

# Financial Resources for NSCC Students

## I. Financial Aid

Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Students must meet the following requirements to receive financial aid:

- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen (see FAFSA for requirements)
- Working toward an eligible degree or certificate
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- High school diploma, GED, or pass the Ability To Benefit test
- Registered with Selective Service (males 18+ years of age)
- Submit an application and have financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office
- Not in default on student loans or owing repayment on a grant

### **Types of Aid**

Eligibility is determined by the Financial Aid Office after students have completed the financial aid application process. Grant money does not have to be repaid as long as students complete their courses and make Satisfactory Academic Progress.

The North Seattle Community College Financial Aid Office can offer financial assistance to students in a variety of forms:

- **Federal Grants:** Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- **Washington State Need Grant**
- **NSCC Grants and Tuition Waivers**
- **Work Study (Federal and State)**

Work Study programs give students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while earning money for college. Please visit the Work Study website at [www.northseattle.edu/enroll/finance/wstudy/](http://www.northseattle.edu/enroll/finance/wstudy/) for more information.

### **Loans**

- North Seattle Community College **DOES NOT** participate in Federal Student Loan programs (Direct/ FFELP Stafford Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loans or PLUS Loans).
- NSCC does have a Federal Perkins Loan program
- There are many organizations, banks, and credit unions that offer non-federal student loans (often called Alternative Loans).

Pays For: May cover tuition & fees, books & supplies, room & board, transportation, and personal expenses.  
Contact: Financial Aid Office in room CC2358A, 206-527-3688, [www.northseattle.edu/enroll/finance](http://www.northseattle.edu/enroll/finance)

## II. Scholarships

Every scholarship has its own set of criteria that a student must meet in order to be eligible.

Many scholarships can be found posted on the bulletin boards outside of the Financial Aid Office. Online searches are also effective using search engines such as FastWeb.com. Besides these outside (private) scholarships, North Seattle Community College also offers scholarships through the Education Fund. Applications are available at the beginning of the year and are due the last day of April. Please visit [www.northseattle.edu/edfund/scholars.htm](http://www.northseattle.edu/edfund/scholars.htm) for more information or contact Matt Ayer at 206-526-7790.

### **Two basic types of scholarships:**

Merit based: Excellence in academics, arts, athletics, or other specific abilities.  
Need based: Heavily based on student's (and often family's) financial situation.

**Local Assistance/ Scholarships** are also available through Seattle Milk Fund, Assistance League of Seattle, and WA Women in Need. They have individual criteria for eligibility and have varying deadlines throughout the year.

Pays For: The individual donors determine which education expenses they will cover with the scholarship.  
Contact: Call 206-528-4701, stop by the Financial Aid Office in room CC2358A, or visit the Scholarship website that will be available in January.

### **III. International Students**

The International Programs office offers a limited number of scholarships for International Students. Application deadlines are March 1, August 1, and December 1. There is no deadline for the Referral and Early Acceptance Scholarships.

- Eligibility:
- Either new or returning students
  - Demonstrate academic merit, student leadership, and involvement in extracurricular activities
  - Must have an F1 visa and be a full-time student
- Pays for: The scholarship is received in the form of a tuition waiver.
- Contact: Please pick up an application form at CC 2357. For more information, please contact the International Programs office at 206-527-3672

### **IV. Veterans Assistance**

The Office of Veteran's Affairs serves veterans, reservists, active duty personnel and eligible family members who receive Veteran's Administration education benefits. It also verifies the State of Washington Vietnam-Service and Persian Gulf tuition reduction for eligible veterans.

- Pays For: May be eligible to receive a partial tuition waiver, Work Study, or money for education expenses.
- Contact: Call 206-527-3699, stop by the Veteran's Affairs Office CC 2261G, or visit their website at [www.northseattle.edu/services/veteran.htm](http://www.northseattle.edu/services/veteran.htm). This office is **closed on Fridays**.

### **V. Worker Retraining**

- Eligibility:
- Currently receiving unemployment benefits, OR
  - Exhausted your unemployment benefits within the last two years, or
  - Displaced homemaker- Have been working in the home, but experienced a significant loss of income and need to re-enter the work force
  - Closed your own business due to economic downturn
  - Received a WARN letter
- Pays For: Can pay for ESL, ABE, tuition and fees, books, and the COMPASS test.
- Contact: Call 206-527-3787 or stop by the offices in the College Center Building, 2nd Floor (North of Admissions/Registration)

\*\* Orientations are held every Tuesday at 2:30pm in room CC3449\*\*

### **VI. WorkFirst**

- Eligibility:
- Low income parent working 20+ hours per week. Dependent(s) must be 18 or younger.
  - Currently receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and enrolled in a certificate program of one year or less.
  - ESL students can receive WorkFirst funding **only** if they are receiving TANF
- Pays For: Can cover ABE, tuition, fees, and books.
- Contact: Call 206-527-3769 or stop by the WorkForce Education office in room CC2343C

### **VII. Carl Perkins Grant**

Inquiries should be made the 10<sup>th</sup> week of the prior quarter. This grant is awarded to eligible students on a first come, first served basis.

- Eligibility:
- Complete an application to determine financial need, which includes your monthly income and expenses. A statement of need will also need to be submitted.
  - Currently enrolled
  - Tuition already paid
  - No course credit requirement
- Pays For: Can pay for books, bus pass, parking, GED, or supplies for class (**NOT** tuition)
- Contact: Call 206-527-3727 or stop by room CC2343C

### **VIII. Emergency Loans**

- Eligibility:
- One time only
  - Student can borrow up to 50% of tuition cost
  - Needs to be repaid by 7<sup>th</sup> week of the quarter.
  - 2.5 or better GPA
  - Currently registered (No credit requirement)
- Pays For: Can cover up to 50% of tuition, up to 100% of books, and up to \$100 cash
- Contact: Call 206-527-3677 for an appointment