

What is the College Bound Scholarship?

College Bound Scholarship (CBS) is an early commitment of state financial aid to help eligible students pay for college. It is a 4 year college scholarship that combines with other state financial aid to cover the average cost of tuition, fees, and books at over 60 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington State. Students can qualify by applying for free/reduced school meals during their 7th and 8th grade years. Students who NEWLY qualify for free/reduced meals during the 9th grade year are also eligible. This scholarship is NOT a loan; students DO NOT have to pay back any money that is awarded.

Who can get the College Bound Scholarship?

Students who attend school in Cashmere and meet one of the following requirements are automatically enrolled in College Bound:

*Students who are in public school and eligible for free-and-reduced price lunch in 7th, 8th, or newly eligible in 9th grade.

*Students who are in state foster care, or a dependent of the state between 7th grade and high school graduation

What do I have to do?

Apply and qualify for free/reduced lunch during your 7th or 8th grade year, or if you newly qualify and apply for free/reduced meals in the 9th grade.

You may pick up an application for free/reduced meals at any Cashmere school, or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.cashmere.wednet.edu/Page/197>

What does my student have to do?

If your student qualifies in middle school for the scholarship, here is what they need to do to complete the process: they need to graduate from high school with a 2.0 GPA or better, apply to college/technical school within 1 year of graduating high school, and apply for financial aid using FAFSA/WASFA before attending college. If your student chooses to not attend college after they graduate high school, there is no penalty.

Where can my student use the College Bound Scholarship?

Click here to view the over 65 institutions in the state of Washington where the College Bound Scholarship can be used:

<https://wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions>

Who can I talk to if I have questions, need help, or want more information?

If you have questions regarding the College Bound Scholarship/program, please contact your school counselor via email or phone. You may also visit this site and click on Information for Students and Families:

<https://wsac.wa.gov/college-bound>