

Financial Resources for North Seattle College Students

I. **Federal, State and Institutional Financial Aid**

Apply online at www.fafsa.gov

Eligibility Requirements

- United States citizen or eligible non-citizen (see FAFSA for requirements)
- Working toward an eligible degree or certificate at North Seattle College
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- High school diploma or GED.
- Registered with Selective Service (males 18+ years of age)
- 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 College Financial Aid Office offers financial assistance to eligible students in a variety of forms:

- **Federal Grants:** Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- **Washington State Grant Aid:** State Need Grant, Passport to College, College Bound Scholarship
- **Institutional Grant Aid:** North Seattle Grant and Tuition Waiver
- **Work Study:** 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/work-study for more information.
- **Federal Loan Programs:** Direct Loan Program & Perkins Loan Program **Please Note:** North Seattle College **DOES NOT** participate in Federal Parent PLUS Loans. Students and parents interested in this loan may consider researching private, educational loans (often called Alternative Loans) through banks, credit unions and other lending institutions.

Contact: Financial Aid Office – 2nd Floor CC Building – Tel: 206-934-3688 - Website:www.northseattle.edu/financial-aid

II. **State Financial Aid for DREAMers (REAL Hope Act – SB6523)**

Apply online at www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA

On February 26, 2014, Governor Jay Inslee signed into law the REAL Hope Act (SB6523), also known as the Washington Dream Act. Beginning with the 2014-15 academic year, this new law expands eligibility for the Washington State Need Grant to non-citizens who meet the program's eligibility requirements in addition to all three residency criteria listed below.

Residency Criteria

- Resided in Washington State for three (3) years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, and completed the full senior year at a Washington high school;
or
Completed the equivalent of a high school diploma and resided in Washington State for the three (3) years immediately before receiving the equivalent of the diploma;
- Continuously resided in the State since earning the high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Sign an affidavit (written promise) to file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States when eligible to apply

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III. **Scholarships**

Every scholarship has its own set of criteria that a student must meet in order to be eligible. Please make sure to read these criteria carefully before applying.

- **North Seattle College Education Fund** - North Seattle College offers scholarships through the North Seattle College Education Fund. Please visit <https://northseattle.edu/edfund-scholarships> or email nsceducationfund@seattlecolleges.edu for more information.
- **Local Assistance/Scholarships** are 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. The individual donors determine which education expenses they will cover with the scholarship.
- **Scholarship Search Websites:**
 - Some scholarships that may be of particular interest to NSC students are online at www.northseattle.edu/scholarships.
 - Outside online searches are also effective using search engines such as www.theWashBoard.org.

Contact: Financial Aid Office – 2nd Floor CC Building – Tel: 206-934-3688 - Website: www.northseattle.edu/scholarships

IV. **Veterans Assistance**

The Office of Veteran's Services serves veterans, reservists, active duty personnel and eligible family members who receive Veteran's Administration education benefits. It also verifies the Washington State Veterans tuition waiver (contact the office about eligibility), Information regarding other VA benefits such as work-study and VA medical are also available.

Contact: Veterans Services Office – 2nd Floor CC Building, room 2261B – Tel: 206-934-7309 - Website: <https://northseattle.edu/office-veterans-services>

V. **Workforce Education Tuition Assistance Programs**

Eligibility varies depending on program of study, family income and family size, DSHS referrals, unemployment status of self or spouse, and/or receive of Basic Food Assistance. Take the short survey to find out if you pre-qualify for funding at: www.StartNextQuarter.org

Please see the Workforce Education website at www.northseattle.edu/workforce-education for a current listing of Tuition Assistance Programs and eligibility requirements for Worker Retraining Program, Workfirst Program, Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) Program, Opportunity Grant Program and Limited English Pathways (LEP).

Contact: Opportunity Center for Employment and Education, 2nd Floor, Room 240A - Tel: 206-934-3787

VI. **Emergency Assistance**

Emergency assistance provides for temporary funding of tuition, textbooks or personal expenses. Personal expenses are limited to a maximum of \$150 and are awarded on a one-time only basis. Students may use funds to be applied to tuition cost, book costs or provided to support personal expenses. The loan needs to be repaid by the 7th week of the quarter. You need a 2.5 or better GPA, and you must be currently registered. (There is no credit requirement.)

Contact: Please email NSCCEntryServices@Seattlecolleges.edu or call (206) 934-3663 for an appointment.

VII. **Nelnet FACTS Automatic Payment Plan**

Don't have money to pay your tuition all at once? North and its partner the FACTS Management Company can help. Join our online payment plan: **e-Cashier**. Start budgeting for your education today. The sooner you start, the lower your monthly payments will be.

Contact: Call FACTS at (800) 609-8056 or go to www.northseattle.edu/tuition-fees/deferred-tuition-payment-system for more information.

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