

## College Bound Scholarships Available

Full-ride college scholarships are still available for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify through the College Bound Scholarship program. The June 30 deadline is quickly approaching.

College Bound Scholarships debuted last year as a state-funded program to provide students from low-income families a financially viable way to attend college. In this time of education budget cuts and increasing college tuition, this program continues and there are ample opportunities for eligible students sign up. Out of about 175 Snoqualmie Valley students who are financially eligible to apply in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, only 26 have applied so far.

To qualify for College Bound Scholarships, students must sign up during seventh or eighth grade typically. Ninth-graders, for this school year only, are also eligible.

### DEADLINES:

- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders have until June 30, 2009 to sign up.
- 7<sup>th</sup> graders can sign up now through next June.

Eligible students must qualify for free or reduced lunch prices or their families' incomes must be 65 percent or less of the state's median family income of \$47,000. Students who are in foster care are automatically eligible. Until graduation from a Washington high school or home-school program, students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and not commit a crime.

Students who sign up during 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grades and who still meet the financial requirements upon high school graduation, will receive four years of college tuition and a \$500 annual stipend toward books.

College Bound was created through 2007 legislation that came with \$7.4 million in funding to cover the first two years of the program beginning in 2012 when current ninth-graders graduate.

For more information and to register for College Bound, visit:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/financialaid/other/CollegeBound-fromwhitepaper.asp>, or call (888) 535-0747 or e-mail [collegebound@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:collegebound@hecb.wa.gov) .