network (WCAN), Seattle College Access Network, College Spark Washington, the College Access Challenge Grant Program, Lumina Foundation, Y-USA and school districts are joining forces with College Goal Sunday Washington to ensure that the class of 2012 has access to the resources and support needed to complete the financial aid process.

Nearly 63 percent of students rely on financial aid to make attending college a reality. However, the paperwork can be confusing. At College Goal Sunday Washington, students and parents can talk to experts and get in-depth help filling out the FAFSA. In one day, they will learn how to get money for college. Students and families can:

- Talk with expert financial aid administrators.
- Learn about all filing deadlines and other important information about paying for college.
- File the FAFSA online.

Whether students plan to attend a four-year college, community college, vocational or technical school, College Goal Sunday Washington can help them find the financial resources to make it happen.

For more information visit www.collegegoalsundaywa.org or call 888-758-2253.

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Free workshops for filling out college-aid forms

High-school seniors can get free help through Jan. 31 filling out federal financial-aid forms to pay for college.

By [Katherine Long](#)
Seattle Times higher education reporter

High-school seniors in the College Bound Scholarship program, and all other seniors looking for financial aid for college, can get help filling out the federal student-aid application at free workshops through Jan. 31.

Because of last week's snow and ice storms, a number of the free College Goal Sunday workshops were rescheduled or canceled.

Feb. 1 is the deadline to fill out financial-aid forms for students in Washington's College Bound program — a scholarship program that promises to pay in-state public-college tuition for low-income students who signed up in middle school, kept a C average, stayed out of legal trouble and successfully applied to a higher-education institution, including community and technical colleges.

Nearly 16,000 Washington students who are seniors this year are eligible for the program. So far about 3,400 have filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The workshops are open to any student applying for financial aid. At the sessions, students and parents can talk to expert financial-aid administrators and get help filling out the FAFSA.

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College Bound Scholarship Sign Ups

- **Schools:** Target students; pre-populate forms; integrate into conferences; school teams
- **Districts:** Track students in district database, designate district coordinator to support school efforts
- **Clock Hour Trainings:** CB 101 and Advanced; Early Awareness activities
- **College Bound Counselors:** Partner with schools to implement successful strategies



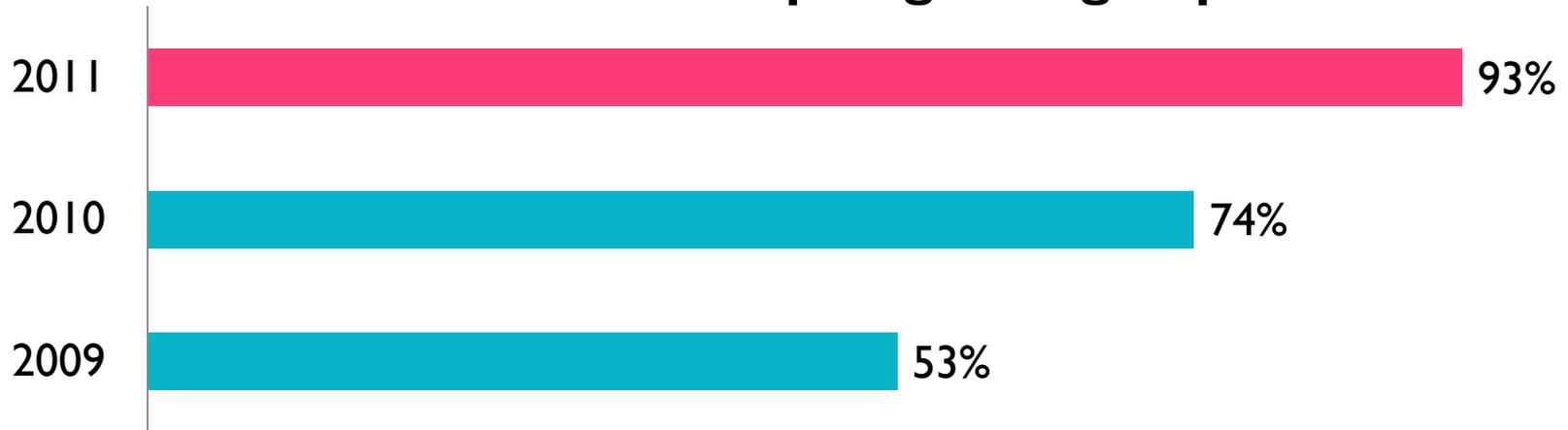
The Road Map Project Goal is to *double the number of students in South King County and South Seattle who are on track to graduate from college or earn a career credential by 2020.*

We are committed to nothing less than closing the unacceptable achievement gaps for low-income students and children of color and increasing achievement for all students from cradle to college and career.

Highlights

- 93% of eligible students signed up in the region!
- Nearly 4,000 students applied for the College Bound Scholarship.
- Model collaboration for Superintendents, Mayors, Community Groups.
- Established District Coordinators & school champion model in each district.

Entire Road Map Region Sign-ups *



* Entire region includes seven school districts: Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, South Seattle, and Tukwila.

2015 Cohort (2011-2012 8th Graders)

