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2008

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building bridges  to the outdoors



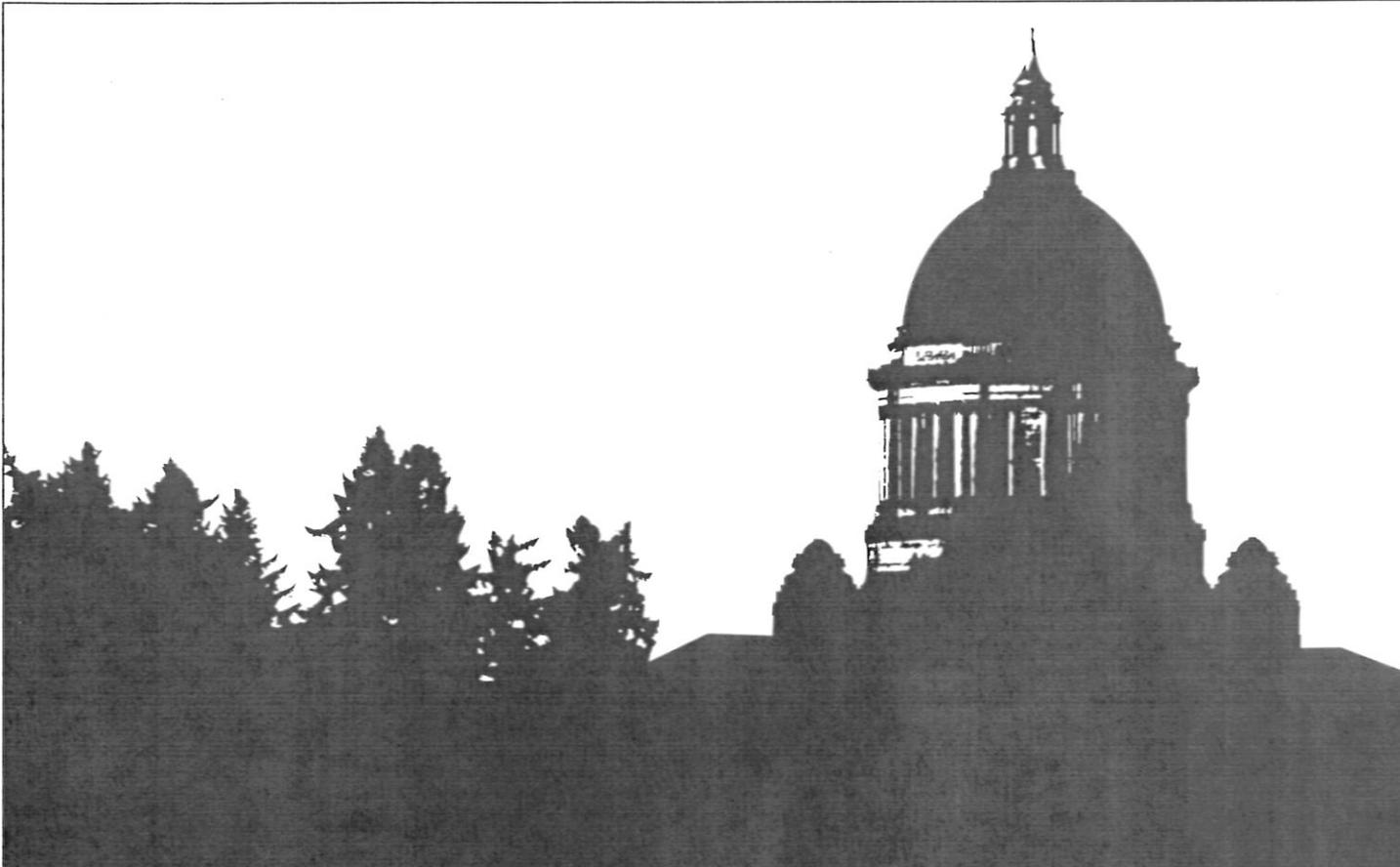
"It's out there where trees don't care what race you are, but they still share their shade; water doesn't care what kind of income level you come from, but it still provides life; and believe me mosquitoes don't really care who you are, they still suck your blood."

– *Juan Martinez, Youth Coordinator, Building Bridges to the Outdoors*



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Washington State Commission on
African American Affairs

African American Legislative Day 2008

February 4, 2008

Youth Caucus Program for grades 6 to 12, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Saint Martins Pavilion

Doors Open at Saint Martins 9:00 a.m.

Emcee Welcome 9:30
Ms. Deontrae' L. Sherrard
2008 Ms. Washington Plus America

Spoken Word by Khatsini Simani

Call to Order 9:35
James Hampton, City Year

Youth Caucus 9:40 to 11:00

Stuart Elway, Elway Research

- Presidential Caucus video
- Caucus discussion and table voting
- Electoral College video
- Caucus discussion
- Final Presidential voting

Lunch 11:00 to 11:30

Dance Performance 11:40

DASH Center for the Arts Dance Co.

Buses load and leave for Olympia Noon

All-Ages Rally at the Capitol 12:30

All-Ages Rally 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. on the Capitol Steps in Olympia

Master of Ceremonies	Oscar Eason, Jr., Chair
Invocation	Rev. Dennis Payne
Black National Anthem	"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Introductions	Commission on African American Affairs
Remarks	Rep. Eric Pettigrew, D-37 th District
Remarks	Ron Sims, King County Executive
Remarks	Sen. Rosa Franklin, D-23 rd District
Keynote Address	Governor Chris O. Gregoire

School buses load and leave for home at 1:15 p.m.

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- The Breakfast Group
- The Bremerton Branch of the NAACP
- The Facts Newspaper
- The Masons and Eastern Stars of Fred U. Harris Lodge #70
- The Office of the Education Ombudsman
- The Seattle Branch of the NAACP
- The Seattle Medium, Tacoma True Citizen, and KRIZ/KZIZ Radio
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- Allen A.M.E. Church, Pastor Warren Freeman
- Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Pastor Dennis Payne
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- Follow the Light Koinonia Church, Elder Joseph Palmer
- Full Gospel Pentecostal Federated Church
- Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Gary L. Tyson
- Greater Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Paul Stoot
- Mount Zion Baptist Church, Pastor Samuel B. McKinney
- Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Robert Manaway
- The Tacoma Ministerial Alliance and its member churches

Thanks to these bus captains for generating attendance

- Viesta Morris
- Beverly Barfield Lucas
- Dr. Charles Horne
- DeCharlene Williams
- Rev. Dennis Payne
- Elma Horton
- Bishop Gary L. Tyson
- Georgia McDade
- Bishop Lawrence Robertson
- Myron Leffall
- Rev. Paul Benz
- Rev. Paul Stoot
- Vanessa Amandla Vassall
- Verlene Jones

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College Bound Scholarship

Background

Gov. Chris Gregoire's *Washington Learns* report recommended scholarships and support for low-income students to increase educational attainment and prepare more citizens for family-wage jobs and careers.

In response to that charge, the 2007 Legislature established the College Bound Scholarship (Senate Bill 5098). The governor and Legislature allocated \$7.4 million to pay for the first two years of the program, beginning in 2012.

The scholarship also is aligned with the state's *2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education*, which calls for stepped up efforts to make college more affordable and accessible as a way of raising educational attainment.

Washington currently ranks 32nd nationally in the percentage of low-income students participating in post-secondary education. Within 10 years, these students will represent 33 percent of the high school graduating class. Without intervention, 72 percent of the 28,000 seventh graders in low-income families are unlikely to even aspire to college, let alone enroll.

Eligibility

The scholarship is aimed at helping seventh- and eighth-grade students in low-income

families plan for and afford a college education. It is guaranteed for all students who apply during their seventh or eighth grade year and continue to meet all eligibility criteria until they graduate from high school.

This year's eighth-grade students must apply by June 1, 2008. This year's 7th graders have until June 1, 2009 to apply. Currently, an estimated 56,000 students are eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Requirements

To receive the scholarship, students must:

- Submit a College Bound application/pledge during their seventh- or eighth-grade year;
- Graduate from a Washington high school or home school and apply for admission at an eligible Washington college or university;
- Maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average;
- Meet the family income requirements at the time of graduation (65 percent or less than the state's median family income);
- Not be convicted of a felony throughout middle and high school; and
- Be a Washington resident.

Foster youth are automatically eligible to apply.

College Bound Scholarship Income Eligibility

<i>If</i> the number of people in your family is:	<i>Then</i> your 2006 family income must be equal to or less than:
2	\$25,400
3	\$31,800
4	\$38,300
5	\$44,700
6	\$51,100
7	\$57,600
8	\$64,000
Add for each additional person	\$6,500

Funding

The 2007 Legislature allocated \$7.4 million for the program, which will pay for the first two years of college for this year's eighth graders, and the first year of college for this year's seventh graders.

The legislation directs that the funds be invested in the state's Guaranteed Education Tuition program (GET) and held in trust by the HECB.

An estimated 4,200 College Bound students are expected to fulfill all requirements and receive the initial scholarship in 2012.

Using the College Bound Scholarship

The amount of the scholarship will be based on tuition rates at Washington public colleges and universities, and can be used at any approved college or university in the state – including private two- and four-year schools and many approved independent colleges and universities and private career schools.

The College Bound Scholarship will cover the amount of tuition and fees (plus \$500 for books) that is not covered by other state financial aid awards.

The scholarship is intended to fill the gap between the State Need Grant and the actual cost of college, while also offering a measure of certainty for younger students who would otherwise fear they won't be able to afford college.

The student can receive up to four years of funding, but must use the scholarship within five years of high school graduation.

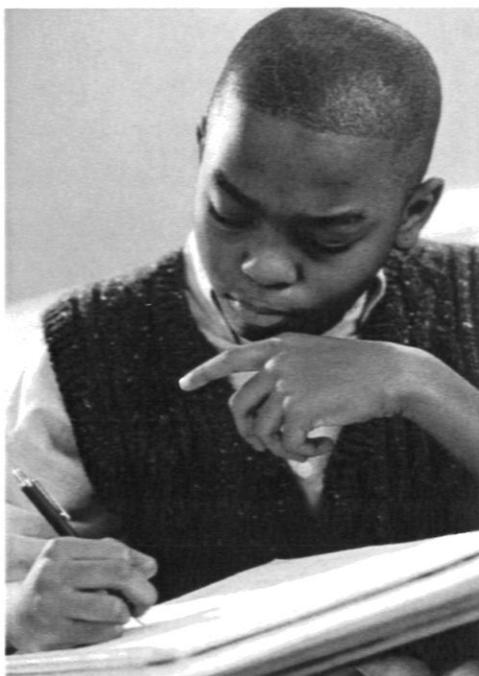
Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to a particular school, and must still apply and be accepted into college.

To Apply

Students can apply online at: www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound, or request paper applications using the contact information below. Applications are also available at middle schools. Eighth graders MUST apply by June 1, 2008. Seventh graders have until June 1, 2009 to apply.

For more information: 1-888-535-0747, or: collegebound@hecb.wa.gov

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Link your organization to this vital mission:

An advisory council of community-based organizations, churches, professional/membership groups, and advocacy organizations is now being formed. To align your organization with the BPF, contact Ray Miller for more information at 206-579-0901 rmiller101@comcast.net.



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