College Bound Scholarship and Beyond

If you are eligible, sign up for the College Bound Scholarship beginning in 7th grade. College Bound is an early promise of financial aid help to make sure that you have most or all of your tuition covered at 2 year and 4 year public institution rates here in the State of Washington. You sign the pledge before June 30th of your 8th grade year which states you will agree:

- Graduate from a Washington State high school (or home school) with a cumulative G.P.A of 2.0 or higher;
- To be a good citizen, be crime free;
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in your senior year.

This is a good time to start thinking about your future and what you may be doing five or 6 years after high school graduation. By starting early, you have the opportunity to take the courses in high school that will provide the classes you need to take for the college/university or training program of your choice. You will also have time to talk about your college and career goals with your family.

When you start college you will have five years to use your College Bound Scholarship award. Your social security number will be matched with your FAFSA application and your College Bound Scholarship application. You will receive a combination of State and Federal financial aid which includes the College Bound Scholarship. Remember: The College Bound Scholarship is for tuition only so you may want to seek additional scholarships on www.TheWashboard.org. Students attending college will be expected to maintain the requisite Student Academic Progress (grades or G.P.A.) and will follow the rules and directives provided by your individual college for financial aid. Some College Bound students choose to go into a transfer degree at a four year college and some choose to use their scholarship to get a technical degree in a two year program so they can start work in two years. Other students choose to earn a two year transfer degree and completing their education at a four year university.

Additional information on The College Bound Scholarship and College access can be found on the following websites:

www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/collegebound
www.collegebound.wa.gov