



College Bound prepares public and public charter school students in the metropolitan D.C. area to enter college, earn a degree, and achieve their personal and professional goals. The College Bound Scholarship Program is designed to financially assist qualified applicants in obtaining degrees from accredited academic institutions of higher learning. Annually eligible students can apply for a College Bound Scholarship, which typically awards students up to \$6,000 to be used towards direct costs (tuition, room, board) and indirect costs (personal expenses, books and transportation) for higher education. Scholarship amounts may vary according to donor specifications.

Scholarship selection is based on a combination of academic performance, community service, extracurricular activities, financial need, and a commitment to College Bound.

Eligibility Requirements

College Bound students are eligible to apply for the College Bound scholarship if:

- They are currently in the 11th or 12th grade
- They have actively and consistently participated in the Academic Mentoring Program for at least one academic school year

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Consistent commitment to the program
- Commitment to his or her academic improvement

Completed scholarship applications are due by March 18, 2014.

Terms of Eligibility

While still in high school, students must:

- Remain in the College Bound Academic Mentoring Program until graduation
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Participate in Taste of College Night, Alumni Night, Career Night, College Tours, SAT/ACT Prep Courses, Hands on DC, and End of the Year Celebration each year
- Attend at least one College Bound financial literacy workshop before entering college
- Submit a report card every grading period
- Submit a copy of college acceptance letters

While enrolled in college, students must:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 each semester or demonstrate continuous improvement.
- Must be registered for a minimum of 12.0 credit hours per semester
- Submit an official transcript each semester or provide College Bound with their college portal log in information. The cumulative GPA and most recently completed semester's GPA must be shown.



If submitting an official transcript is cost prohibited, please contact the Virtual Mentoring Coordinator (Scholarship Coordinator).

- Complete and submit a Payment Request Form during the specified time period
- Actively participate in the Virtual Mentoring Program
- Complete an action plan each semester
- Attend Alumni Night annually
- Meet with College Bound representatives and/or students if they are on the student's campus

Award Amount

The College Bound Scholarship award amount is up to \$6,000*.

*In some circumstances a different amount is designated by a specific donor

Award Disbursement

The College Bound Scholarship will be disbursed in equal amounts at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. The disbursement amount will depend on your total scholarship amount.

Each \$6,000 scholarship recipient will receive \$750 per semester with a maximum of \$1,500 per year. Should the scholarship amount differ from \$6,000, the total amount will be divided by eight and dispersed accordingly each semester for four years.

Disbursement Dates: *Fall semester: August 1st – September 15th*

Spring semester: January 1st – February 15th

Scholarship Regulations

- Students must enroll within one year of high school graduation.
- Students are responsible for completing the necessary documentation for disbursements.
- Students are allotted up to a two-year break from school if attending a four-year institution and a one-year break if attending a two-year institution.
- Requests to cancel a check that has already been mailed from the College Bound office will result in a charge to your scholarship account based on the bank's fee scale for cancelled checks.
- If a student is **not** enrolled in college and requests a check, he or she will lose the entire scholarship.
- Scholarship disbursements are not awarded for summer sessions.
- If a student's GPA is under a 2.0, they are required to schedule a meeting with the Scholarship Coordinator and Executive Director to discuss their academic performance and develop an improvement plan.
- Students will not receive payments during any semester that they are not enrolled in college.
- College Bound will not tolerate dishonesty from students. If it becomes apparent that any student has submitted false information in an effort to receive funding, he/she will lose the remaining balance of the scholarship.
- It is mandatory that scholarship recipients participate in the Virtual Mentoring Program.



- Scholarship checks are made payable to the student only.
- Scholarship recipients may elect to have their scholarship disbursement mailed to their campus or home address or pick the check up at the College Bound office during regular business hours.
- Students are expected to provide annual updates to College Bound that will be passed on to the scholarship sponsors.
- Students can be expected to attend events to represent the program as needed and as their schedules permit.

Scholarship Account Balance

College Bound maintains record of each student's scholarship account balance and makes this information available to students upon request.

For more information on the College Bound Scholarship Program, please contact us at:
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