



Paying for College

Finding Money for College

College and Career Readiness | January 2020

Post-High School Options | Choices

Colleges & Universities

- 4-year (Bachelors) & Graduate Degrees (Masters & Doctorate)

Community Colleges

- 2-year Degrees (Associates) with ability to transfer to 4-year

Technical & Trade Schools

- Programs vary in length

Apprenticeships

- Vary in length

Military

- Varies in length of service

Post-High School Options | How to Choose

Student's goals and dreams should line up with their post-secondary choice.

Students and families should consider location, size, areas of study, etc. when choosing their path.

No option is better than the others, it depends on the desired outcome.

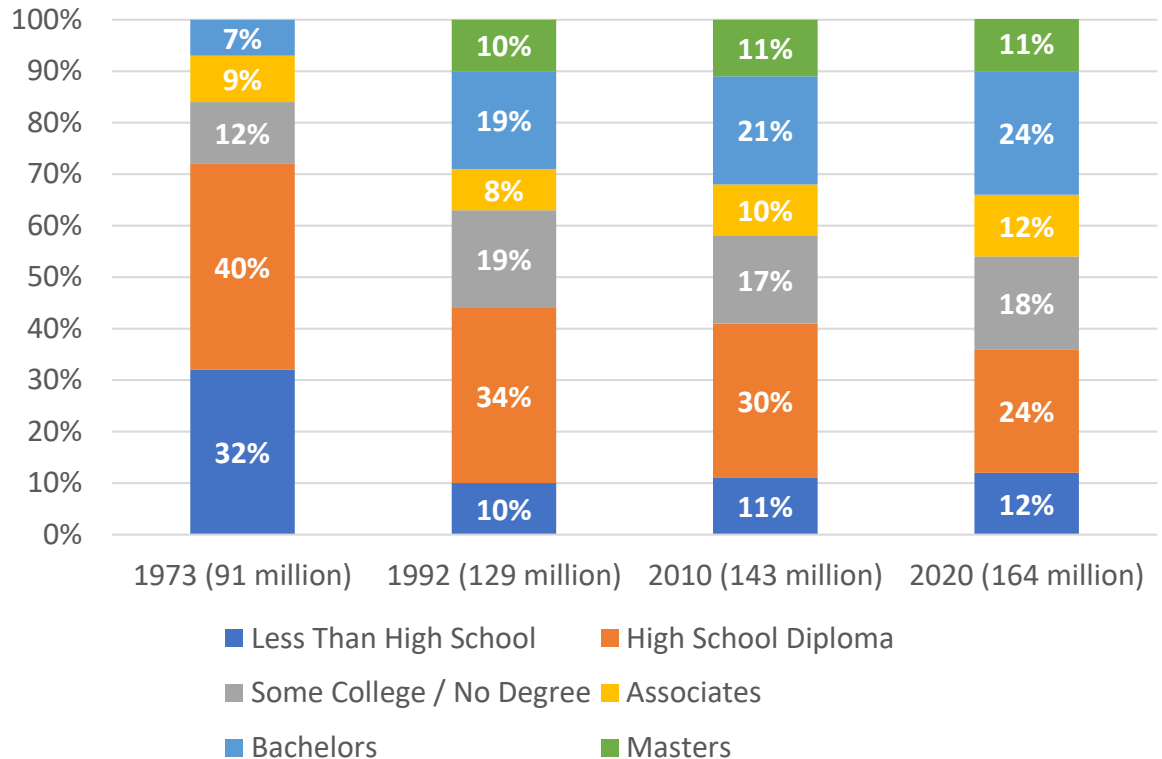
Students should not be “stuck” with a path because they did not have accurate and timely information.

The Data | Training after High School

Why is education and/or training after high school important?

- By 2025, 65 percent of all jobs will **REQUIRE** postsecondary education and training, up from 28 percent in 1973.

Year and Number of Working People



How to Get into College | College Admissions

Colleges & Universities may consider:

- Classes a student has taken
- Grades & GPA
- Disciplinary actions
- Test Scores (ACT, SAT, ASVAB, etc.)
- Activities & talents
- Community service
- A student's story



How Much Does it Cost | All the Fees

College costs are different at different schools. Each college estimates the Cost of Attendance (COA) by adding together some or all of the below expenses:

- Tuition
 - Fees
- Room and board
- Transportation
- Books and supplies
- Other living expenses

How do I pay for it? | Parts of Financial Aid

Most people use various sources of financial aid to pay for college in addition to any savings they may have set aside. Financial aid is money to pay for college or career school and it can include the following:

- **Scholarships**
 - Funds from the institution and outside resources.
 - Based on merit, need, and achievement.
- **Grants**
 - Money from the federal and state governments and institution that does not need to be repaid.
 - Need-based.
- **Work-study Employment**
 - Students earn a paycheck working no more than hours/week.
 - Need-based.
- **Loans (Parent and Student)**
 - Funds borrowed for educational expenses.
 - Need-based AND non-need-based

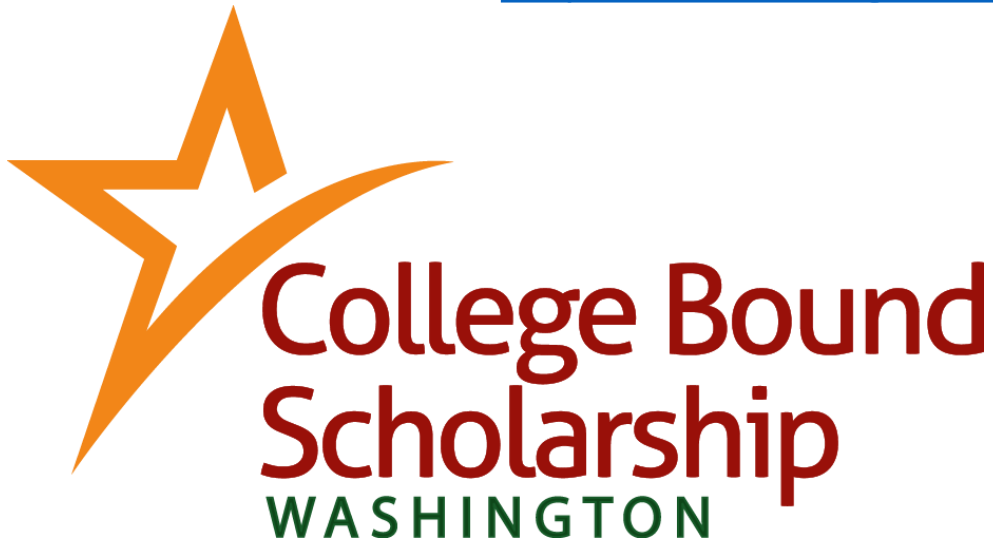


Seattle Promise | Scholarship

- Two Years of free Community College tuition (up to 90 credits) at Seattle Colleges (North, Central, or South).
- Additional financial support for books, transportation, & housing to those with financial need
- Ongoing support guidance to succeed in college
- Eligibility: All Seattle Public Schools students are eligible regardless of GPA, income, or country of birth.
- Students must apply for the program during their senior year of high school and meet the February 15th application deadline.
- More information: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/promise>

College Bound | Scholarship

- Early commitment of state financial aid to eligible 7th and 8th grade students.
- Covers the average cost of tuition (at comparable public college rates), some fees, and a small book allowance.
- Can be used at 66 two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities in Washington State.
- More information: <https://wsac.wa.gov/college-bound>



Elementary Student | Scholarships

- TheWashBoard.org
- [SallieMae Scholarship Search](#)
- CollegeBoard.org/scholarship-search
- [US Dept of Labor – Scholarship Finder](#)

- Sample of Scholarships for younger students
- [Eco-Hero Awards](#)
- [Angela Award](#)

How to Qualify? | Getting Access

- In order to be considered for financial aid, you need to complete the FAFSA or the WASFA your senior year of high school and every year you go to college.
- Each college determines financial aid eligibility for federal, state and institutional types of aid based on awarding policies at that campus.

Free Application for Federal
Student id

[FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

Washington Application for
State Financial Aid

[Readyssetgrad.org/wasfa](https://readyssetgrad.org/wasfa)

What can you do to help? | School Success

- Know what it takes to go to college
- Help them take the right courses
- Algebra in 8th or 9th grade and continue to advance through 12th grade
- English every year
- Laboratory Science (at least two years)
- World Language (at least two years) Students who speak a language other than English may test for up to 2 years of credit.
- Get information about SAT and ACT college entrance tests
- Read, read, read. Reading books and magazines (at the 8th grade level or above) is the best SAT/ACT preparation you can do

Resources | More Help

- <http://www.get.wa.gov/>
- www.collegebound.wa.gov
- <https://seattlepromise.seattlecolleges.edu/>
- <https://www.pscn.org/resources>



Thank you!

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