

Foundation Scholarship Application- FAQs



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The Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship Application is **open February 14 through April 15, 2020**. This application is open to all students including incoming, current, international, and transfer students. Everyone is encouraged to apply! If you are unsure how to answer individual questions on the application, hover over the  to get tips on completing the question.

Listed below are some of the most common questions about the application. If you have additional questions, be sure to contact us at scholarships@seattlecolleges.edu.

Please use ONLY Firefox, Chrome, Safari or Microsoft Edge browsers to complete your scholarship application. System is NOT compatible with Internet Explorer.

Interested in Applying for a Scholarship?

Q. Applying for scholarships takes time. Be honest, is this worth my effort?

A. Yes! Absolutely yes. Half of all students who applied for scholarships last year received one, and the average award was \$3,000. Think of it this way: If you spend 10 hours creating a great scholarship application and you win the average scholarship amount, you will have made \$300 per hour! In addition, you are building materials that can be used for other scholarships, colleges, or job applications. Reuse your personal statement and keep in contact with your references for future applications.

Q. Can I apply again if I applied last year?

A. Yes, you can (and must) apply each year for Seattle Colleges Foundation scholarships. If you have applied in the past, you can use the same log-in credentials as before. If you don't remember your password, click "Trouble signing in?" and then on the next page, enter your email address and click "Recover Password."

NOTE: The new application **will not** have your answers from past years. You will need to complete the application again.

Q. Can International students, Dreamers and Running Start students apply for Foundation scholarships?

A. Yes, international students and Dreamers can apply, and we encourage you to do so! Only Running Start students who will be graduating from high school this year can apply.

Preparing for the Scholarship Application:

Q. Who can I use as a reference?

A. Ask people who know you in a professional or academic setting, such as advisors, counselors, instructors, job supervisors, mentors, and community members. You must include two references. At least one should be from a Seattle College faculty or staff member. Consider individuals who will give you positive feedback to your efforts. Please allow the person you are requesting the reference from at least four weeks before the deadline to write the reference. Family members, partners, or friends are not acceptable references.

Requesting recommendations should be one of the first things you do when you begin to work on the scholarship application.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your application contains two references at the time of the deadline. This means it is up to you not only to REQUEST references, but also to be sure they have been SUBMITTED. Please make sure to follow up with references to remind them to submit their references by the deadline.

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Q. How do I include my references?

A. In your application, you will be asked to provide the name and email address of two people, or “references,” who would be willing to recommend you for scholarships. Once you enter their name and email address, each reference will receive an email with a link to the scholarship site. They will create their own login and submit their reference through this system. You can check on the status of your references by logging into your account and clicking the “References” tab at the top of the page.

Q. What if I want to ask another individual to be a reference?

A. If one of your references cannot complete your request, you can add another reference to your application. References will have until April 22nd to complete their reference.

Q. Do I need a transcript to apply?

A. Students must submit a transcript and have earned at least a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. If you do not have a college transcript for Seattle Colleges, please upload your current class schedule. If you are a recent high school graduate, submit your unofficial high school transcript. If you have a transcript from another college, submit the most recent unofficial transcript. If you do not have any recent transcripts, type a short explanation of why you do not have a transcript and upload this document in place of your transcript.

Completing the Scholarship Application:

Q. How long do I have to complete the application?

A. The application for 2020-21 scholarships must be submitted by 11:59 pm on April 15, 2020. You are welcome to start and stop work on your application as many times as you like until that date. Make sure to save your work each time before you log out.

Q. How do I qualify for the different scholarships?

A. By completing one application, you automatically apply for *most* of the Seattle Colleges Foundation scholarships. These scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, financial need, personal history, and specific areas of study or campus. After you submit your application, there may be additional opportunities that you qualify for. To find out, click “Opportunities” at the top of the screen. If there are extra scholarships available to you, they will either be listed under “Recommended,” or they will appear in the full list of scholarships with a green “Apply” button next to them. Do not skip these!

Q. Do I have to apply for the FAFSA or WASFA to apply for the scholarship?

A. We highly encourage you to also complete the FAFSA or WASFA to maximize your funding potential, but it is not required. The priority deadline for funding for 2020-2021 financial aid is March 15. All applicants will demonstrate their financial need by filling out the required statement of financial need within the scholarship application.

Q. Which email should I use to create an account?

A. We prefer that you use your Seattle Colleges email address, but you can use an alternate email address as long as you check it frequently. It is critical that you check this email account regularly during the scholarship application and review process, as this is the only method that we use to contact you.

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Q. I never received the email confirmation to verify my email address. What should I do?

A. When you first create your account, the system will send you an email to verify your email address. If you do not receive this confirmation email, go back to the sign-in page of the website and click on "Trouble signing in?". Type in your email address and click on "Resend Confirmation." If you still do not receive the confirmation email, please contact the scholarship manager for your campus.

Q. I am having issues logging into my account. What should I do?

A. After creating and confirming your account, if you are experiencing issues logging in, please note you will have ten attempts to login correctly until the system locks you out. You will need to wait one hour before attempting to login again. Otherwise you can go back to the sign-in page of the website and click on "Trouble signing in?". Type in your email address and click on "Recover Password."

Q. How do I know my application is complete?

A. Once you have submitted a complete application, the screen will say "Complete" under "General Application." You must answer all required questions and upload all required documents in order for your application to be considered complete. If a section does not apply to you, please enter "0" or "N/A."

Q. I am a Nursing student or planning to apply for nursing school at Seattle Colleges, which is my primary college?

A. If you are currently enrolled in the Nursing program, please choose Seattle Central as your primary school. If you are currently taking nursing pre-requisites and plan to continue taking the pre-requisites in the next year, please list the college you are currently attending.

Awarding Scholarships:

Q. When can I use my scholarship award?

A. If awarded, the scholarship will be applied towards the 2020-2021 academic school year at the college you have indicated attending in the fall. Scholarships cannot be transferred to other colleges as they are designated for students at specific colleges.

Q. Do I have to be a full-time student?

A. Students must plan to be enrolled in at least 10 credits per quarter to receive their full scholarship. If you are enrolled in less than 10 credits in the 2020-21 academic year, your scholarship will be prorated based on the number of credits you are enrolled in.

Q. I will be graduating and transferring to another educational institution from North Seattle College or Seattle Central College. Can my scholarship money be applied to the other school?

A. If you plan to transfer next fall, please indicate that on your application. Once you indicate your transfer plans, you will be placed specifically in the transfer scholarship group. If awarded, you will be asked to submit your admission letter and Fall course schedule to verify your admittance. Your scholarship will then be sent directly to the four-year college of choice. There is limited funding for transfer scholarships.

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