

Financial Resources for North Seattle College Students

I. Federal, State and Institutional Financial Aid

Only ONE application is needed. If you are unsure if you should complete a FAFSA or a WASFA, complete the WASFA Eligibility Questionnaire at: <https://wsac.wa.gov/WASFAelig>

- **FAFSA:** Apply online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - Recommended for United States citizen or eligible non-citizen (for more info visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens>)
- **WASFA:** Apply online at: <https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa>
 - Recommended for those unable or unwilling to complete FAFSA

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 meet Ability to Benefit Requirements

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:** Washington College 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 <https://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: <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid>
Email: FinancialAid.North@SeattleColleges.edu

II. 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.

- **Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarships** - North Seattle College offers scholarships through the Seattle College Foundation. Please visit <https://foundation.seattlecolleges.edu/>
- **Local Assistance/Scholarships** are available through various agencies including, Goodwin Connections, Assistance League of Seattle, and WA Women in Need. Each organization sets their individual criteria for eligibility and have varying deadlines throughout the year. Some scholarships that may be of particular interest to NSC students are online at www.northseattle.edu/scholarships.
- **Scholarship Search Websites:**
 - Outside online searches are also effective using search engines such as www.theWashBoard.org.

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III. **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— 2nd Floor CC Building – Tel: 206-934-7309 - Website: <https://northseattle.edu/office-veterans-services>

IV. **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, and Opportunity Grant Program.

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

V. **Emergency Assistance and Success Funding**

Emergency financial grants are available to enrolled students who have experienced an unforeseen financial expense that may prevent students from continuing in their program at North Seattle College. Emergency and Success funds are intended as one-time help to provide temporary, partial relief while students connect with long term support resources.

Please visit the Emergency Assistance website at <https://northseattle.edu/emergency-assistance-students> for a list of eligibility criteria and other resources for students to explore.

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VI. **Completion Grant**

North's Completion Grant provides one-time financial support to students close to completing a certificate or degree who are experiencing an enrollment-threatening financial situation. Funds may be awarded for academic related expenses such as tuition, fees, books, academic supplies, transcript fees or reverse transfer, and personal expenses on a case-by-case basis.

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VII. **Nelnet Automatic Payment Plan**

Don't have money to pay your tuition all at once? A Nelnet payment plan can help. Start budgeting for your education today with Nelnet. The sooner you start, the lower your monthly payments will be.

Go to www.northseattle.edu/tuition-fees/deferred-tuition-payment-system for more information on payment methods, costs, enrollment steps, and enrollment deadline.

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