



READY SET GRAD

With the right tools and resources, all students can pursue and pay for a postsecondary education. We can help you help them.

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The what and when of receiving your College Bound Scholarship.

SO YOU'RE ABOUT TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND FINISH AN EXCELLENT IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO GET YOUR COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU GET READY TO APPLY AND TO RECEIVE YOUR COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP. REMEMBER, IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, YOU APPLIED TO:

- Graduate from a Washington state high school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) your senior year of high school.

TO RECEIVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Meet the CBS (College Bound Scholarship) requirements.
1. Send your "fresh email" notification you when your FAFSA is matched to your original College Bound application.
1. Determine if your income meets the eligibility guidelines.
2. Be notified to send email in an eligible email address within one year of high school graduation.
2. Complete the CBS application to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA.
2. Calculate your financial aid award.
4. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and have proper documentation.
4. Send you an Award Letter (by mail or email) indicating how much financial aid you will receive.
4. Utilize your financial aid to you, including your College Bound Scholarship.

NOTE: If you are receiving a "Fresh Email" which has expired or completed your FAFSA, contact us at 800-833-8282 or cbbs@washington.edu.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP
<http://bit.do/CBS-Scholarship>



Attention DREAMers!

Thinking about college?

You may be eligible for state financial aid!

The Washington State Need Grant and College Bound Scholarship are now available to low-income, non-citizen students who meet the program requirements.

Checklist

- Apply for admission to an eligible Washington college or university.
- Complete the FREE WASFA.
- Contact the college for an advisor about details of requirements.
- Visit www.thewashboard.org for additional information and opportunities.
- If you signed up for College Bound at a public school, visit www.washington.edu/cbs for details.

For more information, and to apply online, visit:
www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA

APPLY FOR THE WASFA FLYER
<http://bit.do/WASFA>



5 Financial Aid Myths

1. ONLY HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS GET FINANCIAL AID.
FACT: Financial aid is available to students with a wide range of academic achievement. Many students who receive financial aid are also high-achieving students.

2. THE COST IS SO HIGH THAT COLLEGE ISN'T WORTH IT.
FACT: Financial aid can help cover the cost of college. Many students who receive financial aid are also high-achieving students.

3. STUDENTS WHO WORK ARE LESS LIKELY TO GET GOOD GRADES.
FACT: Working can help students pay for college. Many students who receive financial aid are also high-achieving students.

4. MOST STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN STUDENT LOAN DEBT.
FACT: Financial aid can help cover the cost of college. Many students who receive financial aid are also high-achieving students.

5. THE FAFSA IS TOO COMPLICATED AND TAKES TOO LONG TO FILL OUT.
FACT: The FAFSA is a simple form that can be filled out online. Many students who receive financial aid are also high-achieving students.

5 FINANCIAL AID MYTHS
<http://bit.do/5-Myths>



College Bound Scholarship Senior Year "To Do" List

You've got a lot going on and a lot to remember. Use our checklist as a starting point to track your college prep progress and stay on top of your path to continuing your education after high school.

September

- Meet with your guidance counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate. Check your transcript. Do you have the credits and GPA you need to get into the schools you want to attend?
- Contact the admissions and financial aid offices at the colleges you are interested in attending. What are the application requirements? When are the deadlines? Are there fees?
- Register for the College Board SAT, and SAT Subject TestsSM required by the schools you choose. Talk to your counselor if you need a test fee waiver.
- Ask your teachers/mentors to begin writing recommendation letters.

October, November, December

- Take your SAT and/or ACT tests as early as possible so you can re-take them if you need to. Have your scores sent to the schools you are applying to.
- Prepare and submit your application for early action or early admission.
- For regular admission, applications are usually due by late December or early January. Start researching your application fees.
- Apply for scholarships. Talk it up the process as a job - your hard work now could pay off in the future. There are lots of opportunities at www.collegeboard.com.
- If you decided for early action or early admission, contact the admissions office to make sure of your admission status. Have been received. Check with the financial aid office, too.
- Schedule any necessary interviews.
- Review your FAFSA.gov, get FAFSA ID, and become familiar with the site and financial aid forms. Remember that the FAFSA isn't a "big game." But you can't be early so you need to make it your New Year's resolution to complete the application for the year you plan to attend college.

For more tips, lists, and timelines, visit our website www.readysetgrad.org, follow us on Twitter @ready_set_grad, or like us on Facebook.com/readysetgrad

SENIOR YEAR TO DO LISTS
<http://bit.do/CBS-Checklist>

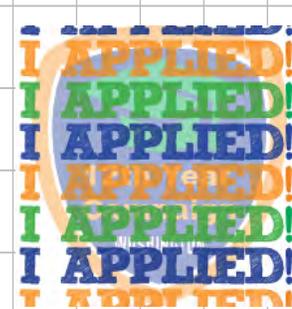




FAFSA COMPLETION INITIATIVE
Access student-level FAFSA data for your students. Info at bit.do/FAFSA-Completion



ORDER COLLEGE BOUND MATERIALS
Order middle school posters and brochures in English and Spanish, and high school posters in English at bit.do/CBS-Order-Form



HOST 12TH YEAR CAMPAIGN EVENTS
Sign-up to host college application or financial aid filing events at your school. Information at <http://bit.do/12th-Year-Form>



FINANCIAL AID 101 SLIDESHOW
Financial aid basics for students and families at <http://bit.do/FA-101>

