



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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10th Grade

Paying for College

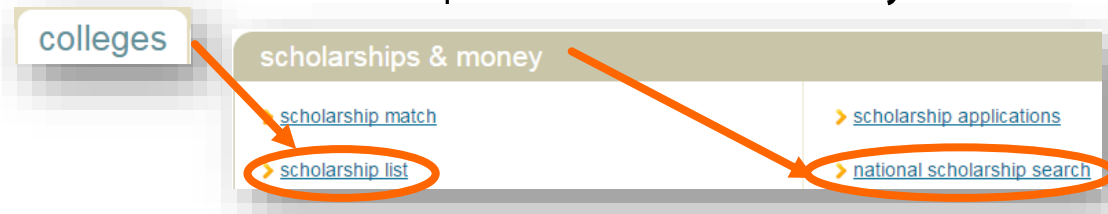
Whether you hope to go to a private college across the country or to the community college in your neighborhood, college can be expensive.

Don't worry if you don't have enough money because theWashBoard.org can help your teen find scholarships. This website is a free, web-based scholarship matching service for Washington students. It is supported by the Washington Scholarship Coalition, a public/private partnership of foundations, non-profit organizations, and state agencies. This website makes it easy to find and apply for scholarships. Plus, it is spam free.

1. **Help your child create a "seeker" profile.** To search for scholarships, you must first register as a scholarship seeker. Go to www.theWashBoard.org.
2. **Then, have your child create a profile.** They will need to answer questions about their interests and plans. Complete as much of the profile as possible. Your child can always come back at any time to edit or add to the profile.
3. **Next, make sure your child selects all of the colleges** he or she is considering.
4. **Finally, FIND MATCHES!** After they have completed a profile, click on "My Matches." You will go to a screen that shows you a list of scholarship opportunities that could be good matches for your child.
5. **Start applying!** There are scholarships that don't require students to be high school seniors or citizens. Explore what options are available.

Source: [Career Guidance WA](#)

*Also check out the scholarship resources in **Naviance Family Connection!!**



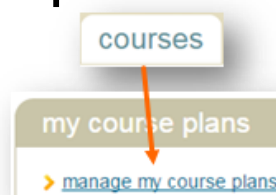
Have Naviance Questions?

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

***11th grade registration
...coming soon!**

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



Did You Know?

You may qualify for **need-based financial aid** to help pay for college. To apply, you will need to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or **Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA)** for eligible non-citizens) in **October of his or her senior year** in high school (www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa).

Myth Buster

MYTH: All financial aid is based on financial need.

REALITY: Not all aid is based on financial need. Some aid is considered **merit-based aid**.

Merit-based grants and scholarships may come with conditions (for instance, a study may get an athletic scholarship only if he or she plays on the college team). Merit-based aid does not need to be repaid if students successfully complete their coursework.

Students can also get help with college tuition because of their grades, test scores, athletics, talent, military status, or because of the family's background or employer.

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Student Checklist

- ☐ **Start thinking about ways to pay for college.** Read [7 Things You Need to Know About Financial Aid](#) to learn more.
- ☐ Learn the differences between [grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships](#).
- ☐ Create or update a profile on [thewashboard.org](#) to begin your search for college scholarships.
- ☐ Check out the **scholarship list** (*Updated weekly!!) and **National scholarship search** in Naviance.

Family Checklist

- ☐ Learn the differences between [grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships](#).
- ☐ Encourage your child to create or update a profile on [thewashboard.org](#) and help your child search for college scholarships.

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

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Visit [readyssetgrad.org](#) to learn more and access resources to help your child make a plan.