

College Bound Scholarship Updates

September 23, 2021



**WASHINGTON STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL**

College Bound Scholarship



Key Takeaways

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

Resources: WSAC, WCAN, others

Next Steps for everyone!



ESSB 5321: An Act Relating to the College Bound Scholarship

- 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

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5321

Chapter 283, Laws of 2021

67th Legislature
2021 Regular Session

COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP—ELIGIBILITY

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2021

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2021
Yeas 31 Nays 18

DENNY HECK
President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 22, 2021
Yeas 60 Nays 37

LAURIE JINKINS
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved May 12, 2021 3:04 PM

JAY INSLEE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5321 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON
Secretary

FILED
May 12, 2021

Secretary of State
State of Washington



Reminder: CBS Commitment



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.

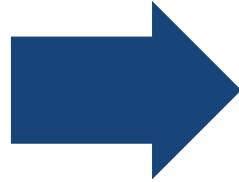




Eligibility and Auto-Enrollment: A Two-Step Process

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

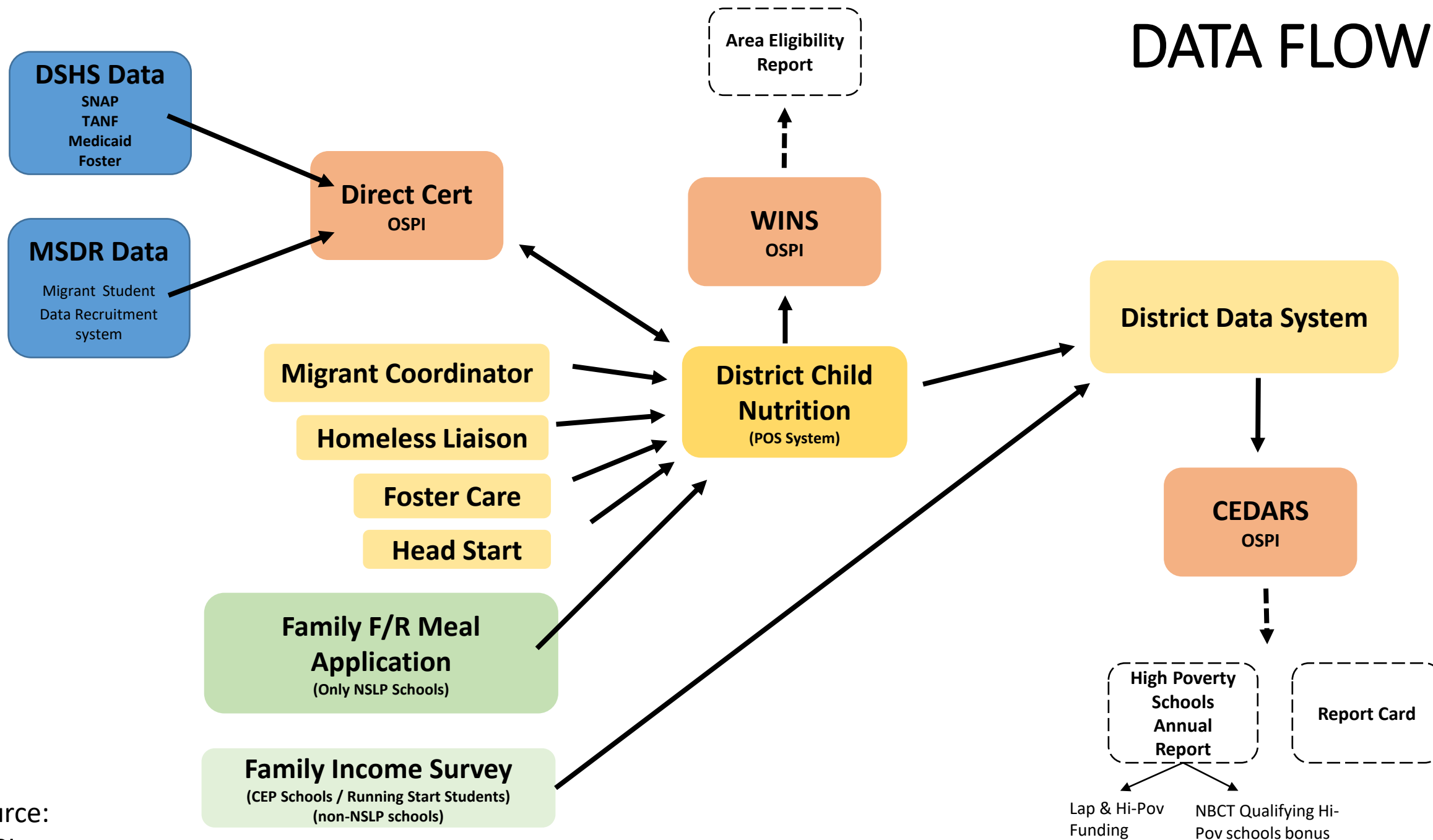
OSPI data to WSAC

- Monthly, starting in November
- Retroactive files – summer 2021

Student contact info

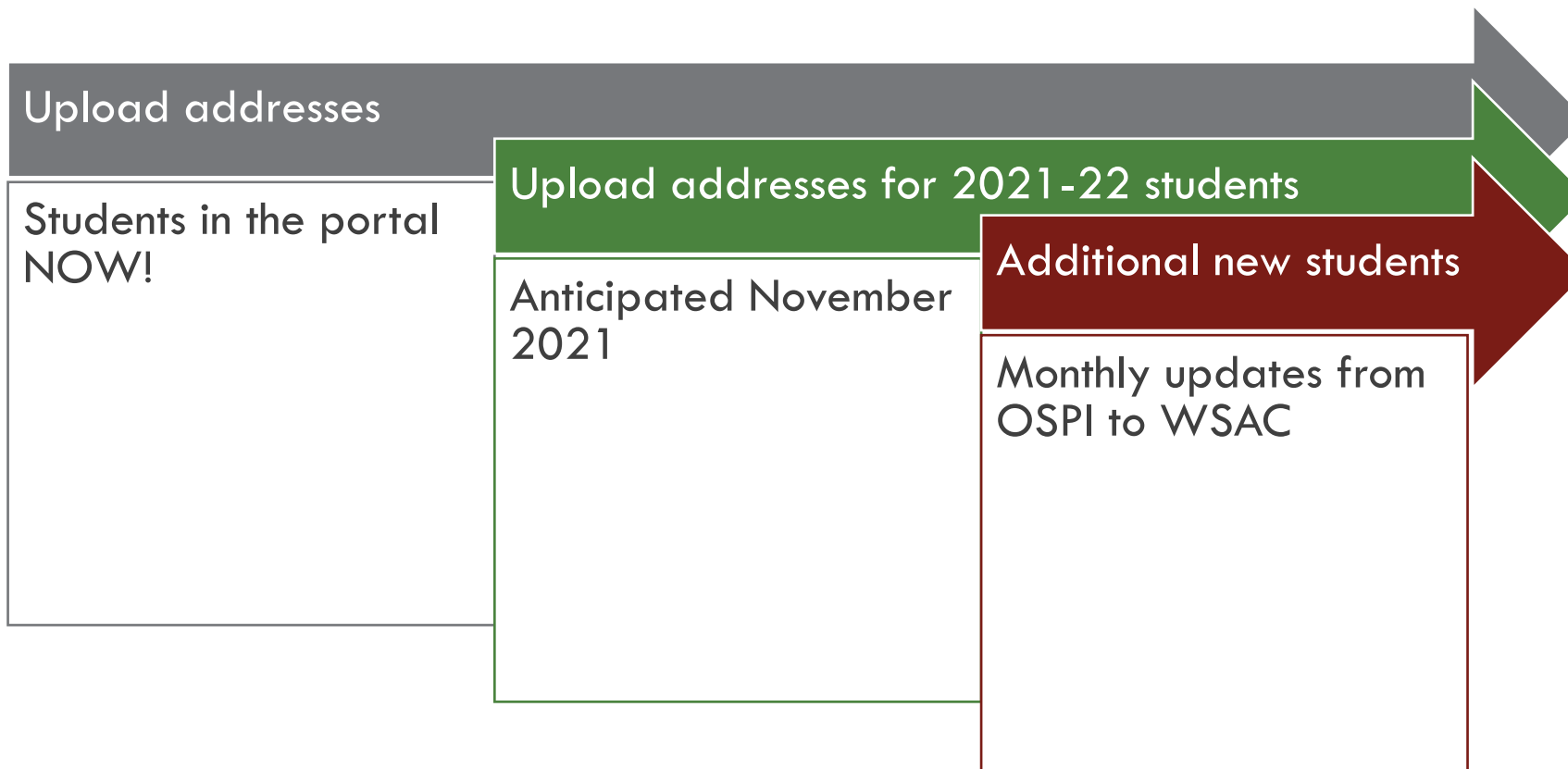
- Districts/schools upload student contact info via WSAC portal
- WSAC mails certificates to students monthly

DATA FLOW





A Bit More on Timeline ...



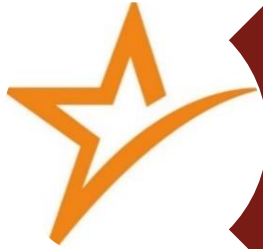


Using the WSAC CBS Portal

- 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

College Knowledge	College Map	College Bound Repledge
<p>College Knowledge Workbooks can be used digitally or physically (we'll mail you material!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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! 	<p>Search WA State Colleges based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Type Region or County Specific College Resources such as TRiO, Transportation Assistance, Food Pantry and more 	<p>Materials to learn more about the College Bound Scholarship such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Bound Repledge Fillable Digital Booklet online Trainings, repledge events and presentations Resources on Financial Aid (FAFSA/WASFA)

We strive to support postsecondary access projects/initiatives that commit to increasing postsecondary completion rates for low-income, first-generation and students of color.

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

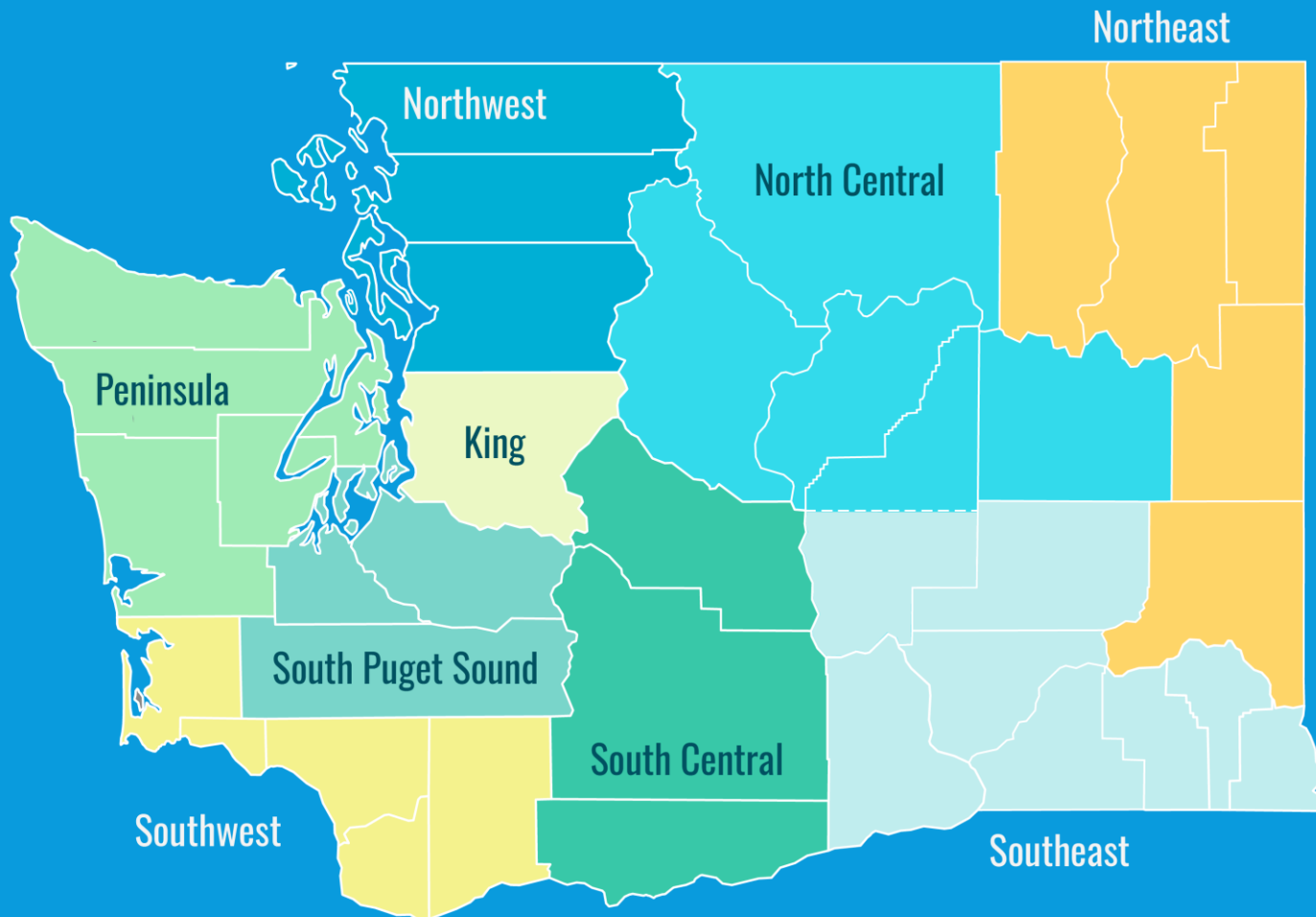
Providing staff training opportunities for schools and organizations

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

Getting ahold of your College Bound Regional Officer:



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



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Are you
College Bound?

College Bound students can use the scholarship at over 65 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington.



THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

The College Bound Scholarship is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students who apply in middle school and meet the pledge requirements. The College Bound Scholarship covers average tuition at public college rates, some fees, and a small book allowance at over 65 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington. This page contains information for students, families, counselors, and anyone interested in the College Bound Scholarship.

Information for Students and Families

We've gathered the most important information about the College Bound Scholarship to share with our students and families in Washington State. View the tabs below to find out about applying, eligibility, the College Bound pledge, and more.

Frequently Asked Questions	Sign Up	The Pledge
Using the Scholarship	Tools and Resources	

Information for Middle School Counselors and Staff

The College Bound Scholarship program provides ample resources and guidance for counselors and practitioners working with College Bound Students. In addition to the resources on this page, school and non-profit organization staff can order [free promotional materials](#) to assist students and their families.

College Bound Online Portal	Digital and Print Resources	Completion Rate Calculator
Frequently Asked Questions		

Information for High School Counselors and Staff

School and non-profit organization staff can use the tools and resources below to inform students and their families about how to maintain eligibility, meet program requirements, and access the scholarship. Many resources are available in multiple languages.

Digital and Print Resources	Web Resources	College Bound Online Portal
Frequently Asked Questions		

Partnerships, Legislative Statutes, and Reports

Legislative Foundation	Partner Support and Resources	Program Brief
College Bound Report		

CONTACT COLLEGE BOUND

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WORKSHOPS AND UPDATES FOR STAFF

[WSAC Wednesday](#)
[OSPI/WSAC Wednesday Webinars](#)
[Aim Higher Training](#)
[2021 Updates \(PDF\)](#)
[2021 Updates \(Webinar Registration\)](#)



**Plan Your Future
Juniors & Seniors**

**Learn More and
Apply for Financial Aid**



Resource: 12th Year Campaign

Free Materials and Training

- 3 models of participation to fit your needs

FAFSA Completion Portal

- Student-level FAFSA status data





Events: 12th Year Campaign Financial Aid Completion Nights

Need Help with Financial Aid?

Join us for free virtual financial aid assistance

October 13, 2021

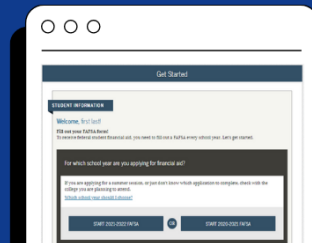
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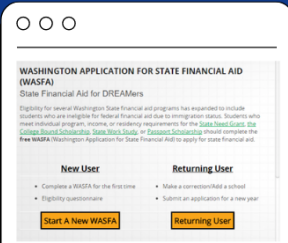
December 1, 2021

For more information and to register go to
<http://bit.ly/12thYrEventDoc>



FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid



WASFA

Washington Application for State Financial Aid

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



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12th Year Campaign

<http://bit.ly/12thYrEventDoc>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444abab2aa3fc1-statewide>



Resource: Otterbot Texting Service - Help with Financial Aid

- 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





Join Us For WSAC Wednesday

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
<https://bit.ly/WSACWednesday>



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