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## Free online workshops

Paying for College  
November 3rd-6:30-7:30pm  
November 18th-6:30-7:30pm

theWashBoard.org-Creating a  
Seeker Profile  
November 10th 3-4pm  
November 17th 6-7pm  
December 8th 3-4pm  
December 15th 6-7pm

Understanding and Preparing  
to file the Free Application for  
Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  
December 8th 6:30-7:30pm  
December 15th 3:30-4:30pm  
December 20th 3:30-4:30pm

To register for these workshops  
please [email](#). After you register you  
will receive an email with directions  
to access the webcast.

For more information please visit the  
[web](#) or call 1-866.635.2669.

## Want to see a demo?

In-person demos of are happening  
across Washington this fall. Recent  
stops include Spokane, Pasco,  
Tacoma, Everett, and Vancouver.

Web-based demos are also offered  
weekly.

Contact [Mary Beth Lambert](#) to  
learn more.

[TheWashBoard.org](#) is a new, free, web-based scholarship clearinghouse that matches Washington scholarship seekers with Washington scholarship providers. New scholarships are added weekly.

## New and Improved

Have you checked out theWashBoard.org recently? Phase 2, guided by feedback from nearly 800 scholarship seekers and providers, launched earlier this month. It includes improved layout and navigation, as well as twenty-five new features and enhancements.

Provider updates include:

- Enhanced personal attributes fields for seeker self-identification, including foster care, first-generation, ESL/ELL, and LGBT
- Additional criteria in the Financial Need tab, including Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)
- Ability to preview, before activating your scholarship, the number of potentially eligible applicants in the system
- Ability for reviewers to work online and add comments to individual applicant files
- Ability to view the list of applicants as an Excel file

Seeker updates include:

- Improvements to My Matches including better viewability and a thumbs up/thumbs down rating system
- Automatic indication of scholarships that you've already viewed
- Improved formatting for text boxes and addition of character counter
- New tab with tools for categorizing and attaching files

Counselor updates include:

- Ability to quickly create a demo profile so that you can work one-on-one with a student and then clear the form to assist the next student

## Providers - It's Time to Renew

Scholarship providers registered on theWashBoard.org, it's time to renew and update your scholarships. Below are steps to get you started:

## Resources & FAQs

We've developed a variety of [downloadable resources](#) for scholarship seekers and providers. Everything you want to know from how to write a scholarship essay, to how to administer a scholarship.

Got a question, but don't want to contact us? Check out our [FAQ](#).

## The Washington Scholarship Coalition

TheWashBoard.org is supported by a public/private collaboration -- the Washington Scholarship Coalition. The coalition is comprised of private foundations, nonprofit organizations, and state agencies.



1. Log-in to your account.
2. Click on "Our Scholarships."
3. Click on the name of the scholarship you wish to renew.
4. At the bottom left of the page, click the button that says "Copy Scholarship for Next Academic Year."
5. Voila! A new scholarship has been created for the 2010-2011 academic year.
6. Review your criteria and make changes to due dates, award amounts, etc. *Please Note:* There are a number of new features and updated boxes, so your best bet is to go through EACH criteria tab, even if your scholarship hasn't changed.
7. Need help getting started? Call 1-888-535-0747, option 8 OR [email](#).

## Word Is Spreading

Since the January launch, over 30,000 scholarship seekers and 125 scholarship providers have registered. Read the [recent article in The Seattle Times](#).

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