

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

How do I get my scholarship?

The time has come for you to understand the process for accessing your College Bound Scholarship. You and your family will play an important part in the process—you must complete the forms correctly and submit them on time. Below is an outline of what to do and when to do it.

The Basics

- Graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA. Remember College Bound does not guarantee admission to college and some colleges require a higher GPA;
- Apply for admission to college; and
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in a timely manner.

"Got it. What else do I have to do?"

File Your FAFSA on Time

The FAFSA is the primary application for all student aid and is used for federal and state grants, work-study, and other assistance. File the FAFSA online, www.fafsa.gov, even if:

- You are not sure you will go to college;
- You don't know how much financial aid you will need; or
- You don't know what other scholarships you may receive.

Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 of your senior year of high school. Some financial aid is limited, so don't delay. The college(s) you wish to attend may also require forms and have deadlines; be sure to check with their financial aid offices.

College Bound students who graduate in 2012 must file the FAFSA by February 1, 2012 to receive priority consideration for maximum funding - don't delay!

Receive Notification from HECB

The U. S. Department of Education will send your FAFSA report to the colleges you listed and to the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB—the state agency in Olympia that has your College Bound application and will work with colleges to pay your scholarship).

HECB matches the information on your FAFSA with your College Bound Scholarship application. HECB will notify you via email (the one you listed on your FAFSA) once the information is matched to your College Bound application.

IMPORTANT

If you don't hear from HECB within 2 weeks of submitting your FAFSA, call us at 1-888-535-0747.

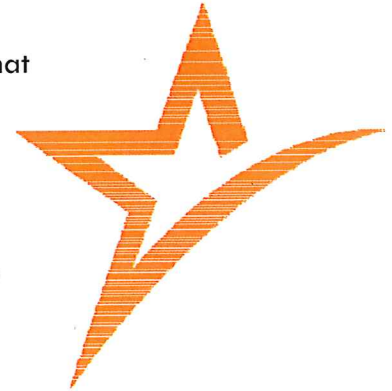
"That's it?" Not quite - keep reading on the next page.

Campuses Calculate Your Award

Your name will be sent to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA verifying that you are a College Bound Scholar.

The college will:

- Determine if your income meets the guidelines;
- Calculate your financial aid award; and
- Send you an Award Letter after you have been accepted to the college indicating how much financial aid you will receive.



“Okay, so - how do I actually GET the money?”

Your College Bound award will combine with other financial aid you may receive to pay tuition. In some cases you will receive a check when you start classes from the college to cover other expenses.

Summary

1. Graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA. For admission to many colleges, you will need a higher GPA.
2. Apply for admission to college.
3. File the FAFSA by February 1, 2012.
4. Meet all financial aid deadlines - including the college's.
5. Call HECB if you don't hear from us within 2 weeks of filing the FAFSA: **1-888-535-0747**.
5. After you are accepted to college, you will receive your Award Letter from their financial aid office.
6. The College Bound scholarship will be sent directly to the college when you start classes.

Congratulations! YOU are a College Bound Scholar!

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Do you learn better by watching or listening? View a slide show about how to get your College Bound Scholarship called “On the Road to College”