

College Bound Scholarship

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the College Bound Scholarship program is to provide an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students. The College Bound Scholarship will combine with other state financial aid to cover the cost of tuition (at comparable public colleges), some fees, and a small book allowance. The scholarship program is a component of the master plan for higher education and recommends that for Washington to remain competitive it must expand efforts to enroll and graduate more low-income students. The program also encourages and prepares students to take the path of college readiness to gain admission to college.

2. **Description of services provided:** Since the program’s inception in 2007, eligible students in 7th and 8th grade began signing up for the scholarship program. Middle and high schools are currently enrolling and supporting College Bound Scholarship eligible students. Enrolling students and their parent/guardian pledge to stay in school, demonstrate good citizenship and graduate high school. If the pledge is fulfilled, the student is admitted to college, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid) for DREAMers is completed, and the income requirement met students will receive the scholarship. The College Bound Scholarship outreach program will:
 - Develop college knowledge materials to engage College Bound Scholars in key career and college readiness information,
 - lead statewide student engagement initiatives to engage eligible and enrolled College Bound scholars in the steps needed to prepare for a postsecondary pathway,
 - co-design and implement trainings on the College Bound scholarship for school staff, students and families,
 - provide in-person, phone, email engagements, focus groups and regional trainings to school and district staff to support adoption and implementation of the College Bound Scholarship program in their respective schools.

Fiscal Year 2018

of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 0
of CSF staff associated with this funding (FTEs*): 19

*Both partial and full FTEs are listed
 Key staff associated with this funding:

(10%) Chief of Programs oversight on College Bound Scholarship contract.

Key staff associated with this funding:
College Bound Statewide Outreach

Position Title	Position Description
Statewide Outreach Director	Leads statewide oversight, strategy and supervision of the 9 College Bound regional officers that serve a regional portfolio of school districts (totaling 292 districts) and statewide manager

Position Title	Position Description
Product, Operations and Statewide Initiatives Manager	Project manages the development of student-friendly college knowledge materials, toolkits and communications statewide initiatives
(9) Regional Staff	Provides training, systems development and support to schools and districts to ensure eligible students are both enrolled and supported.

9 regions:

King County King County and Tacoma

North Central Chelan, Douglas, North Grant, Lincoln and Okanogan

Northeast Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman

Northwest Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom

Peninsula and upper coast Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap

South Central Kittitas, Klickitat, and Yakima

South Puget Sound Lewis, Mason, Pierce, and Thurston

Southeast Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, South

Grant, and Walla Walla, Southwest Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum

AmeriCorps College and Career Coaches*

Position Title	Position Description
(100%) Program Manager	Provide statewide AmeriCorps program oversight
(30% of 1) Program Associate	Provides administrative support for AmeriCorps
(10% of 1) Program Director	Provides AmeriCorps oversight to south King County school-based staff
(15% of 1) Program Manager	Supervision of King County AmeriCorps
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(30% of 1) Program Manager	Supervision of Tacoma AmeriCorps
(30% of 1) Program Manager	Supervision of Spokane and Yakima AmeriCorps

3. Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:

Districts and schools can receive:

- Training on the College Bound Scholarship,
- student workbooks and support to engage eligible and enrolled students in the College Bound Scholarship program,
- regional workshops to learn ways to support College Bound students in career and college readiness

Beneficiaries in 2018-19 School Year:

of School Districts: **292**

#of students: Over 300,000 students have enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship program and annually nearly 60,000 middle school students are eligible to enroll in the program. During program year 2017-2018 the outreach staff served over 34,000 students and engaged over 4,500 school staff from 618 buildings across the state.

of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 0.0
 # of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 0.0

FY 18 Funding: State Appropriation: \$1.454 million
 Federal Appropriation: \$0.0
 Other fund sources: \$0.0
 TOTAL (FY18) \$1.454 million

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?** No

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY18	\$1,454,000	\$1,354,000
FY17	\$1,354,000	\$1,354,000
FY16	\$1,354,000	\$1,354,000
FY15	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
FY14	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
FY13	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
FY12	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
FY11	\$1,000,000	\$998,600

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., schools, students, districts) history:**

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7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

Per WSAC updates:

2018 Legislative Session The 2018 legislative session included three significant changes to CBS statutes. These changes affect residency, sign-up, and coordination with other state financial aid.

Residency

In 2015, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service issued guidance that individuals with Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) status are not prevented from establishing state residency. As a result, undocumented students with DACA status became eligible to receive the College Bound Scholarship. The passage of HB 1488 aligns College Bound state residency requirements with those for State Need Grant. Previously, a student could meet State Need Grant residency requirements using the 1079 standard but a College Bound student could not. Additionally, there is a change to the DACA standard that allows a residency determination to be made for a student who was granted DACA even if DACA has expired. Additional information on both these residency standards can be found at www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa.

Sign-Up

HB 1293 states that a counselor may witness the College Bound pledge for a student whose parent or guardian is unable to sign with their student. This will take effect beginning with the 2018-19 academic year. WSAC will provide procedural guidance as the application period opens on September 1, 2018.

Coordination with other state financial aid

The Washington Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) is once again considered state aid when determining the College Bound Scholarship state-aid award commitment. Beginning in 2018-19, the following state programs will coordinate with the College Bound Scholarship to cover the state's commitment. • State Need Grant • Passport to College Promise Scholarship • SBCTC Opportunity Grant • SBCTC Worker Retraining Funds • American Indian Endowed Scholarship • Washington Opportunity Scholarship

8. Evaluations of program/major findings:

Per the Washington Student Achievement Councils College Bound Scholarship [Annual Update](#)

- Middle school sign-ups continue to grow. The state's sign-up rate for this cohort, expected to graduate high school in 2021, was 71 percent.
- There is a correlation between College Bound sign-up and high school graduation rates. In 2017, College Bound students graduated at a rate 12 percentage points higher than their low-income peers, who were eligible, but did not sign up.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

WSAC completed a study that found students who participated:

- a. Were uncertain about program requirements
- b. Wished a trusted source had informed them about general college and career resources earlier in high school

This statewide outreach program provides critical information to students on College Bound and the steps to prepare for college. The statewide challenge is providing personalized support for each student after enrollment in the College Bound Scholarship program.

Increased funding would afford the opportunity to increase distribution of student materials and trained staff to support students with the College Bound scholarship, ensuring enrollment in a postsecondary program.

10. Future opportunities: The College Bound Scholarship is an important policy tool to meet Washington state postsecondary attainment goals.

There are opportunities to increase the support to College Bound Scholarship through:

- Continuing to increase the number of career & college ready trainings and resources SREB Career and College Counseling Initiative ([Southern Regional Education Board](#)) and other developed trainings,
- Distributing 9th-12th grade College Knowledge materials (www.wcan.org) to College Bound students designed via student focus groups.
 - Focus groups conducted for student input on desired communication channels, content and design of materials.
- Increase use of college access provider and counselor toolkits for high school staff to participate in College Bound outreach student engagement activities:
 - 12th Year and College Bound FAFSA Completion- a campaign to increase College Bound student FAFSA/WASFA completion rates.
 - College Bound Repledge-- an opportunity to re-engage College Bound Scholarship ninth grade students in high school and remind them of their commitment to the pledge.
 - College Signing Celebrations-- school and district wide celebrations highlighting students who have achieved the life-changing milestone of committing to postsecondary plans.

- Via partnership with OSPI, embedding College Bound Scholar tracking to district systems, including:
 - multi-tiered systems of support
 - high school and beyond plan

11. Statutory and/or Budget language:

Budget Proviso: SSB 5883 Section 501(26) \$1,454,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$1,454,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for contracting with a college scholarship organization with expertise in conducting outreach to students concerning eligibility for the Washington college bound scholarship consistent with chapter 405, Laws of 2007.

12. Other relevant information:

The program is administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council.

Students can sign up at [Washington Student Achievement Council](#).

College Knowledge materials and toolkits available at www.wcan.org

13. List of schools/districts receiving assistance: schools and districts that serve 7th-12th grade can access services.

14. Program Contact Information:

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