

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 (visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>), or eligible complete the WASFA application (see section II)
- Working toward an eligible degree or certificate at North Seattle College
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Earned a High school diploma or GED or meet Ability to Benefit Requirements
- Registered with Selective Service or exempt from registration (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.resources.northseattle.edu/work-study for more information.
- **Federal Loan Programs:** Direct 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 - Web: www.resources.northseattle.edu/financial-aid

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

Apply online at www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA

Washington State offers financial aid programs to students who aren't eligible for federal financial aid because of immigration status. Students will need to meet the program's eligibility requirements in addition to meeting one of the residency criteria listed below.

Eligibility Requirements

- Working toward an eligible degree or certificate at North Seattle College
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Earned a High school diploma or GED or equivalent
- Not in default on student loans or owing repayment on a grant

Residency – Option One

- Have an unexpired DACA status
- Live in Washington State for one year or more for reasons other than education

Residency – Option Two

- Graduate of a Washington state high school (or earn a GED or equivalent) after living in Washington for at least three years
- Sign an HB1079 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 nscceducationfund@seattlecolleges.edu for more information.
- **Local Assistance/Scholarships** are available through various agencies including, Seattle Milk Fund, Assistance League of Seattle, and WA Women in Need. Each organization sets their individual criteria for eligibility and have varying deadlines throughout the year.
- **Jill Wakefield Emergency Fund Scholarship** provides one-time financial support to students who have successfully completed at least 12 credits within the Seattle Colleges District and are experiencing an enrollment-threatening financial situation. Funding is limited and not guaranteed. Visit the financial aid office or <https://northseattle.edu/completion-coaching/jill-wakefield-emergency-scholarship> for more information.
- **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.

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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: <http://www.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. **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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