

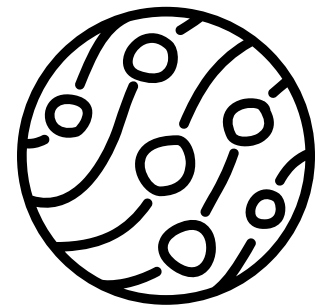
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COLLEGE BOUND 101

What is College Bound?

College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible 7th, 8th, and some 9th grade students from the state of Washington. Students must apply for financial aid and attend a participating college in Washington.



Am I eligible?

Students will be automatically enrolled and be eligible for College Bound if:

- You are enrolled in public school and **eligible for free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL)** in 7th, 8th, or newly eligible 9th grade

OR

- You are **in state foster care or a dependent of the state** between 7th grade and high school graduation

Other ways to qualify:

- Some students do not fit into either scenario but are interested in applying for College Bound. Students and families can contact the College Bound program to apply if they meet one of the following criteria:
 - Attend a private school or homeschool program in Washington State and meet the income requirements.
 - Are in another type of foster care and not eligible for free-and-reduced price lunch.



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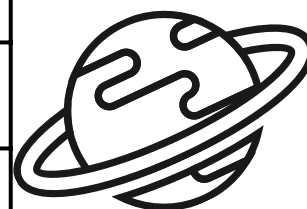
2023-24 Income Guidelines to be Auto-Enrolled

Household Size	Annual Income *	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
2	\$36,482	\$3,041	\$702
3	\$45,991	\$3,833	\$885
4	\$55,500	\$4,625	\$1,068
5	\$65,009	\$5,418	\$1,251
6	\$74,518	\$6,210	\$1,434
Additional members**	\$9,509	\$793	\$183



*Household income must be less than or equal to this amount.

**For each additional household member, add that dollar amount



If I was automatically enrolled in College Bound, how do I keep this opportunity?

After being enrolled in the program, eligible students must fulfill the College Bound Pledge:

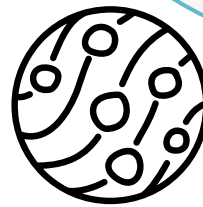
- Graduate from a Washington State high school or homeschool program. Students must graduate with a cumulative 2.0 GPA if they plan to attend a four-year college. Beginning fall of 2023 there is no GPA requirement to receive College Bound for students who plan to attend a community college or technical school (CTC). Confirm with your school if your district requires a certain GPA to graduate
- Enroll in college within one year of high school graduation.
- Get accepted to and attend one of the over 65 participating institutions. Visit wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions for a complete list of eligible schools.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Meet the income requirements, which will be determined by your college using the information from your FAFSA or WASFA when you apply during and after your senior year of high school. You can view current income requirements for College Bound by visiting wsac.wa.gov/college-bound#income-eligibility-to-receive-cbs.

How do I get College Bound when I enroll in college?

- Meet the College Bound Pledge requirements
- File the FAFSA or WASFA
- Be accepted and attend an eligible college within one year of graduating high school

Where can I use it?

- College Bound can be used at over 65 2-year and 4-year public and private colleges, universities, and technical programs across Washington state.
- Please see the list of eligible institutions: wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions



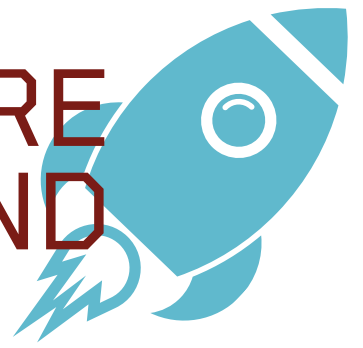
College Type and Award Commitment

Type of College	Example Institution	College Bound Maximum Award (2023-24)
Public 4 Year Research	University of Washington	Up to \$12,456
Public 4 Year Comprehensive	Western Washington University	Up to \$8,450
CTC	Spokane Community College	Up to \$5,073
Private 4 Year	Pacific Lutheran University	Up to \$12,246
Private Career	Perry Technical College	Up to \$5,073

Not sure if you're enrolled?

Check with your counselor or contact the Washington Student Achievement Council
 Phone: 1-888-535-0747 Option 1
 Email: collegebound@wsac.wa.gov

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ACTIVITY 1: EXPLORE COLLEGE BOUND ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

Eligible institutions include technical schools, 2-year colleges, vocational or trade schools, and 4-year colleges and universities.

Instructions:

1. Visit wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions to see a list of all the schools, where College Bound may be used.
2. List two colleges or career schools and their websites from each category.
3. Share your list with a school counselor, teacher, or family member and talk about how each school relates to your post-high school plans.

**Public 4-Year
Research Colleges**

**Community and
Technical Colleges (CTC)**

**Public 4-Year
Comprehensive Colleges**

**Private 4-Year
Colleges**

**Private 2-Year
Colleges**

**Private Career
Colleges**

Next Steps:

Do these schools offer what you are looking for? Explore!

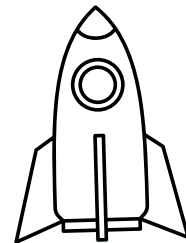


For each school, explore what academic programs they have available! What programs are you interested in studying?



Explore what student supports, clubs, and extra curriculars are available at the schools.

Talk to an admissions counselor or current student at the schools.



GLOSSARY

Associate degree: A degree that typically requires at least two years of full-time college work, usually offered at community and technical colleges.

Bachelor's Degree: Also known as Baccalaureate, this degree normally requires at least four years of full-time college work, usually offered at four-year colleges and universities.

Certificate: Certificate programs are shorter than Associate or Bachelor's degree programs and concentrate on a specific field of expertise rather than an entire course of study



Financial Aid: Money that helps you pay for college or career school. Grants, work-study (paid employment), loans, and scholarships are all financial aid and help make college or career school more affordable.

FAFSA: FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is the form that eligible students fill out to apply for federal, state, and institutional financial aid. Learn more at studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

WASFA: WASFA stands for Washington Application for State Financial Aid. The application is available to eligible undocumented students for state financial aid such as the Washington College Grant and the College Bound. Learn more at wsac.wa.gov/wasfa.

Tuition: The price colleges or universities charge to take classes at an institution.

Public 4-Year Research College: 4-year institutions that are funded by the state or federal government. Research colleges fund research for professors and graduate students. Students attending these institutions often earn bachelor's degrees which requires at least four years of full-time college work.

Public 4-Year Comprehensive College: 4-year institutions that are funded by the state or federal government. Students attending these institutions often earn bachelor's degrees. These schools tend to be smaller and are more regionally based which requires at least four years of full-time college work.

Community and Technical College (CTC): These colleges consist of two-year colleges and technical colleges where students can attend and earn associate degrees and certificates as well as prepare students for specific trades. Many students earn an associate degree and then transfer to a 4-year college. Learn more at www.sbctc.edu

Private 4-year Colleges: 4-year institutions that are privately funded. Students attending these institutions often earn bachelor's degrees.

Private 2-year Colleges: 2-year institutions that are privately funded. Students attending can often earn an associate's degree or certificate.

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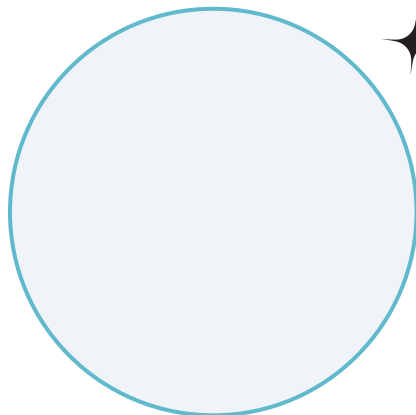
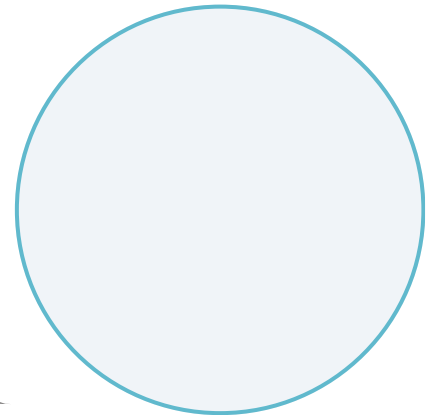
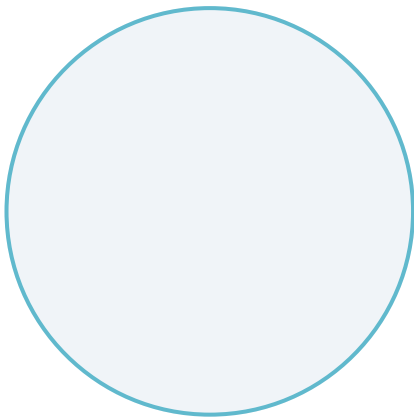
EXPLORE YOUR CAREER ROADMAP PART 1

Identify Your Core Interests

Think about the classes you enjoy, issues/causes you are passionate about, or a need you see in your community or society.

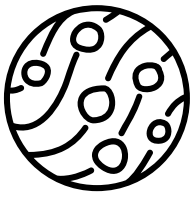
Using the list below, identify three subjects that interest you:

- acting/theatre
- art
- activism
- business
- design
- education
- engineering
- entrepreneurship
- environment/nature
- fashion
- film
- social media
- food
- government
- journalism
- law
- medicine
- music
- science
- sports
- technology
- travel
- writing



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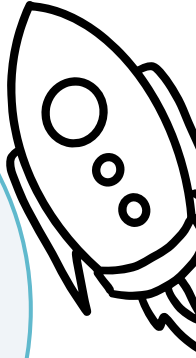


Identify Your Driving Force

Reflect on the following statements and utilize the graphic organizer to identify your driving forces.

As long as I'm _____,
I'll be happy.

My perfect day would include
_____.



Something I get excited to do
is _____.

When I get to choose what
to do, I choose _____.



**What aspects of these things bring you happiness?
Let's break it down using the table on the next page!**



Why do these things make me feel happy/fulfilled?

Dig deeper.

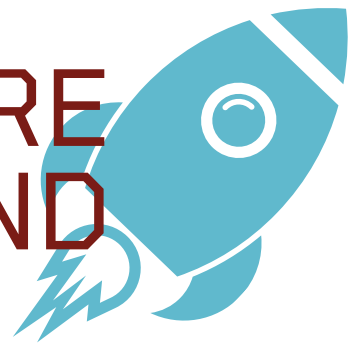
What about this makes me happy?

Here are some ideas the roadmap website uses: problem-solving, being creative, accomplishing a goal, sharing stories/communicating, learning/challenging myself, being physically active, helping people, working with others, building relationships, teaching/mentoring, upholding a cause I believe in, working independently, building things, etc.

Choose your top 3 final driving forces

Your driving forces + core interests =
potential career intersections

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EXPLORE YOUR CAREER ROADMAP PART 2

Explore your Roadmap!

Go to roadtriplnation.com/roadmap

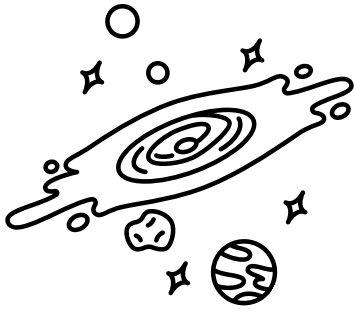


1. Try out a combination of 2 interests + 1 driving force (3rd interest) If there is nothing that exactly fits your driving interest (3rd interest), choose the option that best fits or is closest to it. Remember you will be doing this several times, so you can try other combinations.
2. Record the combinations you tried on the following page.
3. Scroll and read to explore the Dashboard.
4. Click on “See Full Results” to see a more comprehensive list of career titles.
5. On the Careers tab, scroll and look through the career list (some categories you can click “See More” at the bottom of the page).
6. From the Career list record 1-2 careers that stand out to you on the following page.
7. Explore at least 3 different career options that stood out to you.
8. Click on the 1st choice career and scroll to see details.
9. Record information in the Career Explorations worksheet provided.
10. At the bottom of each Career page see the “Getting Started” space to record some first steps ideas if available.

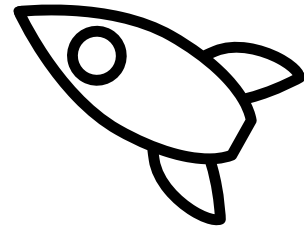


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Roadmaps



Core Interest:

Core Interest:

1 Driving Force (3rd Core Interest):

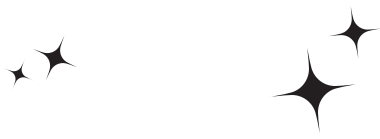
Careers that interest me:

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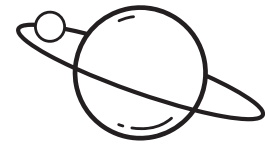
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Careers that interest me:



Career Exploration



Career Title

Education

Average Income

How do they spend their day and what are 2 main responsibilities:

First steps to exploring:

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roadtripnation.com/roadmap



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FIND A GOOD FIT FOR YOU!

Fit and Match Worksheet

What is important to you in an educational setting?

Let's begin by considering the different aspects of higher education. As you are exploring different options, it's important that you research a post-secondary institution that aligns with you! This worksheet will help you think about what characteristics of a school are important to you.

Part 1: Post-Secondary Exploration

Visit bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search to start exploring what options are right for you. Fill out your responses on the worksheet below for sections you find important.



Location:

****Remember, as you are considering location, College Bound and other state financial aid can only be used at schools in Washington State. Please visit <https://wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions> to view the list of eligible institutions**

What is post-secondary education?

Post-secondary education is **any formal learning opportunity after high school.** This includes learning skills for a specific job or earning a degree.

United States- Which states in the U.S. are you interested in potentially going to school in?

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Distance from Zip Codes- Are there any zip codes you would like to go to school near? How far are you willing to be from those zip codes?

Zip Codes (That I would like to go to school near)	Distance from Zip Codes (How far I am willing to travel from these zip codes)
<i>Example: 98404 (Tacoma)</i>	<i>Example: 30 miles</i>
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Outside of the U.S.- Are there any countries outside of the U.S. that you are interested in going to school in?

Note: College Bound can only be used at the [eligible institutions in Washington state](#). If you want to study in another country, consider researching study abroad options!



Majors:

What majors are you interested in studying?



Types:

College Level: What type of degree is required for the career field you want to enter?

- 4-year: Bachelor's degree
- 2-year: Associate degree or certificates (Note: this option includes trade schools, apprenticeships, certificates and 2-year degree programs)

College Type: What type of college are you interested in exploring?

- Public
- Private

Special Mission: Are you looking to explore a school that serves any special populations?

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Hispanic Serving Institutions
- Tribal Colleges and Universities
- All men
- All women
- LGBTQ Serving Institutions
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander



To learn about AANAPISI serving institutions, visit apiascholars.org/aanapisi-week-2021

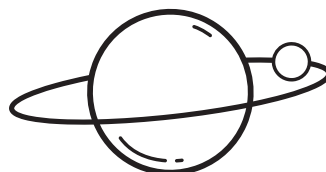
To learn about LGBTQ serving institutions, visit campusprideindex.org to learn and view rankings



Study Options:

Are there any programs you are interested in exploring?

- Distance learning
- Double major
- English as a Second Language
- Honors Program
- Weekend College





Campus Life:

Size: What is an ideal size campus you would consider attending?

- Less than 3,000 students
- 3,000 – 8,999 students
- 9,000 – 14,990 students
- More than 15,000 students

Setting: What setting do you want your school to be in?

- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural

Sports: Do you want your school to have any specific sport?

Activities: Are there activities you would want to participate in at your school? (This could include student groups, mentorship opportunities and more.)

Campus Services: What sort of services do you want your campus to provide?

This can include writing centers, math tutoring, and disability services.

Disability Support Services: Are there specific disability support services or accommodations you need when attending your program?

Housing: Where do you want to live?

- Are you interested in living on campus?
- Are you interested in off-campus housing options such as living at home, renting an apartment/house, or living in residential fraternities and sororities?



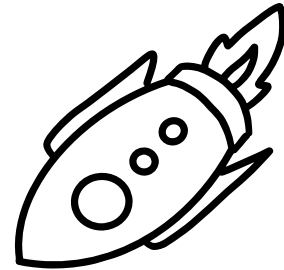
Are you eligible for College Bound?

Remember, College Bound can cover up to the cost of tuition at public school rates at over 65 institutions across the state of Washington: wsac.wa.gov/sfa-institutions
Keep these schools in mind as you explore.

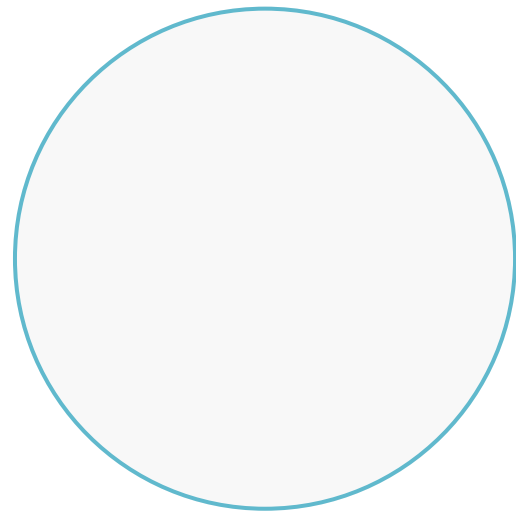
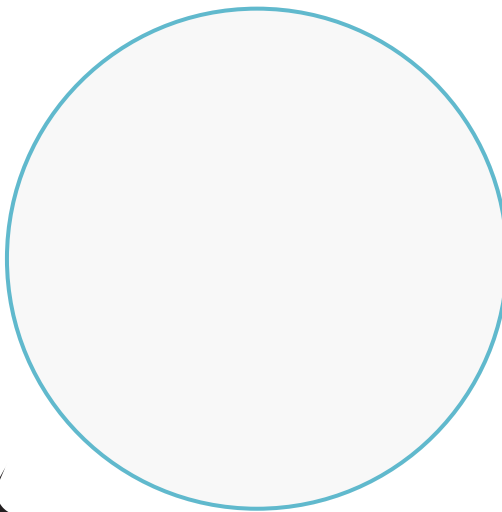
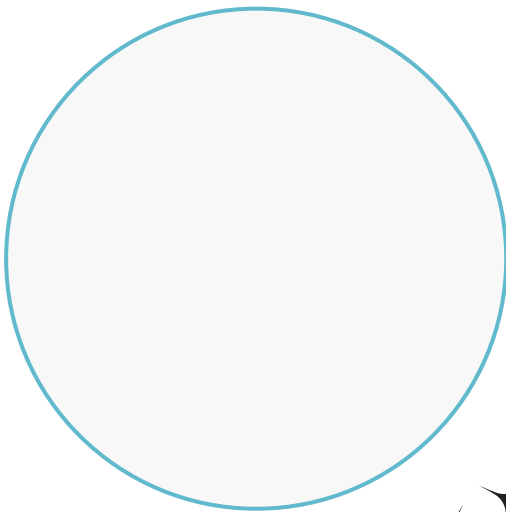
Part 2: A Good Fit

Using the research tool, were there any post-secondary institutions you are interested in exploring further?

List your top 3 below.



My Top 3 Schools to Explore



Part 3: Next Steps

- Explore each school's website
- Reach out to an admissions counselor to learn more about the school, and the requirements to apply
- Talk to current students, do an in-person or virtual tour and consider sitting in on a class as you explore

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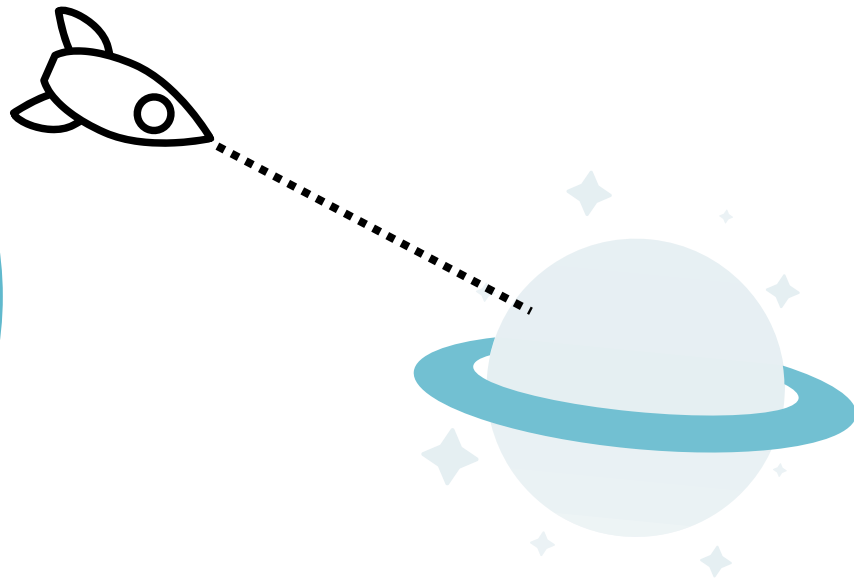


GOAL SETTING

High school is an exciting time to explore and learn more about yourself! You may find yourself wanting to set goals for a successful year, or to prepare for steps after high school! Setting big goals may seem daunting, but breaking down your ultimate goal into smaller steps may help you feel more prepared for the journey ahead.

Set Goals

Begin with writing a one-year goal. Ask yourself, what is something you want to accomplish by the end of this year? Then, think about your one week, one-month, and six-month goals as stepping stones for that one-year goal. When writing your goal, keep the SMART goal questions in mind.



SMART goal checklist:

Using the SMART framework is useful when goal setting to ensure that you are setting an effective goal. Use this checklist below to evaluate your goal.

Make revisions to your goals as needed.

- S** Is the goal specific? (detailed, not general or vague)
- M** Is the goal measurable? (includes some quantity or element that can be measured)
- A** Is the goal attainable? (ambitious, but reasonable)
- R** Is the goal realistic? (a person is willing and able to do the work involved with this goal)
- T** Is the goal time-phased? (establishes a time-frame for accomplishing this goal)

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Not sure where to start? Here are some ideas:



By your senior year,
have a specific grade
point average

Fill out the
FAFSA/WASFA by a
specific date during
your senior year

Apply to a specific
number of schools
during your senior
year of high school

TIP

College Bound Students – Keep the College Bound pledge in mind as you are making your goals to ensure you maintain eligibility for this opportunity!

What is the College Bound Pledge?

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- Have no felony convictions.
- Complete a financial aid application form, the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) beginning their senior year and meet income requirements.

Visit wsac.wa.gov/college-bound for more info!

SET YOUR GOALS

Instructions:

Using the worksheet below, write down a goal that you have for this year. Once you have your goal, break it down into smaller goals! This will help your annual goal feel more realistic. Where do you want to be with your goal in one week? In one month? In 6 months? Talk to someone about your goals!

My goal for this year is to...

Consider writing down your High School And Beyond Plan goal!

Ask your counselor if you do not know your High School and Beyond Plan goal.

- S Specific**
- M Measureable**
- A Attainable**
- R Realistic**
- T Timebound**

Now, let's break down your overarching goal into smaller steps!



In one week, my goal is to...

In one month, my goal is to...

In 6 months, my goal is to...

Think of your future education goals.



Brainstorm: How can College Bound and other state and federal financial aid support your goals?

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DISCOVERING SCHOLARSHIPS

Let's Talk About Scholarships Now!

Finding scholarships may feel daunting. To make the process much easier, it is important to know what to search for. Scholarships are financial supports that are awarded to a student and can be based on a variety of factors.



Is this scholarship a good fit for me?

If you have ever asked:

Consider if these unique considerations can help with your scholarship search.

Your hobbies, the organizations to which you belong, and your interests

The types of support you need

Your identity and your lived experiences

Schools that you are interested in may offer scholarships to prospective students

Documentation Needed for Scholarships

It is also important to know what documentation or materials may be required and how you can prepare for them. Check these requirements for the scholarship:

- Financial aid application completion
- Certain classes to be taken or certain programs to be chosen when you go forward in your education
- Letters of recommendation from mentors around you
- Drafting written essays required to apply for the scholarship
- Are there any other specific requirements you can prepare for?



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Check out these valuable scholarship resources for Washington state students:

[WashBoard Scholarship Search](#)

[College Success Foundation](#)

[Washington State Opportunity Scholarship](#)



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ACTIVITY: UNDERSTANDING A SCHOLARSHIP

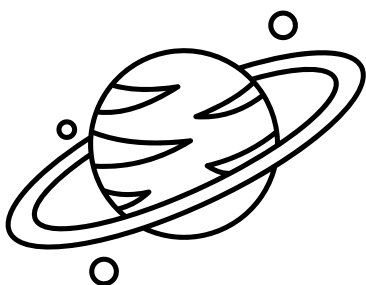
Check out www.scholarships.com and get answers to some important questions about a scholarship:



Scholarship Title:

What is required for this scholarship?

What makes you a good fit for this scholarship?



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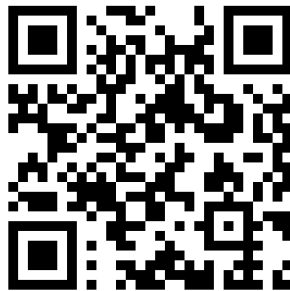
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