# What is the College Bound Scholarship?

**Middle school students:** Are you interested in health care? Construction? Video game design? Running a business? Whatever your career goals, the College Bound Scholarship will help you attend and pay for the school that is right for you! College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students who fulfill the College Bound pledge. The College Bound Scholarship covers average tuition, fees, and a book allowance at over 65 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington. Are you College Bound?

# Am I eligible?

Students who meet one of the following requirements are automatically enrolled in College Bound:

► If you are in public school and eligible for free-and-reduced price lunch in 7th, 8th, or newly eligible in 9th grade, you are also eligible for College Bound.

► If you are in state foster care, or a dependent of the state between 7th grade and high school graduation.

#### 2021-22 Income Chart

Household Size	Annual Income <sup>1</sup>	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266
Additional members <sup>2</sup>	Add \$8,399	Add \$700	Add \$162

<sup>1</sup> Household income must be less than or equal to this amount. <sup>2</sup> For each additional household member, add dollar amount.

# Other ways to qualify

Some students do not fit into either scenario but are interested in applying for College Bound. You can contact the College Bound program to apply if you meet one of the following criteria:

- ► Attend a private school or homeschool program in Washington State and meet the income requirements.
- ► Are in another type of foster care and not eligible for free-and-reduced price lunch.

If you qualify for free-and-reduced lunch, be sure to sign up. You'll also be automatically enrolled in College Bound!

### What is the pledge?

College Bound students promise to:

- ► Graduate from a Washington high school or home school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Apply to college.
- ► Submit a financial aid application (FAFSA or WASFA) in your senior year of high school and each year of college.
- ► Have no felony convictions.

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

You will get a College Bound certificate in the mail. If we need any additional information, we will reach out to you. Be sure to keep program staff updated if you move or change your contact information.

#### What happens next?

Once you receive your certificate, the program staff will continue to remind you of important information and updates.

### How will I receive the scholarship?

- ► Fulfill the scholarship pledge requirements and meet state residency requirements.
- ▶ File a financial aid application in your senior year of high school and every year in college.
  Your college will determine if you meet the income requirements.
- ▶ Be accepted to and attend an eligible college there are over 65!
- Be in good standing at your college.



The College Bound Scholarship is a state funded program administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council. For more information about the program and financial aid, visit <u>collegebound.wa.gov</u>, contact us by email at collegebound@wsac.wa.gov, or by phone at 888-535-0747, option 1.