



College Bound Updates

October 8, 2024





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College Bound Updates Webinar

Tue, October 8 2024 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Presenters

Kathie Pham

Description

Hosted by WSAC and WCAN. This annual webinar is designed for school counselors and staff and college access professionals to learn about the College Bound program. WSAC/College Bound program staff will lead a session covering the auto-enrollment process, important resources, and recent changes. This knowledge will help attendees better support their College Bound students for education after high school.

Dates

Tue, October 8 2024

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Event # 175741

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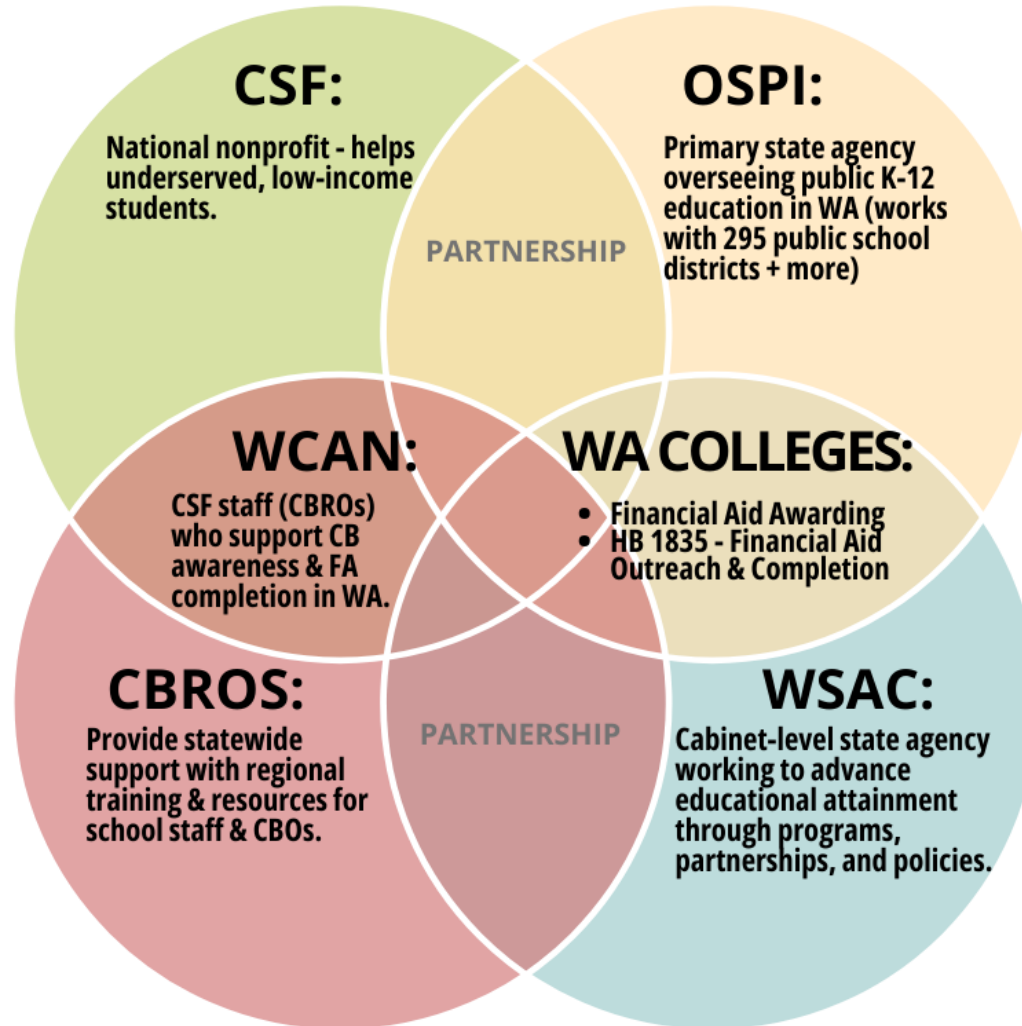


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Key Takeaways

College Bound auto-enrollment:
what it is and isn't

Resources: WSAC, CSF, others

Next Steps for everyone!



Reminder: College Bound Commitment



Works together with other state financial aid (usually the WA Grant) to cover the cost of tuition (at public rates), some fees, and a small amount for books = **commitment**.

**New info sheet coming soon:
How the WA Grant & CB
Funds Work Together**



Can be used at over 65 two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities.





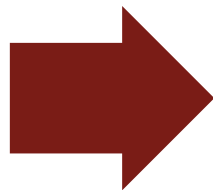
Eligibility and Auto-Enrollment: A Two-Step Process

Step One Sign Up Requirements

- 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.

Eligible Private & Home School students must sign up through our CB office.

Based on USDA Income Guidelines, changes yearly



Step Two Receiving College Bound

- Fulfill the College Bound Pledge.
 - Enroll in ANY college within one year of HS graduation.
 - Be accepted to & attend an eligible college.
 - Meet income & residency requirements.



Based on Median Family Income (MFI) Chart, changes yearly



College Bound Pledge Requirements

Graduate from a WA high school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher if attending a four-year college directly after high school.

- There is NO GPA requirement for students attending CTC.

Enroll in ANY college within **one year** of HS graduation to meet the **enrollment deadline**.

Students must attend one of 65+ eligible WA institutions to receive CB funds.

Complete the FAFSA or WASFA starting their senior year and meet income requirements. *2025-26 FAFSA & WASFA available December 1, 2024.*

Have no felony convictions.



How the College Bound Auto-Enrollment Process Works

Receiving vs. Being Eligible for FRPL

FRPL *eligible* students at public schools.
Noted by:

- FRPL application & family income survey NOW called CNEEB (24-25)
- School distributes & collects
- Direct certification (SNAP, TANF, and more!)
- Other sources

OSPI Resource:
[Meal Application & Toolkit](#)

School reports 2024-25 enrollment data to OSPI via CEDARS

- Students noted as FRPL-eligible
- Enrollment data to CEDARS happens periodically starting Sept/Oct, annually
- Monthly reporting

OSPI sends data to WSAC with list of newly FRPL-eligible students

- Monthly auto-enrollment files, starting in **November, annually.**

School staff Portal users to enter/update student & parent contact info via WSAC Portal

- Monthly, recommended

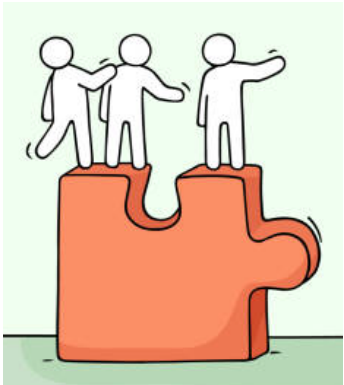
**Changes Coming Spring 2025:
HS Student Contact Info!**

WSAC mails certificates to auto-enrolled students with addresses

- Monthly



A Bit More on Timeline ...



Current CB Students

Action: Regularly enter/update contact info **NOW!**

Note: WSAC receives weekly demographic updates from OSPI, including school enrollment, GPA, & more.

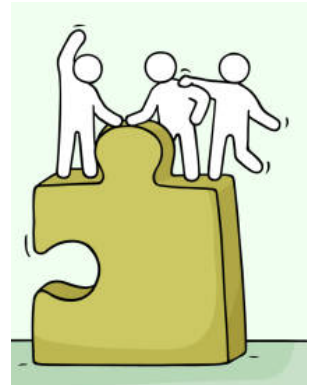
Newly Auto-enrolled 2024-25 CB Students (7th, 8th & newly eligible 9th Grades)

Action: Regularly enter/update contact info for **NEW** 24-25 auto-enrolled, starting November 2024.

Note: WSAC receives monthly updates from OSPI.

IMPORTANT:

Starting Nov. 2024, anticipate an increase in students on your WSAC portal list due to newly auto-enrolled students.





Using WSAC's CB Portal: Toolbox – 3 Easy Steps

[Email us here](#)

Step 1: Create a CB portal account for the [Toolbox](#)

[Toolbox Basics Flyer](#)

Step 2: Use the [Toolbox](#) to track your College Bound students progress & download live reports

[Portal FAQs & Video Tutorial](#)

Step 3: Enter/Update contact info & correct bad addresses (for schools/districts)

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College Bound
Toolbox Resources:





College Bound Portal – Toolbox View

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Toolbox **Toolbox**

Welcome to the WSAC portal.

This site contains confidential student information on financial aid applicants provided to WSAC. This site is for use only by authorized WSAC staff, institution staff, employers, and other authorized personnel.

By logging in to this tool, I acknowledge that my responsibilities include:

- Protecting WSAC data in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Protecting user authentication information from use by unauthorized persons.
- Using WSAC data only for purposes of administering and assisting students with state financial aid.

CBS Toolbox - Home

View My Lists
My Student List: 228400
Bad Addresses: 50311
Missing SSID: 124
Missing Information: 30

College Bound Applications - Summary by School

Select District or School ▾ No Results Show 5

Bulk Update

Detail Filtering and Search Results

Please note: You can enter any combination of space-separated words in the search box below to filter the results. This search feature does not search the address fields. Also, you can download the results of the search with the download button to the right.

Search: Search Page 1 of 1 Show 10 Download 2 Results to CSV

School Name	First Name	Last Name	SSID	Grad Year	Application Status	Street Address	City	Zip	View Details
Ludwvig Van HS	Tomás	Araya	2610707105	2027	Complete				View
Amadaus HS	Louis	Hardin	8383983343	2026	Complete				View

CBS Toolbox - Application Details

Details History

Status Complete Edit

Application Status: Complete
Application Start Date: 7/1/2022
Can Share w/ Non Profits: Yes

Student Information

Student Name: Tomás Araya
SSID: 2610707105 (Please contact WSAC staff if this is incorrect)
Student Date of Birth: 12/6/2004
Language: English
School: Ludwvig Van HS
Graduation Year: 2027 (Please contact WSAC staff if this is incorrect)
Student Phone:
Student Email:

Guardian Information

Guardian Name: Dad Araya
Guardian Phone:
Guardian Email: dadarayarocks@gmail.com

Note: The Toolbox CANNOT be used to add students you believe should be in College Bound. It's only for managing students who are already part of the program.



CB Portal – Toolbox Resources



College Bound Toolbox

How to use the Toolbox

You can view the total number of College Bound students you have access to by using the "View My List" feature. By interacting with the portal to update student information, you can ensure we have the most up-to-date information possible.

You can find specific students not on your Student List using the "Student Lookup" tool. By providing specific information to narrow your search, you can look up any student in the system.

If you need to send College Bound staff a message or file containing private student information, use the "Secure Messages" feature.

Why use the Toolbox?

1. Edit student contact info.
2. Download up-to-date lists of your College Bound students.
3. Track student progress.
4. Send WSAC/College Bound staff secure messages.
5. Update your account settings and info.
6. View the history of activity on a student's College Bound application.

How to access the Toolbox

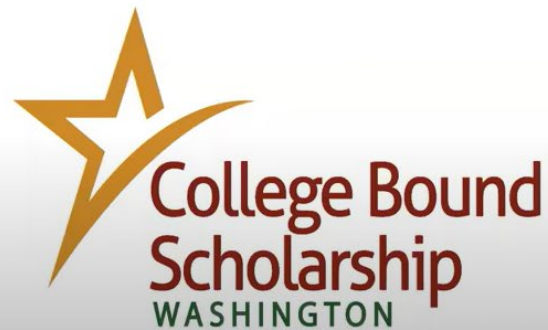
You can get a free WSAC Portal account by emailing collegebound@wsac.wa.gov and providing your name, title, school, district, and office phone number. To log in, visit portal.wsac.wa.gov. Each person using the Toolbox needs their own account, as access should not be shared with others.

For detailed information on how to use the Toolbox, check out our [College Bound Portal FAQs](#).

Toolbox Basics Flyer

How to Use the College Bound Toolbox

Washington Student Achievement Council



Navigating the Toolbox – Video Tutorial



CB Portal User FAQs



College Bound Portal
Frequently Asked Questions
for Portal Users
2024-25

Is There a Faster Way to Update Bad Addresses?

Yes! You can use the Bulk Update Tool to quickly update large amounts of student info.

Just enter the data into the correct columns— **no columns can be removed, but values could be left out if the values are not required in the instructions.**

Tip: Contact your school's IT or registrar's office to help gather the necessary info.



College Bound Legislative Updates

- [SB 5904](#) – College Bound 5-year Window Elimination
 - **Previously:** 4-year award to be used within 5 years of HS graduation.
 - **NOW:** Up to 6 years of funding to align with federal programs and WA Grant. Doesn't expire **IF** enrolled in college within 1 year of HS graduation and still meets "other program requirements."
 - **Note:** Still funds up to a Bachelor's degree only.
- [SB 6053](#) – Data Sharing with OSPI for Contact Info
 - Allows WSAC to get **high school student contact info** from OSPI.
 - **Purpose:** Inform students about financial aid and educational opportunities in WA.
 - **Implementation Date:** **Spring 2025** – data to WSAC from OSPI.



Call to Action: Update CB Contact Information

- While we wait for the implementation of SB 6053 for HS student contact info, please continue updating student contact information using the College Bound Portal!
- This will give CB students and parents EARLY access to WSAC resources like OtterBot, resource mailings, email listserv, and MORE!





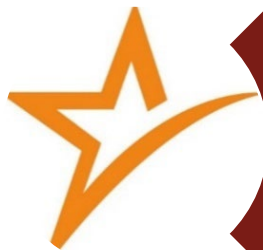
WSAC's Outreach to College Bound students



Certificate mailings monthly to newly auto-enrolled students with addresses



HS grade-level resource mailings and email campaigns



Collecting updated student contact info for OtterBot texting platform, designed to support CB HS students and their parents



Newly Auto-Enrolled Students Receive: CB Certificate & Letter



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Dear College Bound student and family,

You are officially enrolled in the Washington State College Bound program! College Bound is a state-funded program administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council. This program can help pay for your education after high school. Eligible College Bound students who meet program requirements can receive tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small amount for books. Over 65 colleges, universities, and technical schools are part of this opportunity in Washington state.

What You Need to Do:

- **Stay Connected:** We want to keep you updated with the latest College Bound news. Please fill out this quick contact form using the QR code below to make sure we have your current info.
- **Learn More:** Check the back of your College Bound certificate or visit collegebound.wa.gov for details about how to qualify and what you need to do.
- **Explore Schools:** Find a list of participating WA colleges, universities, and technical schools at wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions.



A Few More Things to Know:

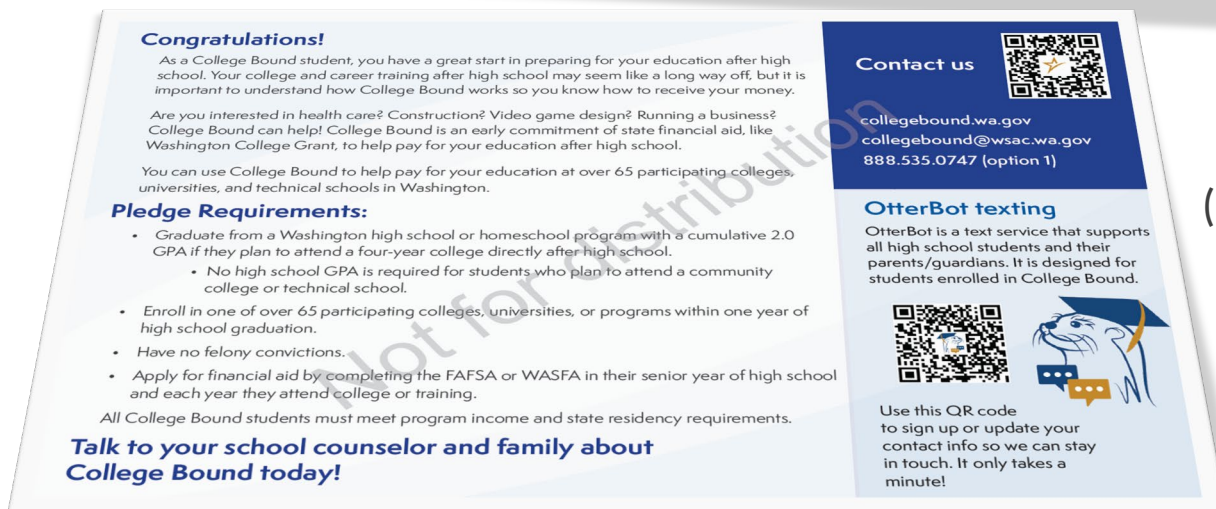
1. **Extra Support:** You might get info from non-profit organizations that help College Bound students. If you prefer not to share your contact details, have your parent or guardian email your name and date of birth to collegebound@wsac.wa.gov. We do not sell your information; we only send useful updates about college planning and financial aid resources.
2. **We Want Your Feedback:** We might reach out to learn about your experiences with College Bound and your plans after high school.
3. **Not Interested?** If you are not interested or believe you are not eligible, let us know. Have your parent or guardian email your name and date of birth to collegebound@wsac.wa.gov, and we will remove you from the program.

Have Questions? Reach out to us at collegebound@wsac.wa.gov or call 888-535-0747, option 1. You can also talk to your school counselor or visit our website for more info.

We are excited to support you on this journey and cannot wait to see all you will achieve. We are with you every step of the way!

Sincerely,

Sarah Weiss
Director of College Access Initiatives





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NEW RESOURCE: CB Student Confirmation Letter Template for School Staff



Dear [College Bound student first & last name],

 **Congratulations!**  You are officially enrolled in the Washington State College Bound program!

You are receiving this letter as confirmation of your enrollment in the College Bound program. Your eligibility was confirmed by staff at our school. As a College Bound student, you will likely receive an email, mailing, or other form of communication in the years to come reminding you of this amazing opportunity. Now that you have been introduced, reach out to College Bound or school staff about what this means for you!

What is College Bound?

College Bound is an early commitment of financial aid from Washington State. It works with other state financial aid, like the Washington College Grant, to help pay for your education after high school. If you meet the program requirements, you could receive funding for:

- Tuition (at public college rates)
- Some fees
- A small amount for books



This funding is available at over 65 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington!

What does being a College Bound student mean? Scan the QR code above to learn what the College Bound Pledge requirements are.

Stay Connected!

OtterBot is a free texting service for College Bound high school students and their parents/guardians. You will receive regular messages about financial aid, college planning, and reminders. Plus, you can text anytime for help! Sign up now using the QR code or visit bit.ly/CBContactFormCertEng!



Got Questions?

You can reach the College Bound staff at collegebound@wsac.wa.gov or call 888-535-0747, option 1. Visit the College Bound website at collegebound.wa.gov for more information.

This is a fantastic opportunity, and I'm excited to support you on this journey!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at (insert counselor or school staff's email address) or (insert phone number)

Thank you,

Counselor Name
Counselor at (School Name)

- MS & HS staff: Personalize this template with your school info and share it with your College Bound students and their parents!
- Student focus groups show that students prefer receiving information from trusted sources/messengers.





OtterBot Texting Service - Help with Financial Aid & Postsecondary Navigation

OtterBot is a free texting service created to support high school students and their parents/guardians.

OtterBot is AI-informed, but always human powered. Messaging is designed for high school students who are enrolled in College Bound.

wsac.wa.gov/otterbot



The graphic features the 'College Bound' logo at the top, a photo of four students studying together, and the OtterBot character. It provides instructions on how to start receiving texts about financial aid and college resources, including QR codes for students and parents, and a QR code for updating an existing number.

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OtterBot

There are two ways to start getting texts about **financial aid** and **college resources**:

For all Washington State high school students & parents/guardians:
Text "Hi OtterBot" to one of the numbers below or scan a QR code to message us directly:

	STUDENTS 360.928.7281		PARENTS 360.634.0354
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Or, if you're already enrolled in College Bound:
Use this QR code to update your number: 

For more info, visit: wsac.wa.gov/otterbot.

Msg & data rates may apply.

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OtterBot – Where We Are

- Supporting over 33,000 9-12th grade College Bound students – growing every day!

- Supporting over 95,000 parents/guardians with this additional support





OtterBot Content Areas

CONTENT AREAS

Financial Aid

- FAFSA completion
- WASFA completion
- Verification
- Award letters
- Appeals
- Scholarship search

Admissions & Enrollment

- Admissions applications
- Admissions requirements
- Enrollment steps

College-going Info

- Terms and definitions
- Campus navigation
- Transition prep
- Socioemotional support

Reminders & Notifications

- Orientations
- Class registrations
- Scholarships
- Priority application dates

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Completion

Student + Family
Events

Trainings for
Practitioners

Support +
Resources

Webinar Series Coming Spring 2025

1. College Bound 101: Intro to College Bound
 - Overview of College Bound Program
2. College Bound 201: Best Practices and Actionable Resources
 - Create Your Future worksheets
 - Middle and High School Checklist
3. College Bound Updates: Key Changes Affecting Students
 - Legislative Changes



CREATE YOUR FUTURE
WITH COLLEGE BOUND



Help Students Create Their Future!

- Student facing activity worksheets with educator notes

Topics Include:

- CB 101 Review
- Explore your Road Map
- Fit and Match
- Goal Setting
- Scholarship Exploration

WEBSITE UPDATES

Create Your
Future w/
CB materials are
posted here!



[Bit.ly/CYFCB](https://bit.ly/CYFCB)

Washington College Access Network (WCAN)



Overview

College and Career Knowledge
Materials ∨

**Create Your Future with College
Bound Materials** ∧

Student Materials

Educator Materials

Student Engagement Initiatives

CSF Convening Sessions

Financial Aid Completion Event
Marketing

Contact Us

College Bound is a tool for students to begin thinking about college early.

Washington State ranks #1 in need based financial aid, with the College Bound program being a unique state financial aid program designed to encourage and inspire to prepare for their post-secondary pathways early on. Through the state's early commitment of financial aid, students can begin dreaming of their futures early on.

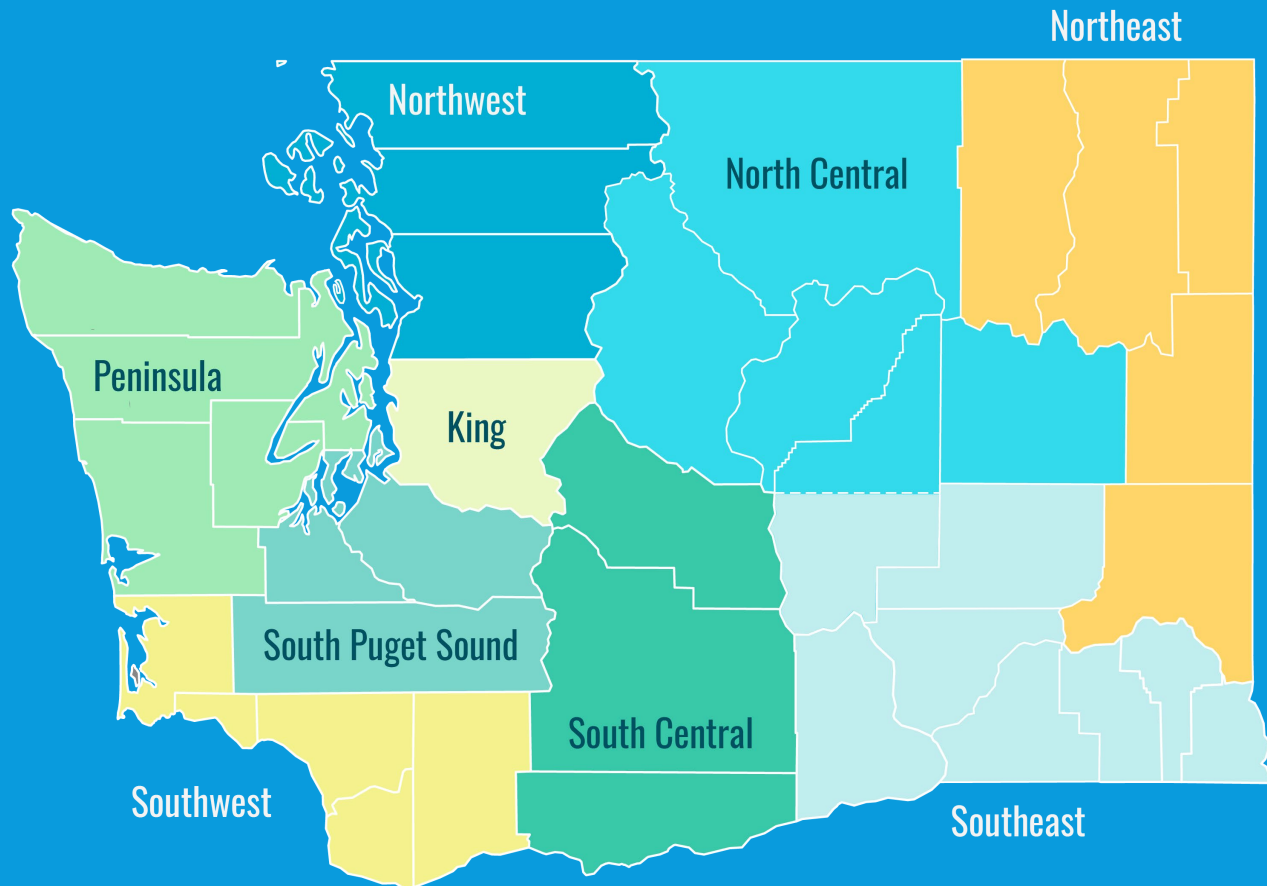
The Create Your Future with College Bound Project

The Create Your Future with College Bound materials were designed as tools for students to continue pondering what kind of future they want to create for themselves. In addition to paying for college, there are many considerations students should make when deciding their path ahead. As students are being auto enrolled into the College Bound program, the Create Your Future with College Bound materials are designed to help students learn about College Bound and start thinking of their journey ahead.

The Create Your Future with College Bound materials is part of a collaborative project between the Washington College Access Network team at College Success Foundation and the Washington State Achievement Council to provide materials to practitioners to help increase both College Bound awareness and post-secondary mindsets.

www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wcan

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Questions? Email info@wcan.org for more information!

WSAC Resources



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Additional Resources: collegebound.wa.gov

What is College Bound?

collegebound.wa.gov
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888.535.0747 (option 1)

Middle school students: Are you interested in health care? Construction? Video game design? Running a business? Whatever your career goals, College Bound can help you attend and pay for the school that is right for you! College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid, like Washington College Grant, to eligible students who fulfill the College Bound pledge. College Bound covers average tuition (at public college rates), fees, and a small amount for books, 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 the College Bound program:

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

Other ways to qualify
Some students do not fit into either scenario but are interested in applying for College Bound. Contact the program to apply if you:

- Attend a private school or homeschool program in Washington and meet the income requirements.
- Are in another type of foster care and not eligible for FRPL.

How will I know if I am a College Bound student?
You will get a College Bound certificate in the mail. If you move or change your contact info, be sure to keep us updated so you receive important info and updates.

How will I receive College Bound money?

- Fulfill the 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 requirement.

What is the pledge?

- Graduate from a Washington high school or home school program with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher if you plan to attend a four-year college directly after high school.

There is no high school GPA requirement if you plan to attend a community college or technical school.

- Apply for financial aid with the FAFSA or WASFA in your senior year of high school and every year during college or training.
- Have no felony convictions.

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2024-25 income guidelines

Household Size	Annual Income ¹	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$728
3	\$47,787	\$3,981	\$919
4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$1,110
5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$1,302
6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$1,493
Additional members ²	\$9,953	\$830	\$192

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

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High school students: College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid, like the Washington College Grant, to help pay for your education after high school. The amount of money students receive is based on average tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small amount for books. You can use College Bound to help pay for your education at over 65 participating colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington.

What is the pledge?

- Graduate from a Washington high school or home school program with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher if you plan to attend a four-year college directly after high school.

There is no high school GPA requirement if you plan to attend a community college or technical school.

- Apply for financial aid with the FAFSA or WASFA in your senior year of high school and every year during college or training.
- Have no felony convictions.

2024-25 median family income

Household Size	Annual Income ¹
1	\$40,500
2	\$53,000
3	\$65,500
4	\$78,000
5	\$91,000
6	\$103,500
7	\$116,000
8	\$128,000

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

After graduation, how do I get College Bound?

- Meet the College Bound pledge requirements and meet state residency requirements.
- Enroll in college within a year of receiving your high school diploma.
- Stay in good standing at your college.
- Apply for financial aid every year you are in college.
- Meet the income requirement on the median family income chart. Your college will determine if you meet the income requirement.

Need help? Text Otter!
OtterBot is a text service that supports all high school students and their parents/guardians. It is designed for students enrolled in College Bound.

Use this QR code to sign up or update your contact info so we can stay in touch! It only takes a minute!

What does College Bound need from me?

- Make sure College Bound has your current contact information.
- Check with your high school counselor to make sure you are on track to meet the requirements.
- Prepare for your college search by looking through the list of eligible schools on the College Bound website at wsac.wa.gov/for-institutions.

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BENEFITS OF GOING TO COLLEGE

THE COLLEGE BOUND COMMITMENT - 2024-25

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MS & HS CB Student PPT

College Bound Myths & Facts

Myths	Facts
College Bound is a full ride.	College Bound may not cover all expenses. A student's award amount is determined after the WA Grant and other state aid or scholarships have been awarded. It can fund room and board if other financial aid covers tuition.
I am guaranteed funding every year I attend a participating school.	Your financial aid application is reviewed annually to confirm that you are within the required income range. You must also maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as determined by your specific school.
I will definitely receive College Bound assistance if I've enrolled and met all the requirements.	If you've received enough WA Grant or other aid, you might not receive further assistance. Learn about the College Bound and WA Grant Coordination on our webpage.
I can use College Bound for a master's degree.	A bachelor's degree is the highest degree you can earn using College Bound funds, but you can earn more than one degree—like earning an associate degree before completing a bachelor's degree.
College Bound funds do not have to be paid back under any circumstances.	Funds might have to be repaid if you do not maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP), withdraw from classes after the allowed date, or are in financial aid repayment. Confirm repayment policies with your specific school.

College Bound WASHINGTON

College Bound Commitment for Washington State Students!
Are you interested in health care? Construction? Video game design? Running a business? No matter your career dreams, College Bound can help you get to and pay for the school that is right for you!

Who is eligible for College Bound?
If you get free and reduced-price lunch in 7th, 8th, or just became eligible in 9th grade, you are automatically enrolled in College Bound.

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- College Bound is an early commitment of Washington state financial aid, that works in combination with other state financial aid, such as the Washington College Grant, to help pay for eligible students' education after high school.
- Students who meet the program requirements receive the average cost of tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small amount for books.
- There are 65+ colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington for students who meet the eligibility requirements when they graduate high school.

What are the College Bound requirements?

- Graduate with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher to attend a four-year public or private college directly after high school.
 - No GPA requirement to attend community college or technical schools, but check school district graduation requirements.
- Have no felony convictions, and
- Meet income requirements each year in college or training when you apply for financial aid starting your senior year in high school.

Important WA State Student & Family Resources:
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College and Career Knowledge Book: This digital handout, available in 7 languages, is designed to guide you in planning for college and careers. Get the tools you need to shape your future!

Questions?

- Contact [school staff's name], [title] at [email] / [phone]
- Visit www.collegebound.wa.gov
- Email collegebound@wsac.wa.gov or call 888-535-0747, option 1.

Please start using for 2024-25: School/Org Webpage Template



RESOURCE: SHORT, ANIMATED COLLEGE BOUND VIDEOS

NEW!

Chapter 1

You're Already College Bound...

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
College Bound

Capítulo 1

Ya es parte de College Bound...

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
College Bound

Available in English & Spanish!

College Bound **Video Project**

Learning Outcomes and Discussion Questions

Chapter 1: You are already College Bound (CB)! What does that mean?

<p>Learning outcomes</p> <p>After watching chapter 1, students will know...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How they are signed up • CB is a state financial aid program for education after high school, covering average tuition (at public college rates), some fees, and a small amount for books • CB can be used at over 65 schools in WA • That school and WSAC staff can help students and their families prepare for college 	<p>Chapter 1 discussion questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the CB program, and how does it help students? • How do students get signed up for CB? • Who can you contact if you have questions? • Bonus activity: check out the list of participating institutions at wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions
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Chapter 2: What are the requirements of College Bound?

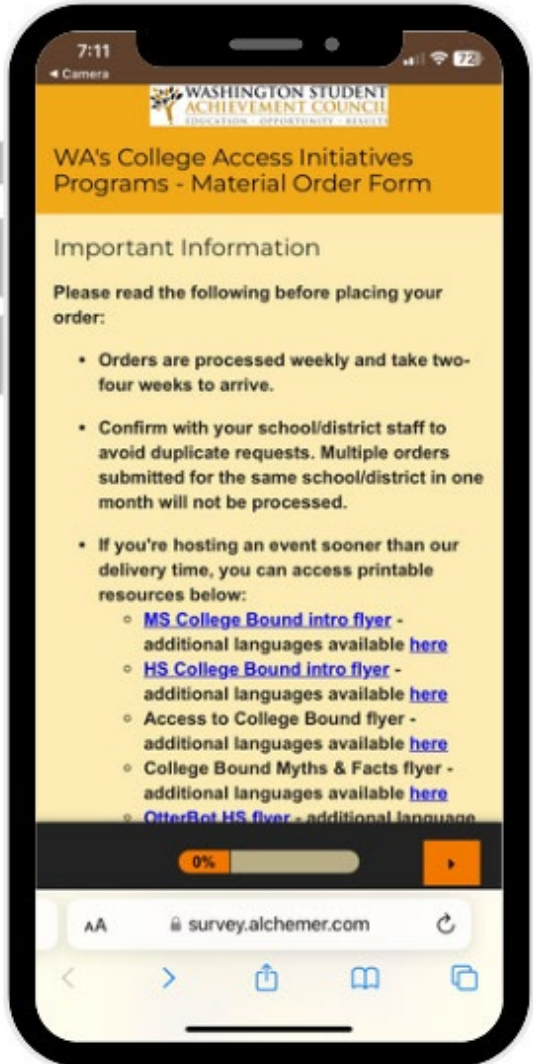
<p>Learning outcomes</p> <p>After watching chapter 2, students will know...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CB pledge requirements • They must meet income requirements and apply for financial aid during senior year and each year in college • Must enroll in college or career training within one year of high school graduation 	<p>Chapter 2 discussion questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the requirements to use CB funds? • Why do students need to apply for financial aid? • When is the college enrollment deadline?
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Chapter 3: How Much is the College Bound Commitment?

<p>Learning outcomes</p> <p>After watching chapter 3, students will know...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum amount (mostly met with WA Grant funds) that students can receive with the CB Commitment • College tuition changes year to year so staying connected is important as the amount of money students can get varies. • There are other grants and scholarships they can apply for to help with other college expenses 	<p>Chapter 3 discussion questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is it important to stay updated on yearly changes in college? • What other financial aid options can help cover college expenses besides the CB funds? • Bonus activity: Check the maximum award amounts for CB at wsac.wa.gov/college-bound#using-college-bound
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New: College Access Initiatives Material Order Form



Order Materials from OtterBot, College Bound, and 12th Year Campaign at the same time!

Orders are processed weekly and take 2-4 weeks to arrive.

Please coordinate with school and district staff when placing orders.



Resource: College & Career Knowledge + Student Lessons

NEW!

College & Career Knowledge
A guide to pursuing education and training after high school

Available online!

The book cover is purple with a rainbow-colored brain character pointing to the right. The title is in large white font, and the subtitle is in smaller white font below it. The text 'Available online!' is at the bottom in white.

Spanish
Russian
Vietnamese
Somali
Arabic
Ukrainian

A vertical menu with rounded ends, featuring a purple background and horizontal bars in orange, yellow, green, teal, and dark blue, each containing a language name in white text.

College & Career Knowledge
Student Lesson Plans Available!

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bit.ly/cckstudentlessons

Getting Ready: All About High School

In This Chapter Students will demonstrate an understanding of school success strategies and how to select courses and activities.

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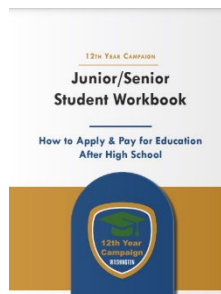
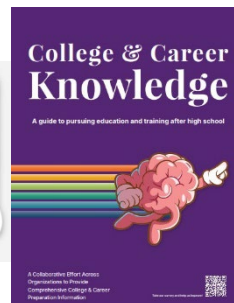
Hard copy workbooks available in English & Spanish!



The 12th Year Campaign

The 12th Year Campaign boosts college and financial aid application rates in Washington by helping those working with high school seniors and their families complete applications for college admissions and financial aid.

- Free training
- Printed and digital resources
- Online financial aid events



wsac.wa.gov/12th-year-campaign



FAFSA and WASFA in December 2024

The 2025-26 FAFSA
& WASFA will be
available
December 1st 2024

Class of 2025 will
complete the 2025-
26 FAFSA or WASFA
using 2023 income
information





2025-26 Financial Aid Changes

The questions on the 2025-26 FAFSA will mirror the 2024-25 FAFSA.

Federal Student Aid is developing new tested resources to support completion efforts.

Some flexibilities from 2024-25 will be extended for 2025-26.

Subscribe to the padlet for update alerts!





College Access Resource Padlet


Christina Winstead + 1 • 27d

12th Year Campaign Key to Success Financial Aid Resources

These resources will help you as you as you plan your Financial Aid Advising Day (FAAD) and support students with financial aid and admissions applications.

FINANCIAL AID UPDATES


BREAKING: 2025-26 FAFSA TO OPEN DECEMBER 1



FSA just announced that the 2025-26 FAFSA will be released on **December 1, 2024, with full, end-to-end functionality.** The outreach tools and resources that typically accompany the form will be released in advance and FAFSA processing will occur within one to three days of submission. If realized, this announcement means that the system will be fully functional for all students on December 1, 2024.

This Week in Financial Aid

Update on Identity Validation Flexibilities for Individuals without Social Security Numbers and Key Remaining Scope for the 2024-25 FAFSA Cycle




2025-26 FAFSA cycle and will not implement any form of restricted status for students or contributors without an SSN.

New 2024-25 FAFSA Issues Identified

Training Opportunities

Washington Council for High School-College Relations (WCHSCR) 2024 Fall Counselor Workshops




2024 Fall Counselor Workshops

These very popular workshops provide professional development for school counselors, career center specialist, HSBP coordinators and those in college-access work. Held in-person and virtually, we're excited to provide current information from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), The State Board of Education (SBE), State

Financial Aid Advising Day Supports

Sample Financial Aid Advising Week Schedule Graphic




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FA Advising Week Sample Schedule


If you have more time to implement Financial Aid Advising Day activities. Here is a sample agenda for a Financial Aid Advising Week.

Financial Aid Advising Month Sample Schedule



Financial Aid Events

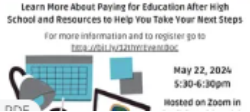
12th Year Campaign Events



Financial aid events

You can share this list of events with your students. If you are hosting an event and want it added to this list, please email ChristinaW@wsac.wa.gov

Class of 2025 Financial Aid Night Hosted by The 12th Year Campaign



Learn More About Paying for Education After High School and Resources to Help You Take Your Next Steps for more information and to register go to <https://highschooler.wa.gov>

May 22, 2024
5:30-6:30pm
Hosted on Zoom in



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Financial Aid Training Opportunities

Free Financial Aid Training



FAFSA Simplification

August 21st at 10-11:30 am

Financial Aid Basics

September 25th at 10-11am

Financial Aid Navigation

October 10th at 9-11am



For more information and to register for these free trainings go to wsac.wa.gov/aim-higher-training or scan the QR code

Trainings are available in English and Spanish

Coming Soon – Trainings to support special populations

This partnership is a strategy central to our efforts to achieve racial equity in higher education. In alignment with each of our own organization's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion commitments, the Aim Higher Training initiative is a step in the direction to providing all of Washington students with access to financial aid resources, information and support.





Join Us For WSAC Wednesday

WSAC Wednesdays



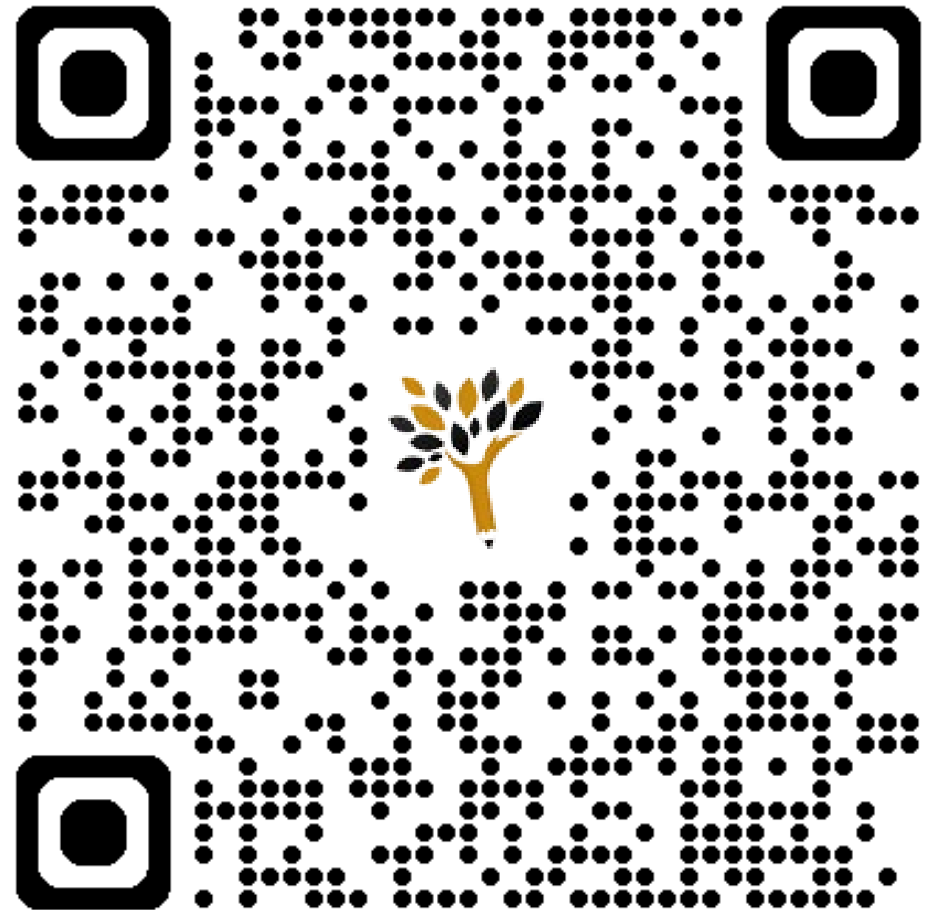
Practitioners, do you have questions about financial aid?

WSAC's College Access Initiatives 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>



10:00-11:00am 1st Wednesday of the Month





FAFSA Completion Status

To be compliant with some of the new data sharing regulations, FAFSA completion status is not available in the CB Toolbox

The FAFSA Completion Status can still be found in the FAFSA Completion Portal. To request access, you can reach out to fafsa@wsac.wa.gov

CB app is mentioned as a column in the FAFSA Completion Portal

Non-profits that serve the entire senior class at a school can receive FAFSA Completion Portal access



2024 Counselor Survey – Your Voice Matters!

**Survey Closes:
October 15,
2024**

Shape the Future of Student Success!

**Your Voice Matters –
Complete Our 10–Minute Survey!**

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is on a mission to improve the tools and resources available to help you guide students through their financial aid journey. We need YOUR insights to make sure we're providing the right support.



**Take the
Survey
NOW
Scan the
QR Code!**

Be entered for a
chance to win one of
five Amazon gift cards
\$50 just for
completing the survey!





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<https://www.pdenroller.org/esd113/catalog/175741>

College Bound Updates Webinar

Tue, October 8 2024 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Presenters

Kathie Pham

Description

Hosted by WSAC and WCAN. This annual webinar is designed for school counselors and staff and college access professionals to learn about the College Bound program. WSAC/College Bound program staff will lead a session covering the auto-enrollment process, important resources, and recent changes. This knowledge will help attendees better support their College Bound students for education after high school.

Dates

Tue, October 8 2024

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Zoom

Registration

Event # 175741

Price

Free

Registration Ends

Tuesday Oct 8, 2024 11:30 PM

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Waterfall

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Quick post-webinar survey! Thank you for your feedback 😊



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