It’s NOT too late! Are you a College Bound Scholarship student planning to attend one of the Seattle Community Colleges next fall? If so, below is a list of steps you should complete by the end of June. **If you wait until the end of summer, you may not get the classes you want or the financial aid you need.** Also, your placement test results will be more accurate if you take them during or just after high school. So plan ahead. Then you can enjoy your summer knowing you are all set to begin college in the fall.

**Start NOW: Steps to Go to College:**

**Step 1: Fill Out the FAFSA.** Many College Bound students completed the FAFSA in January or February. If you were one of those students, good work! Check your FAFSA to make sure there are no errors and that the tax information is current. Use your PIN, log back into your FAFSA account, at http://www.fafsa.gov.

If you haven’t completed the FAFSA, it’s not too late! It only takes 30 minutes and must be done to get financial aid, including the College Bound Scholarship. Indicate that you want your FAFSA sent to a Seattle Community College (use these school codes: North Seattle, 009704; Seattle Central, 003787; South Seattle, 009706; and Seattle Vocational Institute, 030521).

(Here’s a suggestion for next year - complete the FAFSA in January – make it one of your New Year’s resolutions!)

**Step 2: Complete the College Application.** Use the online Web Admissions Center at http://www.public.ctc.edu/ApplicantWebClient/Applicant/ or apply in person at the Admissions/Registration office at the Seattle Community College you wish to attend.

**Step 3: Complete the College Financial Aid Process.** You should have received a Student Aid Report (SAR) when you completed the FAFSA. Make any needed changes or corrections on the FAFSA website and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, if you are eligible to do so, to upload the previous year’s tax information. All students must submit additional information to the college; contact the financial aid office if you are unsure what additional information is needed.

If your financial aid process is not complete by the fall quarter completion deadline, your aid package may not be ready in time. You may have to pay your fall quarter tuition out of pocket and receive reimbursement when your aid package is processed, or you can wait until winter quarter to start. **If the deadline (below) has already passed,** continue completing your financial aid file and periodically check with the financial aid office on the status of your award.

**Fall Quarter Financial Aid Completion Deadline**

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**Step 4: Take COMPASS Prep and the COMPASS Test.** Prior to registration, College Bound students must take the COMPASS placement test. Students who have taken the ACT test may not need to take the COMPASS at South Seattle. (Contact the South Seattle Assessment Center for more information.) All College Bound Scholarship students are STRONGLY advised to take the COMPASS Prep Workshop prior to taking the COMPASS test to ensure an accurate placement in English and math classes. Go to [http://beforeyoutest.org](http://beforeyoutest.org) for information about the workshop and the COMPASS test. Seattle Vocational Institute students do not need to take the COMPASS, as assessment is completed during the educational planning course (see step five).

**Step 5: Attend Orientation.** All new students are STRONGLY encouraged to participate in in-person new student orientation. SVI requires participation in the Educational Planning Course.

**Step 6: Meet with an Academic Advisor.** Go to the college website to find out how to meet with an advisor to plan your first quarter schedule. Students should bring their COMPASS test results and high school/AP transcript with them when meeting with an advisor. At some colleges (and at SVI) you can meet with an advisor during orientation (step five).

**Step 7: Register for Classes.** Your advisor will help you develop an academic plan and register for fall classes.

**Step 8: Finalize the Financial Aid Process.** You will receive a financial aid award letter from the college once you have completed steps one, two, and three. Contact the financial aid office if you have any questions. You probably won’t see “College Bound Scholarship” on your award letter until August.

*Note: If you have met all College Bound Scholarship criteria, the award will cover the tuition and fees (based on public college rates) that are not covered by other state financial aid awards, plus a small book allowance.*

**Step 9: See a College Counselor.** You should see a college counselor to address any personal or financial problems that may affect your college success. The counselor can also refer you to resources at the college or in the community to help support yourself while you are attending college.