



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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9th Grade

College: Now **40% Off!**

College costs include tuition, fees, books, living expenses and transportation. However, **most students only pay about 60 percent of the advertised price** of a four-year college, once grant aid is included (and don't forget about scholarships!). Financial aid includes free money in the form of federal and state grants, scholarships, work-study jobs, and the College Bound Scholarship. Most students receive some kind of financial aid to help pay for the cost of their education.

How And When To Apply For Financial Aid?

For scholarships, you can help your child can start searching now. For financial aid that comes from the federal or state government, the first stop is the FAFSA or WASFA in October of your child's senior year of high school. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students must have a Social Security Number or permanent resident card to file the FAFSA.

If your child does not have a Social Security Number, your child can file the new Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) in order to be eligible for the Washington State Need Grant. Please go to www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa for more details. Students are eligible to file the WASFA if they will graduate from a Washington high school or obtained a GED (or will do so before beginning college), and have or will have lived in WA for three years.

The best resource for families and students to get more information is www.readysetgrad.org where you can learn more about our state's most popular financial aid programs, such as the State Need Grant, the College Bound Scholarship, and the Passport to College program for foster youth.

Source: Washington Student Achievement Council



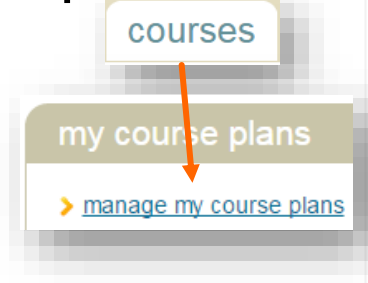
Have Naviance Questions?

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***January 27, 2017
~ Last Day of 1st
semester!!!!**

***10th grade
registration
...coming soon!**

**Check out your
Course Planner
tool in Naviance
to plan ahead!**



Did You Know?

If you want to go to college, you are living in the right state! Washington is number one nationally for students receiving undergraduate financial aid. 157,000 students received **\$1.9 billion** in financial aid in 2014-15. This does not include students receiving scholarships and loans without need-based aid.

Source: Washington Student Achievement Council

Myth Buster

MYTH: Financial aid is just loans.

REALITY: There are types of financial aid that students do not have to pay back. These include:

Scholarship money! One of the best places a student can look for scholarships is in **Naviance**!!! Check out both the **scholarship list** and **National scholarship search** tools under the **Colleges Tab**. Another great resource is thewashboard.org. It is a free online resource. Create a profile & it matches you with scholarships. Plus, it's only for people who live in Washington State.

Grants. These are usually awarded to students whose families may not have the money to pay for college. They can come from the federal government, state government, or the college itself.

Work-Study. Rather than getting the money up front, it is earned through a job. There can be work-study job opportunities on or off-campus. Work-study jobs are typically up to 19 hours per week, and sometimes pay a student more than minimum wage.

Source: The Washington Student Achievement Council

Student Checklist

- ☐ Check out scholarships in Naviance!! Updated every week!



Family Checklist

- ☐ **Discuss next year's classes.** Make sure your student is challenging themselves and taking the courses college admission officers expect to see. Learn more about the high school classes that colleges look for within **Naviance Family Connection**.
- ☐ **Check in regularly about schoolwork.** To find out about your student's grades, assignments, and attendance, you can use LMS. Check the LMS, [online system](#) at least weekly to keep up with your child's progress.

Sources: [Federal Student Aid](#), [BigFuture](#), & [ReadySetGrad](#)

 [Check Student Online Grades Here!](#)



Visit readyssetgrad.org to learn more and access resources to help your child make a plan.