



College Bound Scholarship

It was created in 2007, to improve Washington's high school graduation rates and college enrollment for low-income students. Early data shows it is working!

- Early promise of financial aid to qualifying 7th and 8th graders
- Combines with State Need Grant and other state aid to cover tuition and some fees (at public college rates, plus a small book allowance)
- Can be used at two or four year public colleges and some private colleges in Washington

It is administered by WSAC. To join the listserv, email: CollegeBound@wsac.wa.gov
College Success Foundation (among other things) partners with WSAC to work with districts and schools to use the College Bound Scholarship program to promote *early college awareness* in middle schools and *college readiness* in high schools.

College Bound Scholarship Rules

- Graduate from high school with a 2.0 GPA (No GED)
- Be a good citizen with no felony convictions (Must self-report)
- Enroll in college within one year of high school graduation at one of 68 eligible institutions in Washington
- Use the four-year undergraduate scholarship within five years of high school graduation
- Maintain college's satisfactory academic progress (SAP)
- File the FAFSA every year in college and continue to be income eligible
- If ineligible one year (due to income, citizenship, enrolled in a non-eligible institution etc.) eligibility will be re-evaluated in subsequent years

Foster Youth Enrollment in College Bound

Foster Youth in grades 7-12, or up to age 21 and have not graduated from high school, are automatically enrolled (as of July 1, 2012).

- Information provided by data exchange between Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Student Achievement Council
- Youth receive a College Bound Certificate at their school (they are not identified as foster youth)
- Youth may contact the Council's College Bound staff to confirm enrollment at 888-535-0747

College Bound Scholarship Award Amount

The College Bound Scholarship amount varies for each student

- Tuition rates vary based on type of school attending
- Maximum award is based on tuition, some fees and \$500 book allowance at public institution rates
- Maximum awards range from \$4,400 to \$11,900 depending on institution attending
- Other state financial aid awarded is subtracted from maximum award

Graduates with a 2.0 May Not Receive a Scholarship if:

- The student's total financial aid is greater than need
- State promise of tuition and fees fulfilled via other state financial aid
- Student does not meet other requirements such as residency or academic standards
- Student is not attending an eligible institution