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COLLEGEBOUND LAST DOLLAR GRANT SCHOLARS GRADUATING
FROM COLLEGE OVER 3 TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

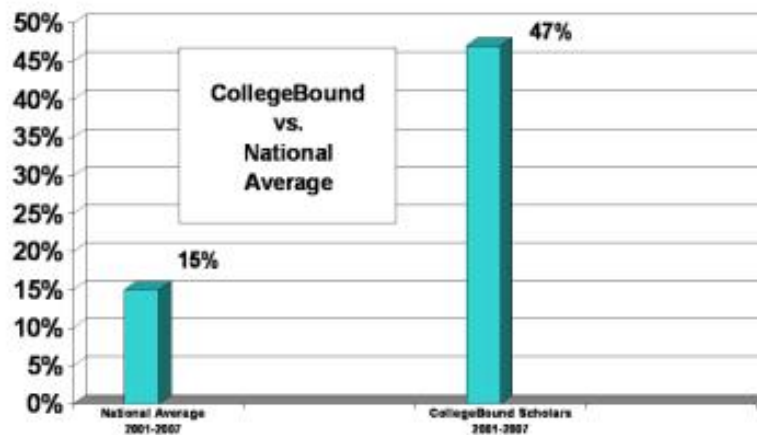
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Press Release

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The national report—Expanding Access Opportunity—prepared by the Pell Institute for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation reported that 36% of 2001 Washington State high school graduates from low income families who participated in the Achievers Scholarship Program had completed college within five years of college enrollment.

The CollegeBound Foundation compared the Washington State outcome with both the 2001 national college completion averages (NCES, 2001) for students from low income families and its own five year college completion rates for 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who received CollegeBound Last Dollar Grant scholarships:



One may conclude that college funding does make a difference for low income families and has produced significant results for CollegeBound's scholars. This is an investment in our region's future workforce which is generating a high return for both our scholars and the business community.

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