



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

## College Bound Scholarship

Your child may be eligible to sign up for the College Bound Scholarship! This early promise of financial aid is funded by the state of Washington to encourage students to dream big and continue their education after high school.

### What does the scholarship pay for?

College Bound combines with other state financial aid to cover the average tuition (at comparable public colleges), some fees, and a small book allowance. It is not a "full-ride" scholarship. Other college costs--such as room and board, transportation, and personal expenses--will be the student and family's responsibility. These could be covered by a combination of the family's funds and federal grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Any 7th or 8th grade student who meets one or more of the following requirements is eligible to apply:

- Their family meets the income requirements as listed in the brochure or on [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov).
- They are a foster youth or a dependent of the state.
- Their family receives basic food or TANF benefits.

### How can my child sign up?

[Apply Online](#) (available in English and Spanish).

**\*Remember, the deadline to apply for College Bound is June 30 at the end of a student's 8th grade year.** Students only have to apply once even if they move or change schools in Washington.

To learn more, visit [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov), call 888-535-0747 (Option 1), or email [collegebound@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:collegebound@wsac.wa.gov).



NAVIANCE

### Have Naviance Questions?

[naviance@everettsd.org](mailto:naviance@everettsd.org)

**Upcoming Lessons**  
in Naviance Family  
Connection with  
your counselor:

- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
S.M.A.R.T Goals



Oct. 18 @ Cascade HS  
Oct. 19 @ Everett HS  
Oct. 20 @ Jackson HS  
*Starting at 5:30pm!*

***\*Click here to view the  
flyer with details!!\****

## Did You Know?

Education could extend a person's life? *It's true.* Life expectancy for the most educated American women is 10 years longer than for those who are the least educated. For men, the gap is even bigger: 14 years.

Source: [Center on Society and Health](#)

## Myth Buster

**MYTH:** You can't apply for scholarships until senior year.

**REALITY:** Wrong! If you wait until senior year to start searching and applying for scholarships, you're already three years behind the curve.

Many scholarships are actually open to students 13 years and older (and some even younger!). For example, students need to apply for the College Bound Scholarship before the end of 8th grade.

When it comes to scholarships, there's only one thing you really need to remember — the more often you apply, the more chances you have to win.

Check out [theWashBoard.org](http://theWashBoard.org) and [Naviance](#) under the Colleges tab.

**Sources:** College Bound and [Unigo](#).

 [Check Student Online Grades Here!](#)

## Preparing for High School Tips for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

- One difference between middle school, or junior high, and high school is *prerequisite courses*. A prerequisite is a course that must be taken before another course. For example, students take math classes in a specific order.
- Another difference is that almost all middle school courses so far have been required courses. In high school, students must pass certain required courses in order to graduate and they will also be able to choose from a variety of *elective* courses.
- Starting with the graduating class of 2021, students will be required to have 24 credits to graduate high school in the Everett Public Schools.
- Later in the year, you will learn more about what types of classes your child should take in order to meet graduation requirements, pursue their dreams, and become college and career ready.

**Source:** [Career Guidance WA](#)

## Student Checklist

- ☐ **Establish a routine for study.** Find a comfortable spot with minimal distractions.
- ☐ **Learn about the differences** between doing homework, reviewing homework, and studying for quizzes and exams.
- ☐ **Take challenging and interesting classes** to prepare for high school.
- ☐ **Think about college as an important part of your future.** Discuss your thoughts and ideas with your family and with people at school.
- ☐ **Start saving** for college, if you haven't already.

## Family Checklist

- ☐ **Emphasize the importance of school** with your actions and your words.
- ☐ **Respect** your teen's efforts.
- ☐ **Attend** school activities if possible.
- ☐ **Stay in contact with your child's teachers and counselor** so that they can let you know about any changes in your child's behavior or schoolwork.
- ☐ **Keep an eye on your child's grades** and help find tutoring if necessary.
- ☐ **Continue saving** for your child's college education.



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