What is College Bound?

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 eligible 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 more than 60 participating colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington.

How to stay eligible

Program requirements:

- Graduate from a WA high school, homeschool, or earn a GED in WA.
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA if going to a four-year college directly after high school.
  - » No high school GPA requirement if going to a community or technical college.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Enroll in any college or career school within one year of high school graduation to meet enrollment deadline.

2025-26 median family income

Household Size	Annual Income*
1	$44,500
2	$58,000
3	$71,500
4	$85,500
5	$99,000
6	$112,500
7	$115,000
8	$117,500

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

How will I receive College Bound funds?

- File a financial aid application (FAFSA or WASFA) in your senior year (and each year in college).
- Meet income and state residency requirements. Your college will check if you meet the income requirement on the MFI income chart.
- 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.

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

What does College Bound need from me?

- Make sure College Bound has your current email, phone, and mailing address.
- Check with your school counselor to stay on track for graduation.

Explore eligible colleges, universities, and tech schools at wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions.

Need help? Text Otter!

OtterBot is a text service that supports all WA high school students and families. It shares tips about College Bound, college planning, and financial aid. Sign up using a QR code:

Students

Parents/guardians

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

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