



# How to access the College Bound Scholarship

As you reach the end of high school, it is important to understand how to access the College Bound Scholarship. Now is the time to review the program requirements and prepare yourself for what comes next. The College Bound commitment ensures that eligible students will have their tuition at public college rates, some fees and a small book allowance covered by state financial aid. This document outlines the steps you will take to access the scholarship, as well as the responsibility of your college and the College Bound program.

## TO ACCESS THE SCHOLARSHIP



### You

- Meet the CBS pledge requirements.
- File the FAFSA or WASFA. You may file as early as October 1. Remember that each college has their own financial aid deadlines that you must follow.
- List every college that you plan on applying to on your financial aid application.
- Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible institution in Washington within one year of high school graduation.



### Your College

- Determines if your income meets the eligibility guidelines.
- Calculates your financial aid award.
- Sends you an Award Letter (by mail or email) indicating how much financial aid you will receive.
- Disburses your financial aid, including your College Bound Scholarship, before classes begin.



### College Bound

- Matches your financial aid application to your College Bound application.
- Identifies you as a College Bound student to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA or WASFA.

If you have questions about your financial aid award, eligibility, or the process, please contact the financial aid office at your college. To verify if you have met the pledge requirements, or check if your financial aid application matched to your College Bound application, contact the College Bound program at 888-535-0747, option 1 or [collegebound@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:collegebound@wsac.wa.gov).

