



COLLEGE BOUND SAINT LOUIS APPLICATION PACKET

Program Introduction

Who We Are

College Bound is a **tuition-free** college preparation and success program. We are committed to staying with you for 7-9 years: from the start of your sophomore year of high school until you cross the stage as a college graduate and are on your way to finding a career of purpose. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of your success story.

What We Offer

ACT preparation

Access to early college credit

Career and self-exploration

Scholarship opportunities

Mental Health Services

Network of College Bound students and staff

Eligibility Criteria

College Bound seeks to admit current high school freshmen with at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or higher, demonstrate financial need, and/or would be first-generation college student. All applicants must have the willingness, motivation, and desire to pursue higher education.

Student + Parent/Guardian Commitment

As a College Bound participant, you are required to attend all scheduled programming. You are also expected to maintain communication with your College Bound Coach. Our goal is for our participants to graduate high school with a 3.0 GPA or greater and we are intentional about creating a personalized plan to get you there. The more you participate, the more you will learn and grow from the program!

We expect our College Bound parents/guardians to support you in meeting your College Bound requirements, participate in requested activities, and maintain communication with the College Bound team.

Application Process

We accept applications until our recruitment cycle closes. There are benefits in applying early and we encourage our students to apply during the first semester of their freshman year. We accept paper and electronic applications. The application consists of student information, school information, and family information. There are sections of the application that are best completed with help from your parent/guardian. You will also need to submit an unofficial transcript to verify your GPA. If your unofficial transcript does not include fall semester grades, you can still apply. Once your application materials are received, they will be reviewed by College Bound and we will contact you to schedule a College Bound Interview. After the interview, your parent/guardian will complete the College Bound Enrollment packet, as this allows us to verify your eligibility for the program.



Scan for electronic application

Admission to College Bound and Next Steps

Enrollment decisions are communicated in December and April and you will either be enrolled in our program, added to our waitlist, or determined as ineligible to join our program. If you applied but your unofficial transcript did not include your fall semester grade data, you will be conditionally enrolled until we receive the document to confirm your GPA. Waitlisted students may be added to the cohort at the end of the recruitment cycle. If you are accepted, you are encouraged to participate in College Bound enrichment activities to get familiar with the program and students in your cohort. Finally, you will complete your College Bound Orientation during the summer between your freshman and sophomore year.

Application Instructions


We are excited that you are interested in joining the College Bound community. To assist you in the application process, please utilize the following guide and checklist. You can mark the checkboxes as you complete each step:

- **Step 1:** Request a copy of your Unofficial Transcript to be submitted with your complete application. You can request your transcript from your school counselor or registrar. The transcript verifies your grade point average (GPA) and is required to process your application.
There could be a delay in getting your transcript, so we recommend submitting the request when you know you plan to apply to College Bound!
- **Step 2:** Enter your information under the Student and School Information section of the application.
- **Step 3:** We want to learn more about you! Tell us about you, your extracurricular involvement, why you want to be a member of College Bound, and how the program can help you meet your future goals in life.
- **Step 4:** With the assistance of your parent/guardian, complete the Family Information section of the application.

Application Checklist

Done with your application? Double check to ensure all areas have been completed:

- Application - All sections completed
 - Student Information
 - School Information
 - Interests/Experience
 - Supplemental Questions
 - Family Information
- Unofficial Transcript

 Pro-tip: Submit your application and unofficial transcript at the same time to reduce processing time!

Submitting your Application

You may return the completed application to your high school guidance counselor or directly to College Bound by mail or scanned in an email. For College Bound email and mailing address, see below:

College Bound Attn: Recruitment
110 North Jefferson Ave
St. Louis, MO 63103
recruitment@collegeboundstl.org

Once we receive your completed application, we will contact you with instructions for scheduling your interview.

We look forward to connecting with you!

College Bound Recruitment Team

II. INTERESTS/EXPERIENCE - *If you need additional space, please attach additional paper to this form*

Tell us about the extracurricular, work experience, and volunteer activities you currently participate in at school or in the community. Please include any honors/awards or leadership roles.

Check any community organization(s) with which you are involved or were involved with in the past.

(This information is used only for statistical purposes and will not impact acceptance)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aim High | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspire STL | <input type="checkbox"/> UMSL Bridge Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angel Arms | <input type="checkbox"/> LEAD STL | <input type="checkbox"/> Upward Bound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Brothers Big Sisters | <input type="checkbox"/> Marian Middle School | <input type="checkbox"/> WashU College Prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KIPP Inspire Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> Redbird Rookies | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyman Teen Leadership Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

List two career interests you have: _____

III. SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS - *If you need additional space, please attach additional paper to this form*

Tell us about you.

Tell us why you want to join College Bound.

How can College Bound help you meet your future goals in life?

V. FAMILY INFORMATION- *Section best completed with assistance from parent/guardian*

Which caregivers live in the home?

Mother Father Both Parents Guardian Other: _____

Mother's Last Name Mother's First Name

Mother's Email Address Mother's Cell Phone

Mother's Employer Mother's Occupation

Highest Level of Education Completed

Grade School High School/GED Associate's Degree Master's Degree
 Some High School Some College Bachelor's Degree Doctoral Degree
 Unsure

Father's Last Name Father's First Name

Father's Email Address Father's Cell Phone

Father's Employer Father's Occupation

Highest Level of Education Completed

Grade School High School/GED Associate's Degree Master's Degree
 Some High School Some College Bachelor's Degree Doctoral Degree
 Unsure

Guardian's Last Name Guardian's First Name

Guardian's Email Address Guardian's Cell Phone

Guardian's Relationship to Student: _____

Is either parent (or have they ever been) incarcerated? Yes No

(This information is used only for statistical purposes and does not impact acceptance)

Total annual household income for the household where the applicant lives a majority of the time:

(This information is required to be considered for the program and will be kept confidential)

Less than \$15,000 \$25,001-\$30,000 \$40,001-\$50,000
 \$15,001-\$20,000 \$30,001-\$35,000 \$50,001-\$60,000
 \$20,001-\$25,8000 \$35,001-\$40,000 Above \$60,001

Total # of adults living in the household (18+): _____ Total # of children living in the household (under 18): _____

Does the household receive government assistance (SNAP, SSI, TANF, WIC, etc)? Yes No