

College Bound Scholarship

Council Meeting
November 28, 2012



- **Goal of the College Bound Scholarship** is to improve high school graduation and college enrollment rates for low-income students.
- **Offers an early promise** of financial aid to qualifying 7th and 8th graders.
- **Combines with State Need Grant** and other state financial aid to cover tuition (at public college rates), plus a small book allowance.
- **Available** for a variety of programs at two- or four-year public and private colleges and universities in Washington that administer State Need Grant funds.

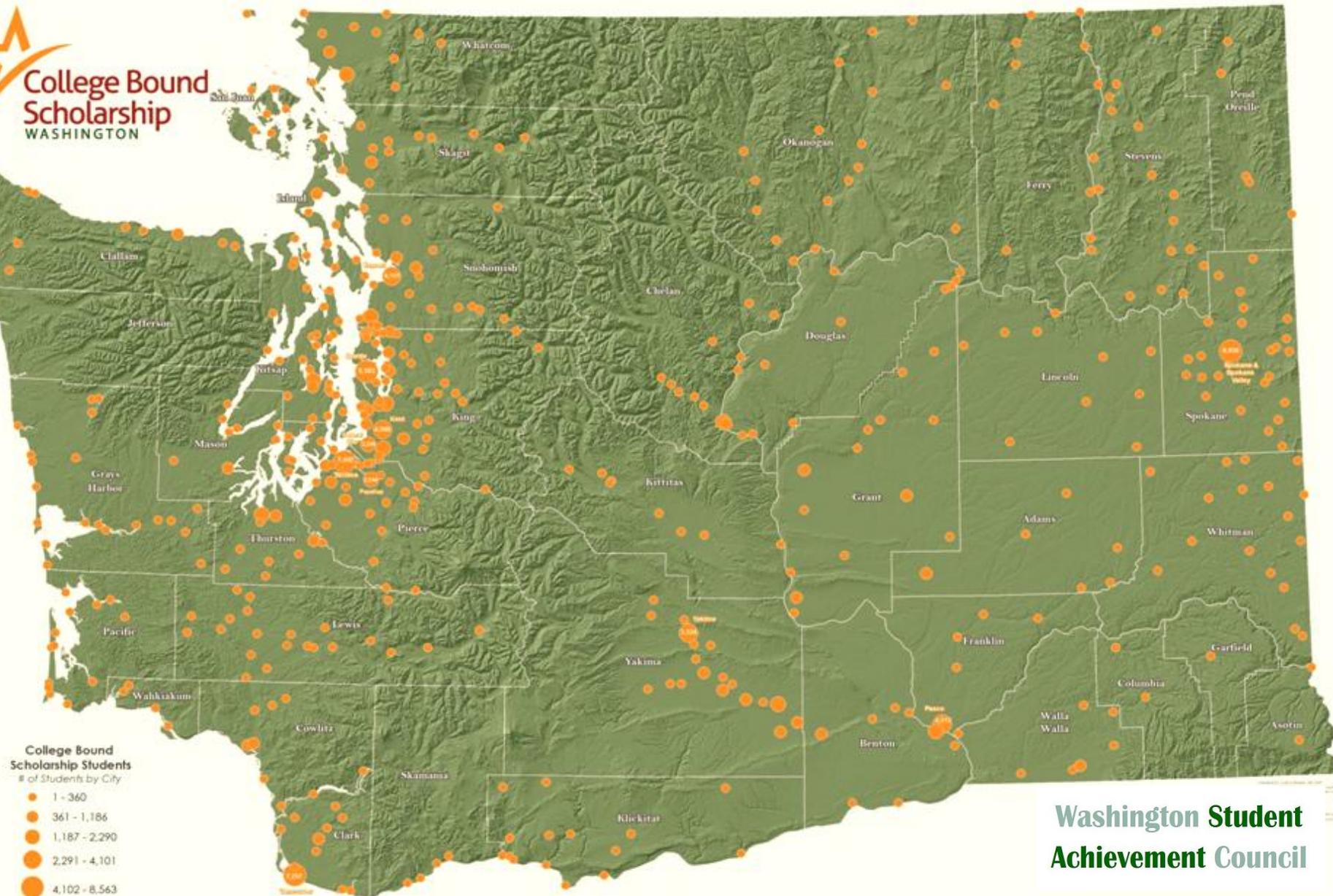
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Growth in the College Bound Program 2007 to 2012							
Cohort	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total All Years
Expected Graduation Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*	
Eligible Students	28,093	28,600	29,856	30,549	31,923	36,394	185,415
Total College Bound Students	15,861	15,677	20,461	22,849	24,767	17,442	117,057
% of Total Eligible Students	56%	55%	69%	75%	78%		
Seniors filing FAFSA	9,500						
* Preliminary numbers as the cohort deadline has not passed							

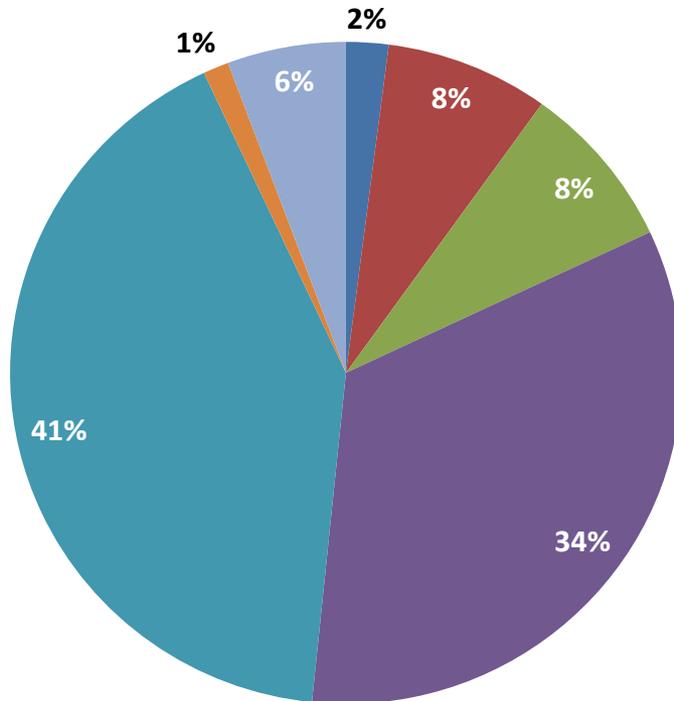
College Bound Scholarship Students



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- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Caucasian or White
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Of more than one race or Multiracial

89,171 Records

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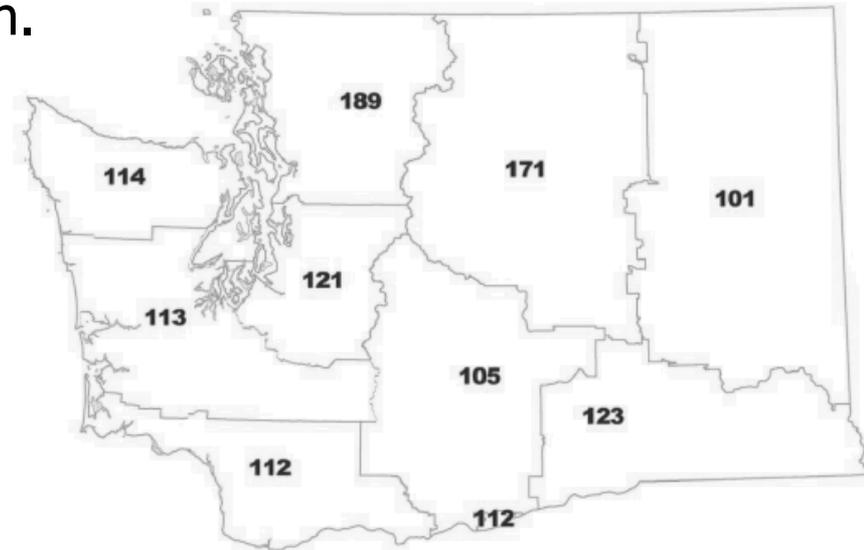
Students **apply in middle school** by June 30 of 8th grade year.

- Families must be **income eligible** to apply:
 - Student is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch or receives basic food/TANF.
 - Student was in foster care.
- **On-line application** and paper application translated into 10 languages with student Pledge:
 - **Graduate** with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.
 - Be a good citizen with **no felony convictions**.
 - File the **FAFSA to determine income eligibility** to receive the scholarship their senior year.



- Students must file the **FAFSA every year** in college.
 - 65% of median family income.
 - **February 1st** is the FAFSA priority filing date.
- If students are ineligible in one year **eligibility will be re-evaluated** in subsequent years.
- Student must maintain college's **Satisfactory Academic Progress**.
- If student receives the award and withdraws from classes, **may owe a repayment** to the program.
- The **2.0 is a minimum** and admission to a four-year institution will be higher than 2.0. (GED does not qualify).
- Students must apply, **be admitted**, and enroll within one year of high school graduation.
- College Bound is a **four-year scholarship** that must be used within five years of high school graduation.
- Students may enroll **part-time** – enrollment does not have to be continuous.
- Students must be citizens or eligible non-citizens.

- The **College Success Foundation (CSF)** contracts with OSPI to provide outreach and support services to eligible students.
- Each ESD has a **College Bound Counselor** to work with districts and schools to:
 - Design and implement College Bound outreach strategies.
 - Provide FAFSA completion strategies including the marketing and recruitment to January FAFSA completion events.
- CSF **works with Council staff** to ensure consistent understanding of program rules and communication.



Website: www.CollegeBound.wa.gov

Facebook: I am College Bound



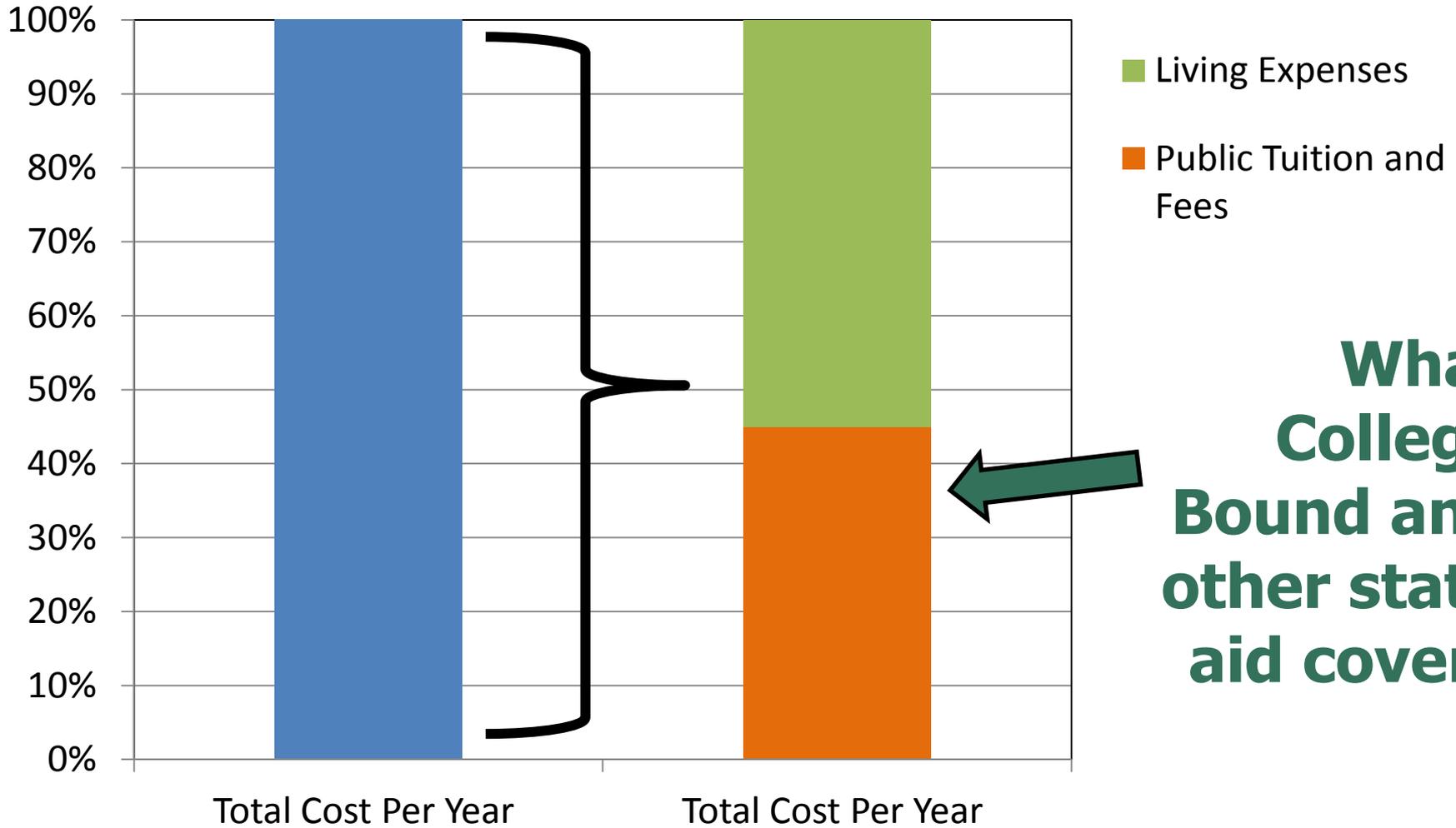
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- The Council exchanges information twice a year with the **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)** to monitor current school, grade level, GPA, graduation and more.
- Information provided via **secure web portal** to schools, and select private non-profit organizations like the College Success Foundation.
- **Foster youth** in grades 7-12 in 2012-13 will be automatically enrolled for the College Bound Scholarship via a data exchange between the Council and the Department of Social and Health Services.
- The Council matches College Bound Seniors with the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as a secondary application.
- Campuses can upload files to **identify College Bound college students** via the Council portal.
- Campuses report **individual award data** four times annually to the Council.

The College Bound award amount **varies for each student.**

- Tuition rates vary based on type of school attending.
- Maximum award is based on tuition, fees and \$500 book allowance (from **\$4,400 to \$11,900**).
- Other state financial aid awarded is subtracted.
 - State Need Grant, Passport to College Scholarship, Opportunity Scholarship, and SBCTC Opportunity Grant.



**What
College
Bound and
other state
aid covers**

Why Students May Not Receive a Scholarship

- High school graduation with 2.0 GPA not confirmed.
- Income higher than 65% MFI threshold
- 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 attends part-time.
- State promise of tuition and fees fulfilled via other state financial aid.
- Student does not meet other requirements such as residency or academic progress.
- Student is not attending an eligible institution.

- CBS college **enrollments** may exceed initial expectations.
- **More students admitted to four-year** institutions which have higher award amounts.
- **Tuition increases** have affected CBS costs.
 - Since 2007, tuition has increased 49 and 82 percent at public two- and four-year institutions, respectively.
 - Only one initial GET investment made of \$7.4 million.
 - SNG funding is not covering 30% of eligible students.
- CBS will cover **full tuition** awards for some students, rather than “gap fill” as intended.
 - A priority deadline for maximum funding was set to increase likelihood of access to SNG funding.
 - However, State Need Grant is not available to all as eligible enrollments have outstripped funding.
 - CBS is considered an entitlement program.

- **Changes to SNG state policies** increase CBS awards.
 - Reduced growth rates for private campus SNG awards.
 - CBS statute ties awards to public research and community college tuition.
 - Changes to SNG policies for students attending private institutions reduced SNG awards from being tied to research to 3.5% growth.
 - New students attending for-profit campuses have SNG awards cut in half.
 - Reductions to the award amounts for students above 50 MFI.
 - The creation of five MFI categories in 2009 reduced SNG awards between 50 and 70 MFI.
- **Changes to campus SNG practices** increase CBS awards.
 - Prioritizing the lowest income students.
 - Reducing SNG award amounts per campus policies distribute limited grant dollars among more students.

15,861 students in the cohort

- 9,657 filed the FAFSA
- OSPI Information reported for 64% of students (10,127)
- 7,002 have been confirmed as graduated with a 2.0 GPA
- 665 have been confirmed as not meeting the requirement
- 3,757 have awards reported (preliminary data)
- A minimum additional 2,444 are enrolled but not awarded
 - Over half in the community and technical colleges

