College Bound Scholarship Updates

September 23, 2021
Key Takeaways

CBS auto-enrollment: what it is and isn’t

Resources: WSAC, WCAN, others

Next Steps for everyone!
• Senator T’wina Nobles, 28th Legislative District

• Effective immediately, and is retroactive to the 2019-20 school year
  • Related: Governor’s Proclamation from December 2020
Combines with other state financial aid to cover the average cost of tuition (at public rates), some fees, and a small book allowance = 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.
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
• Retroactive files – summer 2021

Student contact info
• Districts/schools upload student contact info via WSAC portal
• WSAC mails certificates to students monthly
A Bit More on Timeline …

Upload addresses
Students in the portal NOW!

Upload addresses for 2021-22 students
Anticipated November 2021

Additional new students
Monthly updates from OSPI to WSAC
Using the WSAC CBS Portal

- New Toolbox!
- Knowing your CBS students
- Updating addresses (schools/districts)
What is WSAC doing to support CBS students?

- Certificate mailings monthly
- New grade-level mailings, email campaigns, and other reminder letters
- Otterbot texting to juniors and seniors
We strive to support postsecondary access projects/initiatives that commit to increasing postsecondary completion rates for low-income, first-generation and students of color.

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| College Knowledge Workbooks can be used digitally or physically ([we'll mail you material!]()) | Search WA State Colleges based on:  
  - College Type  
  - Region or County  
  - Specific College Resources such as TRiO, Transportation Assistance, Food Pantry and more | Materials to learn more about the College Bound Scholarship such as:  
  - College Bound Repledge Fillable Digital Booklet online  
  - Trainings, repledge events and presentations  
  - Resources on Financial Aid (FAFSA/WASFA) |

- Contains a glossary, information based on grade level (9-12) + 6 Chapters shaped to help guide your student to college from learning about college to enrolling!
Sign Ups & Auto Enrollments:

Auto enrollment can help us refocus our time and energy on:

- College access education for staff and students via training and Repledge events
- Family engagement events for CBS families
- FAFSA and WASFA trainings & financial aid completion events
- College and career education and opportunities
- Guest speakers from college/professional careers
- Guiding students through their High School and Beyond Plan
- Efforts and time can be used for giving out CBS information vs. the pressure of getting signatures from parents, guardians, or students
Partnering with us:

Our staff can help with a wide variety of student engagement and financial aid campaigns:

- Helping create, support, and collaborate on financial aid events
- Providing staff training opportunities for schools and organizations
- Supporting students and families with one-to-one or group FAFSA/WASFA filing support
- Create ways to increase career training and college-going expectations in schools and communities
- Helping counselors and staff navigate their College Bound Scholarship sign-up and FAFSA data portals
There is a WCAN Regional Officer for every school in every corner of the state!

To connect with your CBRO, visit our website for your regional representative's contact info:

www.wcan.org
Additional Resources: collegebound.wa.gov

- Update Middle School Intro Flyer – available in 11 languages
- New High School Brochure and High School Intro Flyer
- College Bound swag and other materials
New Website, Same Link: collegebound.wa.gov
Free Materials and Training

• 3 models of participation to fit your needs

FAFSA Completion Portal

• Student-level FAFSA status data

wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign
Need Help with Financial Aid?

Join us for free virtual financial aid assistance

- October 13, 2021
- October 27, 2021
- November 10, 2021
- November 17, 2021
- December 1, 2021

For more information and to register go to

Volunteers Needed

- Virtual events (5:30-7:30pm)
- Training and resources provided.

- Financial Aid Basic Support
- Financial Aid Navigator
- College Admissions Assistance
- Language Translator
- Scholarship Navigator

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444abab2aa3fc1-statewide
• Students can access Otterbot via text message 24 hours a day, seven days a week by texting "Hi Otter" to 360-928-7281.

• [wsac.wa.gov/otterbot](http://wsac.wa.gov/otterbot)
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

10:00-11:00am 1st Wednesday of the Month
Email
- Collegebound@wsac.wa.gov

Call
- 888-535-0747, Option 1

Website
- Collegebound.wa.gov