

How to access College Bound

As you finish high school, it is important to understand the College Bound commitment and why you may or may not receive it. This program can help pay for your education after high school if you are [eligible](#).

How much will you receive?

- This depends on a few things: 1. The income reported on your financial aid application (FAFSA or WASFA); 2. The type of [college or career training](#) you choose; and 3. Your enrollment status (full-or part-time).
- The [award](#) is based on average tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small amount for books.
- You may receive a smaller College Bound award, or no award, if most or all your eligible funding comes from other state financial aid, like the [Washington College Grant](#) (WA Grant).
- While state financial aid may not cover all college costs, you will receive all the state financial aid you are eligible for. Other types of financial aid, like Pell Grants, work-study, loans, and [scholarships](#) may help with other expenses.

Follow these steps to access your College Bound funds:



What you need to do:

- Meet the [College Bound Pledge requirements](#).
- [Complete the FAFSA or WASFA](#) in your senior year of high school and each year you continue your education. **Note:** Each school has its own financial aid deadlines that you must follow.
- Enroll in a college within one year of graduating high school.
- Attend one of over [65 eligible schools in Washington](#).

What College Bound staff will do:

- Match your financial aid application to your College Bound application.
- Identify you as a College Bound student to the colleges listed on your FAFSA or WASFA.



For help with your financial aid award, eligibility, or the process, contact your college's financial aid office.

What your college will do:

- Determine if your income meets eligibility requirements based on your FAFSA or WASFA info each year.
- Calculate your financial aid and send you an award offer showing how much financial aid you'll receive. Reach out to them to learn how and when you will be informed.
- Disburse your financial aid, including WA Grant and College Bound funds if you're eligible.

Questions?

To verify if you are enrolled in our program, contact the College Bound program:

Email: collegebound@wsac.wa.gov.

Phone: 888-535-0747, option 1.

Learn more about College Bound: collegebound.wa.gov.

Learn more about planning your future at wsac.wa.gov/actionplan.

