

WAC 250-84-060 Eligibility for receipt of college bound scholarships. To be eligible to receive the annual scholarship disbursement, college bound scholarship students who have met the requirements outlined in WAC 250-84-030, must:

(1) Graduate from a Washington high school with at least a C average or receive home-based instruction or meet other requirements as noted under chapter 28A.200 RCW or RCW 28B.50.536.

(a) Students receiving home-based instruction may be asked to submit additional documentation confirming students meet the C average requirement.

(b) For a student who does not meet the C average requirement, and who completes fewer than two quarters in the running start program, under chapter 28A.600 RCW, the student's first quarter of running start course grades must be excluded from the student's overall grade point average for purposes of determining their eligibility to receive the scholarship.

(2) Have no felony convictions. The office shall work with other appropriate organizations and agencies to confirm eligibility.

(3) File a FAFSA or an alternative application provided by the office.

(4) Be accepted to an institution participating in the Washington college grant program within the state of Washington (requirements outlined in WAC 250-21-026).

(5) Enroll no later than the fall term (as defined by the institution) one academic year following high school graduation.

For example, students graduating by August 2019 have until fall 2020 to begin using the scholarship.

(a) Students who graduate early will be assumed to follow the time frame of their senior year cohort. However, if they enroll early, the four-year scholarship will need to be used within five years of their initial enrollment date.

(b) Students will be considered to have enrolled upon earning credit(s) for the term or receiving the first scholarship disbursement, whichever comes first.

(6) Have an annual family income at or below the percentage of the state's median family income stated in RCW 28B.118.010(5) as determined by the income reported on the FAFSA or an alternative application provided by the office and verified by the institution the student is attending.

(7) Receive the college bound scholarship for no more than four academic years within a five-year period.

(a) The four-year scholarship may be used during any terms within the five-year period, even if enrollment is not continuous.

(b) The scholarship must be used within five academic years of August of the high school graduation year.

For example, students who graduate from high school in 2019-20 must begin college enrollment by fall 2021, and have through summer of 2025 to receive the scholarship.

(c) The total college bound award is limited to twelve quarters, eight semesters or equivalent, prorated for part-time enrollment within the five-year period. In the event of a school closure, refer to WAC 250-21-011.

(d) If students do not meet the income requirement in any year within the five-year period, they may still receive the scholarship for any year(s) they do meet the income requirement. Receipt of the four-year scholarship does not have to be continuous.

(8) Comply with the other eligibility criteria to receive the college bound scholarship as outlined for the Washington college grant program in WAC 250-21-011 including, but not limited to, requirements related to residency, undergraduate student status, academic program eligibility including the theology prohibition, enrollment level, satisfactory academic progress, and repayments.

The requirements for Washington college grant that do NOT apply to college bound scholarships are the equivalent of five-year limitation for Washington college grant under WAC 250-21-011(9) since the college bound scholarship is a four-year award.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.118.060. WSR 20-12-051, § 250-84-060, filed 5/29/20, effective 6/29/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.76.670. WSR 10-17-080, § 250-84-060, filed 8/16/10, effective 9/16/10.]