

REACH FOR YOUR DREAMS!

COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP



The College Bound Scholarship

College is a dream for many and it can be a reality for you and your student. One way to help pay the cost is to apply now for a College Bound Scholarship. If you meet the income guidelines, the College Bound Scholarship program, which is administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, promises to pay college tuition, fees and a \$500 book allowance each quarter.

The College Bound Scholarship provides hope and incentive for students and families who otherwise might not consider college as an option because of its cost. To be eligible, a Washington student must meet income requirements for the Free and Reduced Price Lunch program, be a foster youth, or be receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. The student must be in 7th or 8th grade and sign a pledge by June 30th of their 8th grade year. The student has a responsibility to graduate from high school, be a good citizen, and apply for admission at a two year community or technical college, four year college or university or at approved private career schools.

More than 55,000 Washington State low-income parents and students have signed up to receive this scholarship and the first College Bound graduates will be receiving their “college” degrees starting in 2014. Parents and students will have a true sense of accomplishment after graduation, knowing that this was all because a parent and student filled out a College Bound Scholarship application in 7th and/or 8th grade, met the requirements for the next few years, and set college as a long term goal.

To sign up for the College Bound Scholarship students and parents should see their school counselor or apply on line at: www.collegebound@hecb.wa.gov or call 1-888-535-0747. Additional information is on the Higher Education Coordinating Board website: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound>.