



WASHINGTON COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP

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Urgent! Help us spread the word to 7th and 8th graders!

Now, thanks to a new state-sponsored scholarship, there is hope and incentive for students who otherwise might not consider college as an option because of their family's income.

This four-year scholarship, in combination with other state aid, can help cover the cost of college tuition, fees and books for low-income students who sign a pledge in seventh or eighth grade. *But, this year's eighth grade class only has until **June 1** to apply!* Please help spread the word about this opportunity.

Reason for the program

Washington ranks 32nd nationally in the percentage of low-income students who participate in postsecondary education. Within 10 years, these students will represent one-third of the high school graduating class. Without intervention, 72 percent of the 28,000 low-income students currently in seventh grade are unlikely to even aspire to college, let alone enroll.

Eligibility

Students in the seventh and eighth grade whose families are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, and all foster youth may apply. Their family income will be re-verified at the time of college enrollment. The application includes a pledge to graduate from high school with at least a 2.0 grade point average and demonstrate good citizenship.

Contact Information

If you have questions about this program or need brochures or other materials, please email: collegebound@hecb.wa.gov, or call toll free: 1-888-535-0747. Students are encouraged to apply online at www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound (and will need to print, sign and mail the certification page). Paper applications also are available. Again, eighth graders only have until **June 1, 2008** to apply!