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Dear Washington State High School Principals,

Thank you for taking the time to review and disseminate the scholarship information in this letter and the enclosed attachments. The College Success Foundation is committed to assisting students throughout the State of Washington with the necessary resources and support to attend college. In your important roles as educators and service providers you can assist low-income youth and youth in foster care by passing along this timely information. Opportunities include:

### **The Governors' Scholarship**

The Governors' Scholarship provides \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year, for up to five years, for seniors who are in permanent foster care in Washington State to attend college. To download the application, visit [www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/gs](http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/gs). For more information, please contact Abigail Taitano or Heidi Lin toll-free at 1 (877) 655-4097, or by email at [ataitano@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:ataitano@collegesuccessfoundation.org) or [hseivert@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:hseivert@collegesuccessfoundation.org). **Deadline: November 10, 2009.**

### **Passport to College Promise Program**

**Students are eligible to receive up to \$6,900 for college if:**

They are a Washington resident.

They spent at least one year in foster care after their sixteenth birthday.

They emancipated from foster care on or after January 1, 2007.

They will be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible college by the time they turn 21.

They have not yet earned a bachelor's degree and are not pursuing a degree in theology.

Visit: [www.hecb.gov/passport](http://www.hecb.gov/passport) or [www.collegesuccessfoundation.org](http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org).

### **The Education and Training Voucher (ETV)**

The ETV offers financial help to current and former foster youth to attend colleges, universities, vocational or technical programs. ETV helps students in their own efforts to secure financial aid to enroll in postsecondary programs. ETV has up to \$5,000 in funds available to eligible students. Contact **1-877-433-8388** or email [etwash@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:etwash@dshs.wa.gov). Find more information about the ETV at [www.independence.wa.gov](http://www.independence.wa.gov).

## College Bound Scholarship

The College Bound Scholarship is a state-funded scholarship that pays tuition and fees at public college rates, plus \$500 for books. Seventh and eighth grade students may apply if they meet one of the following:

- Are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch
- Receive TANF benefits
- Meet the family income requirement
- Are a foster youth (regardless of income)

To receive the scholarship, students promise to:

- Graduate from high school with a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Demonstrate good citizenship
- Be accepted to a college and file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

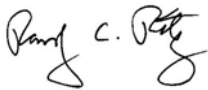
Incorporating the College Bound Application into **student conferences** has proven to be one of the most effective promotion strategies. Visit [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound) and click on "school personnel" for a checklist to help implement sign-up during conferences.

**Deadline:** Students must apply by June 30 of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Apply online: [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound). For more information call: 1-888-535-0747.

Please feel free to contact the College Success Foundation if you have additional questions regarding these wonderful opportunities for low-income youth and youth in foster care. By partnering to deliver this information we can make a difference in these young people's lives.

Sincerely,



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