



What is College Bound?

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Middle school students: Want to help people as a health professional? Build cool things? Create video games? Start your own business? No matter your dream, College Bound can help you get there! College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid, like the Washington College Grant, for income-eligible students. It helps pay for average tuition (at public college rates), fees, and a small amount for books at more than 60 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington! Are you College Bound?

Who is eligible?

You are automatically signed up if:

- You attend a public school, are income-eligible (see table below), and signed up for free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL) in 7th or 8th grade, or newly eligible in 9th, **or**
- You are in state foster care, or a dependent of the state, between 7th grade and high school graduation.

If you qualify for FRPL, sign up at your school. You'll be automatically enrolled in College Bound. Ask your counselor today!

2026-27 income guidelines

Household Size	Annual Income ¹	Monthly income	Weekly Income
2	\$40,034	\$3,337	\$770
3	\$50,542	\$4,212	\$972
4	\$61,050	\$5,088	\$1,175
5	\$71,558	\$5,964	\$1,377
6	\$82,066	\$6,839	\$1,579
Additional members ²	Add \$10,508	Add \$876	Add \$203

¹ Household income must be less than or equal to this amount.

² For each additional household member, add dollar amount.

Other ways to qualify:

Contact our office to apply if you:

- Attend a private school or homeschool program in WA and meet the income limits, **or**
- Are in another type of foster care and income-eligible for FRPL.

How to stay eligible:

Program requirements:

- Graduate from a WA high school, homeschool, or earn a GED in WA.
- Earn at least a 2.0 GPA if going to a four-year college directly after high school (no GPA requirement if attending a community or technical college).
- Have no felony convictions.
- Enroll in an eligible WA college or career school (there are more than 60!) within one year of high school graduation, and stay in good standing.

Note: College Bound can be used for up to six years after college enrollment or until you earn a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

How do I know if I am a College Bound student?

You'll get updates in the mail or in an email. If you change your phone number or mailing address, contact our office so you don't miss any updates.

How will I receive funds?

- File a financial aid application in your senior year (and each year in college).
- Meet income and state residency requirements.
- Enroll in an eligible WA college or career school and stay in good standing. There are about 60 participating institutions!

College Bound is a program run by the Washington Student Achievement Council.

