

# Opportunity Grant

## At North Seattle College

Opportunity Grant is a state-funded program offering financial support to low-income, Washington residents pursuing their first certificate or degree. The goal of the program is to help low-income students reach the educational tipping point of 45 credits and a credential, which increases their chance of earning a family living wage. Opportunity Grant is offered at all 34 community and technical colleges in Washington and programs covered vary by college.

### Eligibility Requirements (must meet all of the following):

- Washington State resident (lived in WA for past 12 months)
- No previous college degree (AA or higher)
- Demonstrated satisfactory academic progress (2.0 or higher)
- Studying one of these programs:
  - **Accounting**
  - **Allied Health AAS**
  - **Business**—General Business AAS/AAS-T only
  - **Early Childhood Education (ECE)**
  - **Electronics**
  - **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**
  - **IBEST** (Programs include Accounting, ECE, Electronics, IT, Pharmacy Technician)
    - *I-BEST stands for Integrated Basic Education Skills & Training. IBEST programs offer three additional hours of classroom support and are team-taught with two instructors. Students in basic education and English Second language are eligible to apply for I-BEST.*
  - **Information Technology (IT)**
  - **Nursing Pre-requisites**
  - **Pharmacy Technician**
- Have financial need based on the FAFSA or WASFA; must apply before second quarter in OG,
- Family income below 200% of federal poverty level (verified by tax return, pay stubs, award letter, etc.)

Size of family	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Size of family	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$2,608	\$31,300	4	\$5,358	\$64,300
2	\$3,525	\$42,300	5	\$6,275	\$75,300
3	\$4,441	\$53,300	6	\$7,191	\$86,300

\*add \$917 monthly income for each additional person

**Benefits:**

- 45 credits of tuition assistance
  - Students receiving financial aid receive reimbursement for their tuition and can use their financial aid for other educational and living expenses.
  - Opportunity Grant benefits must be used by the student within three (3) years.
- Up to \$1,000 annually in book assistance
  - Opportunity Grant provides pro-rated book funds for students each quarter based on their enrollment. Book funds are also given to students who receive financial aid funding.
- Opportunity Grant has a dedicated specialist to help students succeed. The Specialist helps students navigate college, find additional funding, connect to community resources and get job search support.

**How To Apply**

Go to the Workforce Education application page online:

[https://seattlecolleges.formstack.com/forms/wfe\\_app](https://seattlecolleges.formstack.com/forms/wfe_app)

If you have further questions, contact the Workforce Education office at **206-934-3787** or [nworkforce@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:nworkforce@seattlecolleges.edu).