Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Cashmere Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to apply for the College Bound Scholarship. This scholarship, administered by Washington Student Achievement Council, is an early commitment of state financial aid for eligible students who sign up in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The College Bound Scholarship is a four-year scholarship that your student will have five years to use. The scholarship covers college tuition at public college rates, includes a small book allowance, and covers some fees at over 60 eligible institutions in Washington State. Students will be responsible for their own housing costs, as these are not covered by the scholarship.

We are encouraging all of our eligible students to apply before the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. For your student's application to be complete, the application form must have both the student and parent/guardian's signature and have an eligibility box checked. The rest of the information is optional.

This scholarship requires that applicants meet income eligibility. If you do not qualify based on your family's income at this time, please encourage your student to speak to their guidance counselor at the beginning of their senior year of high school as they may qualify for other types of financial aid.

This is a great opportunity for our students and we are here for any questions you may have. Please contact Cashmere Middle School counselor, Jack Hallmark, at jhallmark@cashmere.wednet.edu or (509) 782-2001 with any questions or for more information.

Thank you,

Jack Hallmark

Counselor at Cashmere Middle School