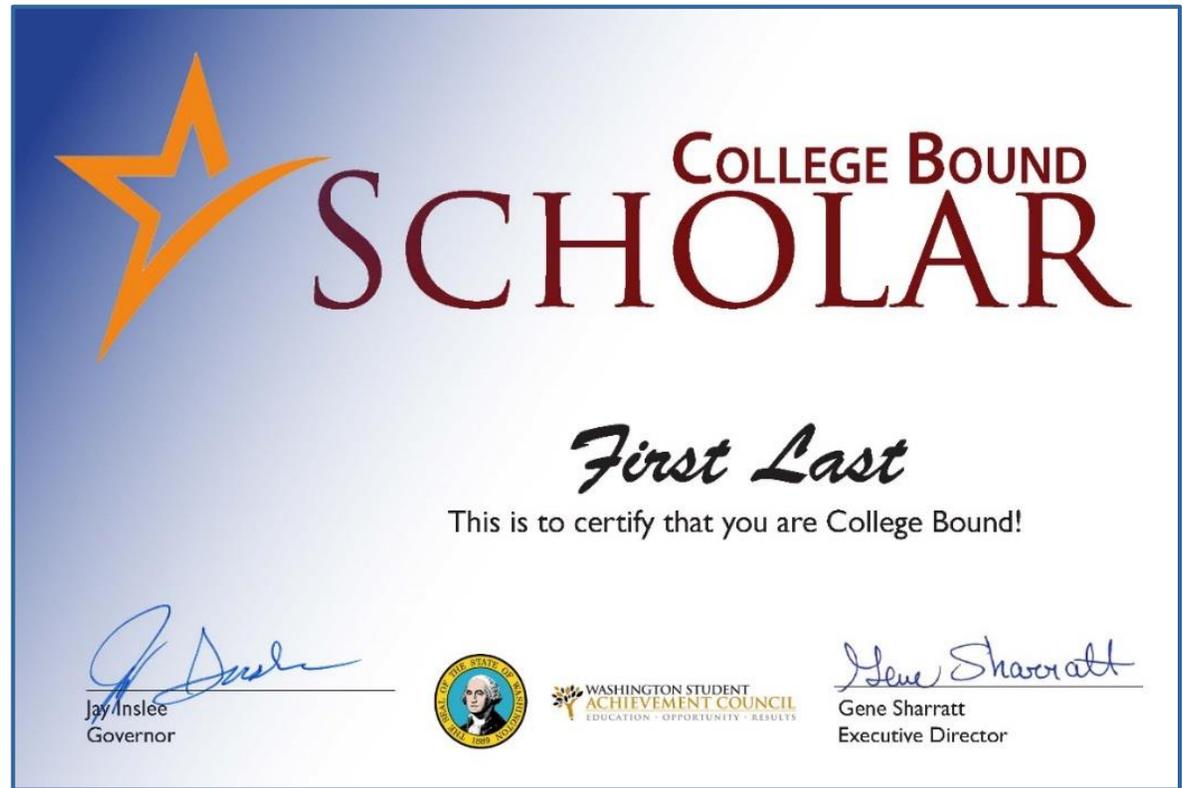


College Bound Scholarship Certificate & Magnet



Certificate (front)

Magnet



Congratulations! Completing your College Bound Scholarship (CBS) application is the first step in preparing for your future and your education after high school.

It may seem like a long way off, but it is important that you prepare for college now and understand how the Scholarship is awarded.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Challenge yourself. Aim for As and Bs, not just Cs. Check out the Good! Better!! Best!!! Poster to choose classes that will prepare you for college. www.CollegeBound.wa.gov
2. Develop good habits. Finish your homework, help out at home, and stay out of trouble.

HIGH SCHOOL

1. Meet with your counselor. Tell him you are College Bound so he can keep you on track to graduate and go to college.
2. Visit college campuses. Imagine taking classes there, studying with friends, or meeting with your professors – is it a good fit?
3. Take the initiative. Find out about the ACT, PSAT, SAT, FAFSA - when are the deadlines? Applying for college- writing college essays, completing applications, submitting transcripts, and collecting recommendations, takes a lot of time. Plan ahead!

UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP (CBS) WORKS

Costs covered by CBS. The CBS combines with other state financial aid to cover the average tuition (at comparable public colleges), some fees and a small book allowance.

The other college costs - housing, transportation, and personal expenses will be the student and family's responsibility and could be covered by a combination of the family's funds and federal grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study.

Eligible colleges and universities. www.CollegeBound.wa.gov

ACCESSING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Apply for college(s) in the fall of your senior year. Find out what the admission requirements are and how much it will cost.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) fafsa.gov in January of your senior year of high school and every year in college. This form uses your family's income to calculate your income eligibility for the CBS and other forms of financial aid.
3. Fulfill your College Bound Pledge: Graduate from high school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher and have no felony convictions.
4. Additional requirements to receive the Scholarship:
 - a. Your family's income must be within 65% of the state's median family income <http://readyssetgrad.org/college/college-bound-median-family-income>
 - b. You must be a U. S. citizen with a SSN or eligible non-citizen with other documentation such as an Alien Registration card.
 - c. You must attend college within one year of high school graduation.
 - d. College Bound is a 4-year scholarship that must be used within five years of high school graduation.

