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College Bound Scholarship sign-up rate continues to break records at 91 percent

Olympia —Over 33,000—91 percent—of last year’s eligible eighth grade students signed up for the College Bound Scholarship program by the June 30 deadline. This cohort, the graduating class of 2019, is the largest since the program’s inception in 2007.

This year, [110 school districts](#) had sign-up rates of 92 percent or higher. Of these, 77 school districts saw 100 percent of their eligible students sign up for the scholarships. Since 2007, the total number of students in College Bound has increased 14 times over, from 15,000 to almost 215,000 today.

College Bound helps our state’s low-income students reach higher levels of educational attainment. College Bound students are graduating from high school at rates over 15 percentage points higher than their peers from low-income families who did not sign up.

The College Bound Scholarship, in combination with other state aid, covers tuition at public college rates. Eligible students sign up in middle school, no later than June 30 of their eighth grade year, to receive an early commitment of state funding.

Data

Growth in the College Bound Scholarship Program 2007 to 2015										
Expected High School Graduation Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total All Years
Eligible Free/Reduced Price Lunch Program Students	28,093	28,600	29,856	30,549	31,923	36,394	36,208	36,587	35,953	258,210
Total College Bound Scholarship Applicants	15,947	16,070	20,903	23,398	25,272	28,980	32,211	33,147	18,773	214,701
% of Total Eligible Students	57%	56%	70%	77%	79%	80%	89%	91%	TBD	

For more information about the College Bound Scholarship program, visit our [website](#).

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