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College Bound Scholarship Webinar

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College Bound Scholarship Webinar
November 7, 2012

- Overview of the Program
- College Bound Scholarship Awarding Process
- College Bound Communication Resources
- Other Financial Aid Information and Deadlines

Presenter: Vicki Merkel, Associate Director of Student Financial Assistance
Chat Room: Christina Richmond, College Bound Program Specialist
Chat Room: Mallory Gomez, College Bound Program Coordinator

Overview of the Program

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College Bound Scholarship

- Created in 2007, for the purpose of improving high school graduation and college enrollment rates for low-income students.
- An early promise of financial aid to qualifying 7th and 8th graders.
- This Scholarship combines with State Need Grant and other state financial aid to cover tuition (at public college rates), plus a small book allowance.
- It can be used at two- or four-year public and private colleges and universities in Washington that administer State Need Grant funds.

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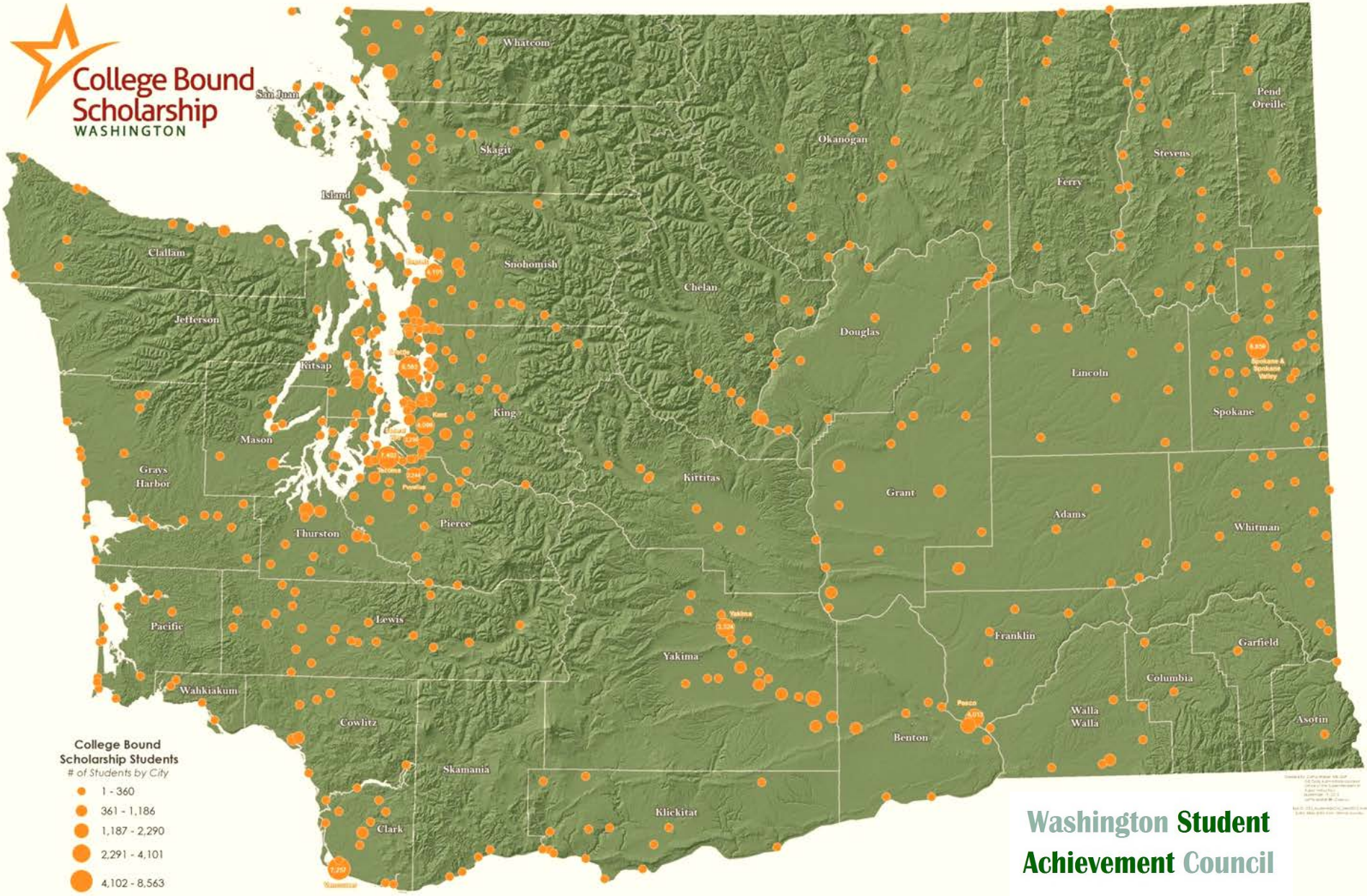
College Bound Pipeline

Growth in the College Bound Program 2007 to 2012							
Cohort	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**Total All Years**
Expected Graduation Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	
Eligible Students	28,093	28,600	29,856	30,549	31,923	36,394	**185,415**
Total College Bound Students	15,863	15,672	20,456	22,850	24,688	16,070	**115,597**
% of Total Eligible Students	*56%*	*55%*	*69%*	*75%*	*77%*		
Seniors filing FAFSA	10,000						

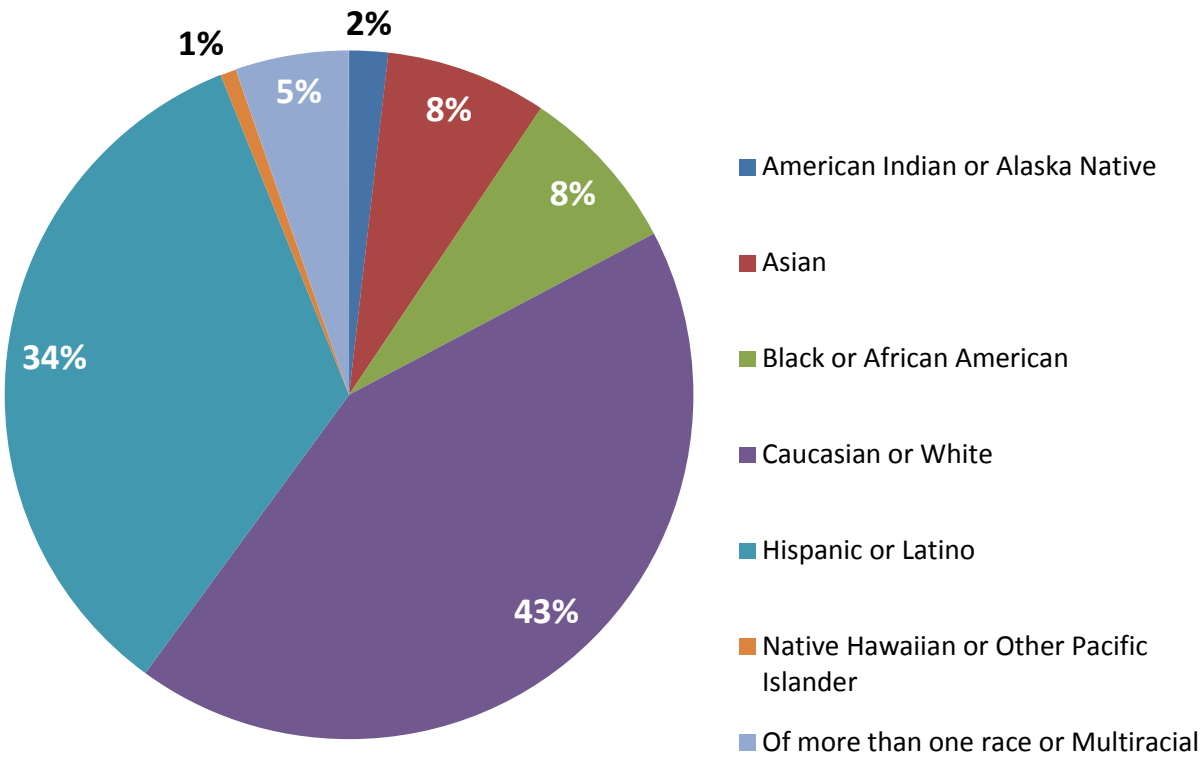
**Preliminary numbers as the cohort deadline has not passed*

College Bound Scholarship Students



College Bound Students by Ethnicity

Class of 2013



Based on **12,028** records from OSPI for the class of 2013

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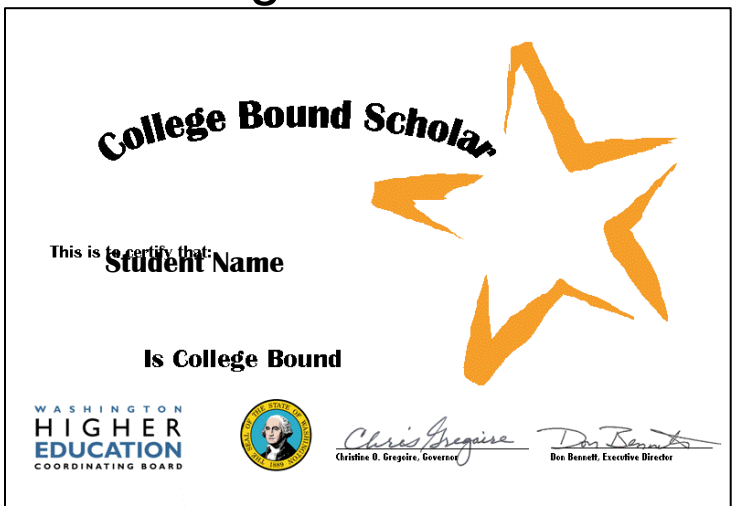
College Bound – Middle School

- In Middle School the student **applied** by submitting a complete application to the Washington Student Achievement Council* (WSAC) by the deadline – *June 30 of 8th grade year.*
  - *Indicated they met one of the **application income standards:** Student is eligible for free-or-reduced-price lunch program, or the family receives basic food/TANF benefits, or the family income is below the standards on the application chart, or the student was in foster care.*
- The student **signed the pledge**
- The WSAC mailed **a certificate** to the student's address on the application that said they are College Bound!

Example :



*formerly the HECB

College Bound – High School

During High School, to **receive** the Scholarship, the student must:

- **Graduate** with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA.
  - GPA for admission to a four-year institution will be higher than 2.0
  - GED does not qualify
- Be a good citizen with **no felony convictions**.
- File the **FAFSA which will determine income eligibility** to receive the scholarship – **February 1, 2013 is the FAFSA priority filing date.**
- Apply, **be admitted**, and enroll within one year of high school graduation in one of the 68 eligible institutions in Washington.
- Be a **U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen** and have a Social Security Number.

To view a list of eligible institutions go to collegebound.wa.gov and click on "Which colleges and universities can I attend?"

College Bound – After High School

College Bound is **a four-year scholarship** that must be **used within five years** of high school graduation.

- Scholarship expires in 2018 for 2013 graduates
- Four years = 12 quarters or 8 semesters

- Student must **enroll within one year** of high school graduation.
- May enroll **part-time** – enrollment does not have to be continuous.
- **Undergraduate** students only.
- If students are ineligible in one year (due to income) **eligibility will be re-evaluated** in subsequent years.
- Student must maintain college's **Satisfactory Academic Progress**.
- If student receives the award and withdraw from classes, **may owe a repayment** to the program.
- Must file the **FAFSA every year** in college.
  - 65% of median family income

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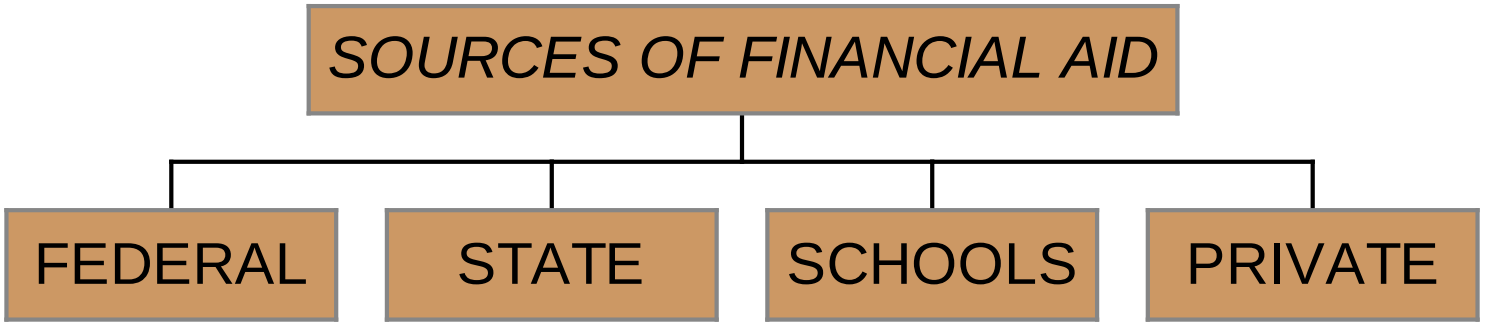
Types and Sources of Financial Aid



FAFSA – www.fafsa.gov

The **F**ree **A**pplication for **F**ederal **S**tudent **A**id (**FAFSA**) is the primary form for all government aid. The FAFSA allowed 187,000 students to access $2.4 billion in need-based aid in Washington.

- Don't wait until taxes are filed – estimate and make corrections later.
- Don't wait until admitted to college to file the FAFSA.
- Colleges may require additional documents and have other deadlines.
- Re-apply every year.
- Never pay to fill out the FAFSA – it's free.
- The FAFSA takes about 30 minutes and is available in Spanish.
- Free assistance is available via email, by phone, and on the web: FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov

FAFSA for College Bound Students

- File the FAFSA, which will determine the student's income eligibility to receive the scholarship.
  - February 1, 2013 is the FAFSA priority filing date. Student can file as early as January 1, 2013.
- School staff can use the College Bound Portal to see if their students have filed the FAFSA.
- The Department of Education sends FAFSA data to WSAC.
- WSAC matches FAFSA to student's original College Bound application and notifies the student via e-mail if the match was successful. (WSAC will use the email listed on the FAFSA.)

If the student does not receive an email from WSAC within 2 weeks of submitting their FAFSA, call us: 1-888-535-0747

www.fafsa.gov

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Calculated from information (financial, family size and number of family members attending college) submitted on student's FAFSA.

This formula measures the family's financial strength to calculate the amount of financial aid the student is eligible to receive.

- Two components:
  - Parent Contribution
  - Student Contribution
- EFC is **not** the amount of money the family will have to pay for college, **nor** is it the amount of federal student aid the student will receive.
- The student's EFC stays the same regardless of college.

Cost of Attendance (COA)

1. Tuition and fees
2. Books and supplies
3. Room and board – living expenses
4. Transportation
5. Personal expenses/miscellaneous

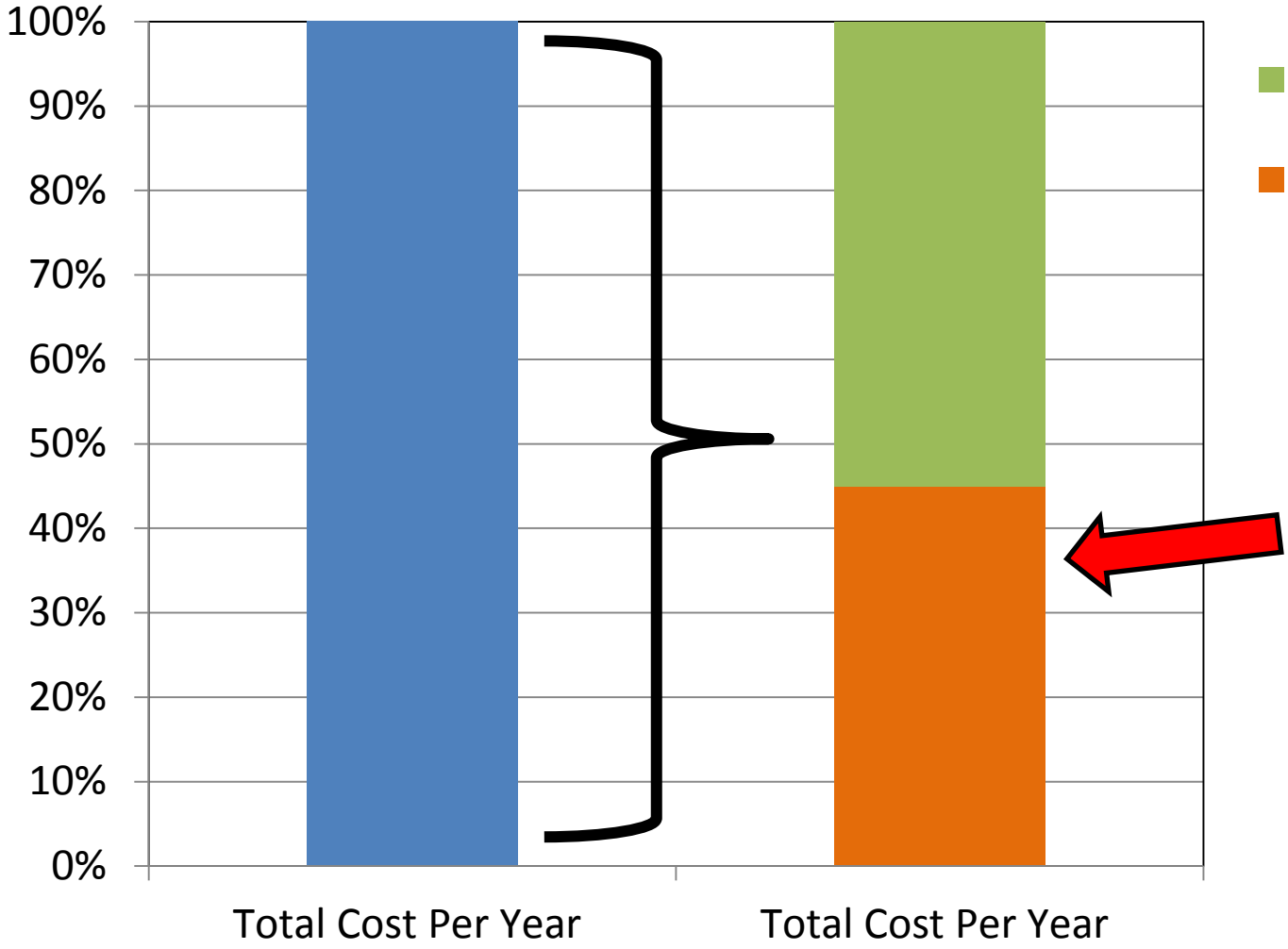
- Includes all educational expenses
- Varies from campus to campus

Need Varies Among Schools

2011-12 *Example Only*	Community College	Public 4-Year	Private 4-Year
Typical COA	$17,000	$21,000	$40,000
EFC	$3,100	$3,100	$3,100
Financial Need	**$13,900**	**$17,900**	**$36,900**

COA – EFC = Need

Example: Cost Per Year



What College Bound and other state aid should cover!

College Bound Award

1. The student's name will be available to the college confirming that a complete application is on file at the WSAC.
2. The college's financial aid office will determine if the family's current income meets the requirements to receive the College Bound Scholarship and other financial aid.
3. The financial aid office will calculate the College Bound award the student is eligible for and notify the student on the Award Letter.
4. The Award Letter may come in the form of an actual letter, or the student may need to login to the college's financial aid website to review their offer of financial aid.

College Bound Award Sources

The total College Bound award may consist of funds from State Need Grant, other state financial aid, and the College Bound Scholarship.

- State Need Grant is the largest state financial aid program.
- The maximum CBS award is based on tuition (at public institution rates), student and activity fees, and a book allowance.
- Other state financial aid includes the Passport to College Scholarship for former foster youth, Opportunity Scholarship, and SBCTC Opportunity Grant.

College Bound Award Amount

The College Bound award amount varies for each student.

- Tuition rates vary based on type of school attending.
- Maximum award is based on tuition at 15 credits, student and activity fees, plus the $500 allowance for books.
- Other state financial aid awarded is considered.
- Student may enroll full or part time and receive a pro-rated award.
- Each student's remaining need will differ.

The College Bound Scholarship ensures tuition (at public school rates) is covered by state financial aid.

No College Bound Award

Why Graduates with a 2.0 May Not Receive a Scholarship

- Student's total financial aid is greater than need.
  - For example, a student with lower living expenses attending a lower cost college may not have room in their aid package for CBS.
  - Student is attending part-time.
- State promise of tuition and fees fulfilled via other state financial aid.
- Student does not meet other requirements such as residency or SAP.
- Student is not attending an eligible institution.
- Campus has decided to delay packaging scholarships.

Beyond College Bound

- College Bound is not a “full-ride.”
- Other aid may be needed to cover non-tuition items.
  - Federal Pell Grant
  - Scholarships
  - Work study
  - Loans
- Families may be unaware that they might need to take out loans.

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School Staff - Portal Access

- School staff may request access to the CBS Portal to receive a report of students in their school who have complete applications and have released their names to be shared with their school.
- Beginning in January, the report will also indicate if the student has filed a FAFSA for 2013-14.
- Send an email with the subject line **Portal Request** to: collegebound@wsac.wa.gov

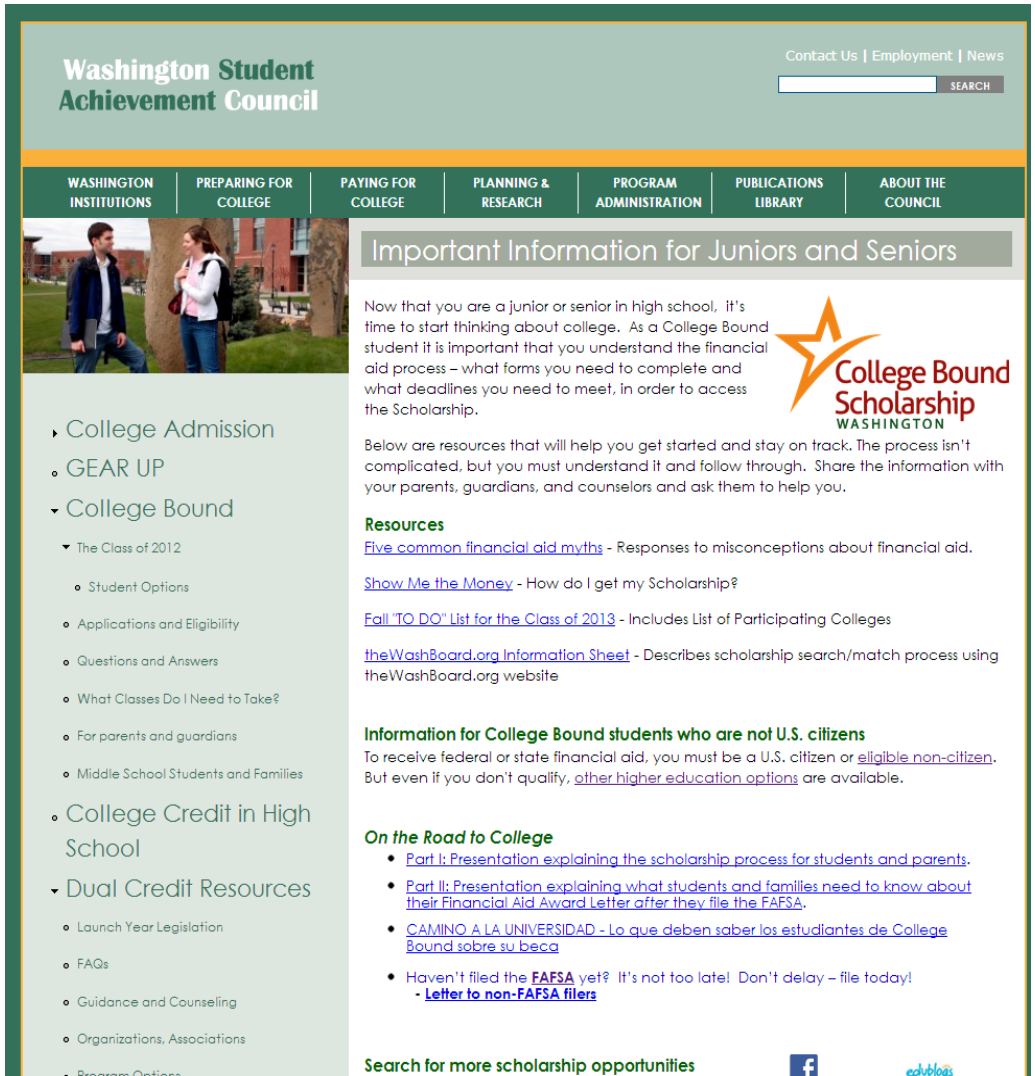
Include:

1. Your Name and Title
2. Email address
3. Telephone Number
4. District Name
5. School Name

Important Information– For Juniors and Seniors

www.CollegeBound.wa.gov

Click on: Important Information for Juniors and Seniors



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Important Information for Juniors and Seniors

Now that you are a junior or senior in high school, it's time to start thinking about college. As a College Bound student it is important that you understand the financial aid process – what forms you need to complete and what deadlines you need to meet, in order to access the Scholarship.

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Below are resources that will help you get started and stay on track. The process isn't complicated, but you must understand it and follow through. Share the information with your parents, guardians, and counselors and ask them to help you.

Resources

Five common financial aid myths - Responses to misconceptions about financial aid.

Show Me the Money - How do I get my Scholarship?

Fall "TO DO" List for the Class of 2013 - Includes List of Participating Colleges

theWashBoard.org Information Sheet - Describes scholarship search/match process using theWashBoard.org website

Information for College Bound students who are not U.S. citizens

To receive federal or state financial aid, you must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. But even if you don't qualify, other higher education options are available.

On the Road to College

- Part I: Presentation explaining the scholarship process for students and parents.
- Part II: Presentation explaining what students and families need to know about their Financial Aid Award Letter *after* they file the FAFSA.
- CAMINO A LA UNIVERSIDAD - Lo que deben saber los estudiantes de College Bound sobre su beca
- Haven't filed the **FAFSA** yet? It's not too late! Don't delay – file today!
  - **Letter to non-FAFSA filers**

Search for more scholarship opportunities

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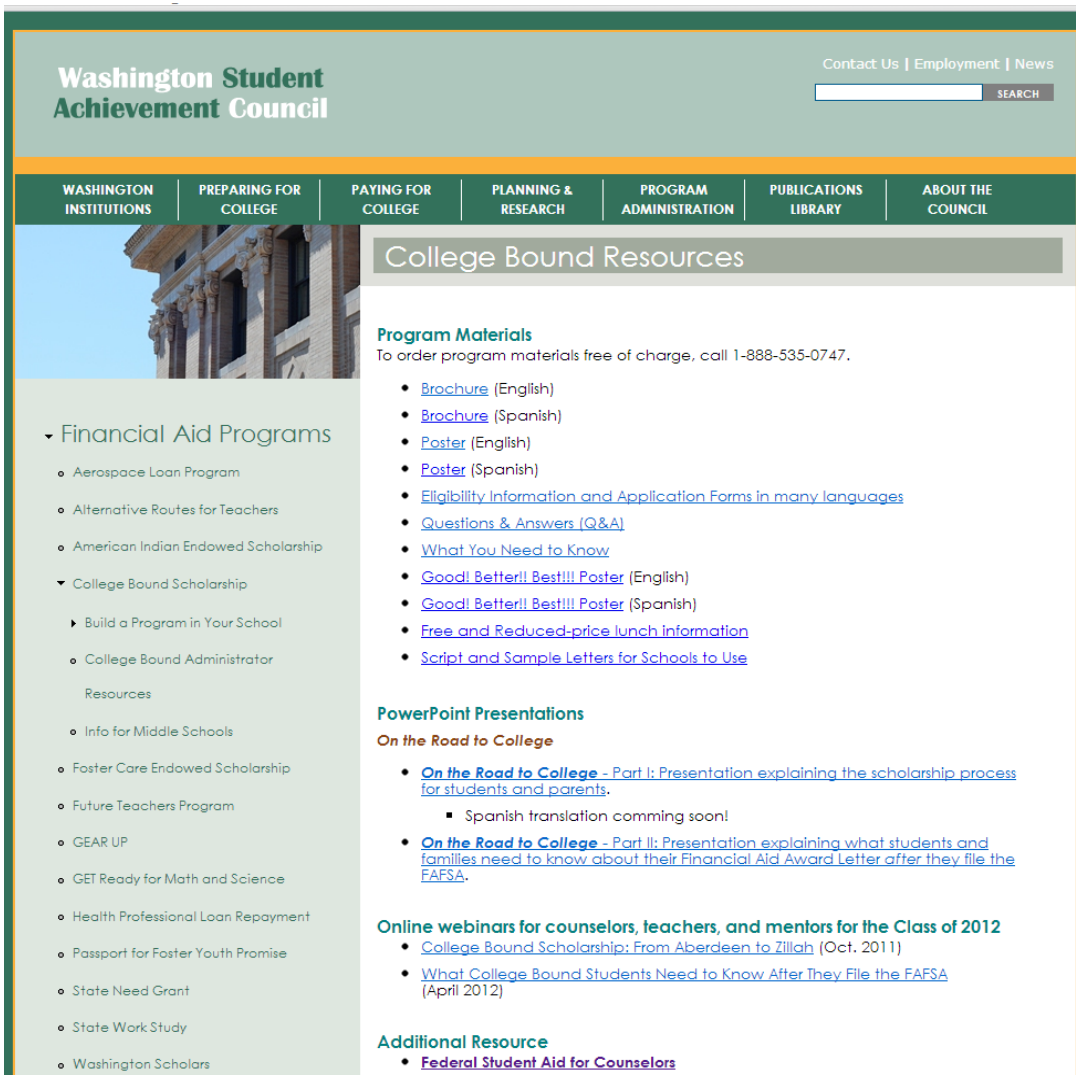
Program Materials– For You

www.CollegeBound.wa.gov

Click on: Counselors, Teachers Administrators

Click on: Program Resources



Online Student Resources

Facebook: **I am College Bound**

Blog: **collegeboundwa.edublogs.org**

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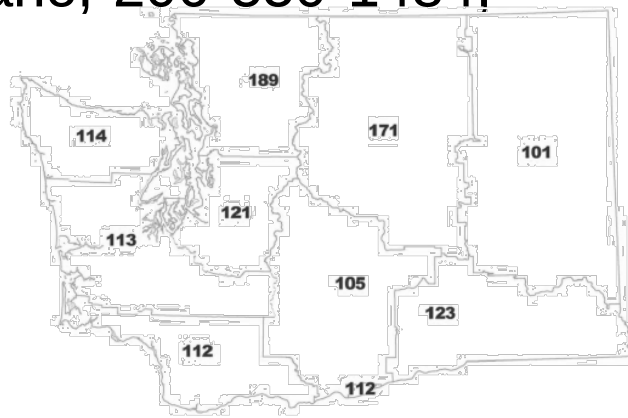
College Bound Counselors Statewide

- Each ESD has a **College Bound Counselor** to work with districts and schools on designing and implementing College Bound outreach strategies.
- Attend a **Fall Clock Hour training** in your ESD to meet your College Bound Counselor and prepare an outreach strategy for your school.
- College Bound Counselors will be working on **FAFSA completion strategies** including the marketing and recruitment to January FAFSA completion events.
- For general inquires contact Michelle Alejano, 206-550-1484, mcalejano@collegesuccessfoundation.org



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Partnering with the College Success Foundation to provide a College Bound Counselor in every ESD

- ESD 101 serving Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman counties
  Keith Slim-Tolagai, 509-251-3787, kslimtolagai@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 105 serving Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, and Grant counties
  Esperanza Lemos, 509-833-4540, elemos@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 112 serving Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Klickitat, and Pacific counties
  Michelle Alejano, Interim, 206-550-1484, mcalejano@collegesuccessfoundation.org,
- ESD 113 serving Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston counties
  Theresa Kimball, 360-701-9608, tkimball@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 114 serving Kitsap, Clallam, Jefferson, and North Mason counties
  Pat Jensen, 360-265-2462, pjensen@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 121 serving King and Pierce counties
  Marina Espinoza, 206-366-5564, mespinoza@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 123 serving Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Asotin, and Whitman counties
  Teresa Santoy, 509-840-0332, tsantoy@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 171 serving Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties
  Becky Hightower, 509-322-6788, rhightower@collegesuccessfoundation.org
- ESD 189 serving Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties
  Leiann DeVelder, 425-780-0456, ldevelder@collegesuccessfoundation.org

Other Financial Aid Information and Deadlines

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TheWashBoard.org

- Launched in January 2010 to help Washington students find more relevant scholarship opportunities.
- More than **$47 million** offered in scholarships last year.
- **Recently completed upgrades**, including improved matches and updated screens for easier navigation.
- **Scholarships are diverse** and support a variety of students.
  - Only 8% require a GPA higher than 3.0
  - 57% of listings are not based on financial need
  - 28% of scholarships listed are renewable

Free 20-minute tutorials offered for anyone assisting students

Want to know more? Contact: admin@thewashboard.org

Passport to College Promise for Former Foster Youth

- Educational planning and assistance through the SETuP program for youth (14 to 18 years old).
- In the 2011-12 academic year, served 373 students with scholarships.
- $4,500 scholarship for 2012-13 students.
- Foster youth and alumni of care can complete a consent form to determine eligibility for Passport at: www.wsac.wa.gov/passport

All foster youth in grades 7-12 and those who have not graduated up to age 21 will be automatically enrolled for the College Bound Scholarship.

2013 FAFSA Filing Campaign

- College Goal Sunday – More than 50 events statewide!
  - Free, on-site program that helps students and families complete the FAFSA.
  - Scholarship searching workshops featuring The WashBoard.org offered at some sites.
- Letter will be sent in late 2012 to College Bound seniors notifying them of statewide FAFSA events.

www.collegegoalsundaywa.org

Federal Resources

New Tools for Families & Counselors

- Financial Aid Counseling Tool for borrowers www.studentloans.gov
- Shopping Sheet – sample award letter format http://collegecost.ed.gov/shopping_sheet.pdf
- Publications and workbooks www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov
- MyFSA with savings calculator & college finder www.studentaid.gov
- Campus websites have a “net price calculator” – average aid awards

Statewide Support System

- College Success Foundation www.collegesuccessfoundation.org
- NELA Center for Student Success www.nela.net
- College Goal Sunday www.collegegoalsundaywa.org
- Washington College Access Network www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wcan
- Regional partnerships
- GEAR UP www.gearup.wa.gov
- TRIO www.washingtontrio.org

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Online Resources

- Program Materials & Presentations available for use www.wsac.wa.gov/ProgramAministration/CollegeBound/Resources
- FAFSA and general financial aid information: www.fafsa.gov
- College Bound information: www.collegebound.wa.gov
- WSAC financial aid programs: www.wsac.wa.gov
- Washington Scholarships: www.thewashboard.org
- Resources for students who are not U.S. citizens: www.wsac.wa.gov/PreparingForCollege/CollegeBound/2012

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