

SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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FINANCIAL AID GUIDE

Fall 2008 through Summer 2009 • (206) 764-5317

Eligibility Requirements

To receive financial aid students must meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Be a United States citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- ◆ Be working toward an eligible degree or certificate
- ◆ Be making satisfactory academic progress
- ◆ Have a high school diploma, GED or pass a designated test
- ◆ Be registered with Selective Service (Male students 18 and over)
- ◆ Submit an application and have financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office
- ◆ Not owe a repayment on a grant or be in default on a federal educational loan.

The Financial Aid Office and students must follow regulations set by the Federal and Washington State governments. The college also follows strict guidelines in awarding financial aid. Aid will not be awarded until all required forms are **accurately completed and received**. Eight weeks after submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you may check the status of your application. Any conflicting information on your application must be clarified before aid will be awarded. **Applying for aid usually takes two to three months to complete and in some cases it may take longer. Please plan ahead.**

Steps To Complete Financial Aid Process

1. Complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**South Seattle's Title IV
Code is 009706**

You may complete the application in the paper format, or you can apply electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is recommended that you wait to complete the FAFSA until you and your parents (if required) have filed your 2007 federal income tax return. You should keep a copy of the FAFSA and all documents used to complete the FAFSA.

All questions must be completed unless you are instructed to skip a question. Corrections will prolong the reviewing of your file, therefore be accurate when completing the form. Mail your completed application in the envelope provided. If applying electronically, your application must be signed using your PIN or the signature sheet must be mailed to the processor. You can request a PIN by logging on to www.pin.ed.gov.

You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) consisting of 4 orange sheets in about 8 weeks if you applied by mail, or you will receive an Electronic Student Aid Report (ESAR) if you applied electronically. Review the entire SAR/ESAR for accuracy. If corrections are required, bring the changes to the Financial Aid Office for assistance.

2. Complete the **Financial Aid Data Sheet** and return it to the Financial Aid Office. The Data Sheet is available in the Financial Aid Office or at www.southseattle.edu.
3. If the SAR/ESAR indicates that you have been selected for verification you must request and complete a **Verification Worksheet**, attach the required (signed) documents and submit them to the Financial Aid Office.

Submit an official transcript evaluation to the Financial Aid Office. An **official transcript evaluation** is required for all colleges previously attended

including foreign schools. You must request **official copies** of all previous college transcripts to be sent directly to yourself, bring the transcripts in the original sealed envelope to the Financial Aid Office, and complete an *Incoming Academic Transcript Evaluation Request* form.

It is the student's responsibility to turn in a copy of the official credit evaluation to the Financial Aid Office.

Awarding Cycle Dates

Completed applications are evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis in the awarding cycles listed below. Students who complete the application process by the awarding cycle date are assured notification of financial aid eligibility before the first day of class. To meet these deadlines you must mail in or submit electronically an accurate FAFSA to the processor at least 6 weeks before the deadline. Also, all additional required documents must be completed accurately, signed and submitted to our office by the deadline date. Applications completed after the awarding cycle dates will be reviewed as time permits.

Fall Quarter	July 31, 2008
Winter Quarter	November 7, 2008
Spring Quarter	January 15, 2009
Summer Quarter	February 27, 2009

If you are currently receiving aid and wish to receive summer funds contact the financial aid office.

To be considered for maximum funding in the 2008-2009 award year, you must accurately complete your financial aid file by **April 14, 2008**.

Late applicants must plan to pay for tuition, fees, and books from their own funds. A financial aid check for late applicants will be issued to **eligible** students when eligibility is determined.

Cost of attendance

The following student budgets are **estimated expenses** for a nine-month award year, or three (3) quarters. Documented costs related to students with special needs may be submitted for consideration and budget adjustment. These adjustments may or may not increase a financial aid award. Funding for these costs are limited.

	<u>Living with Parents</u>	<u>Living in an apartment</u>
Tuition and fees estimate	\$2,884	\$2,884
Books and Supplies	924	924
Room and Board	2598	8052
Transportation	1254	1098
Personal Expenses	1590	1941
Totals	\$9250	\$14899

Document Copies

The Financial Aid Office **cannot** make photocopies for you. Bring copies of required or requested documents that can be retained by the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid Programs

Your completed application will be reviewed for the following financial aid programs offered through South Seattle Community College.

Federal Programs: Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Federal Work Study (FWS), Federal Community Service Learning (FCSL).

State Programs: State Need Grant (SNG), State Work Study (SWS).

College Programs: South Seattle Community College Grant (SSCCG), Tuition Waiver (TW).

Family Contribution

Congress mandates the process used to determine how much the student and his or her family can contribute toward the student's costs. Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is determined by the information reported on the FAFSA.

We use the following formula to determine your eligibility: Cost of Attendance – EFC = Financial Aid need.

Enrollment Status

All students are awarded based on full-time enrollment. If you enroll for less than full-time, you must notify the Financial Aid Office prior to the start of the quarter.

Your aid will be adjusted according to your enrollment level on the census date (the fifth day of the quarter) based on the enrollment status requirements below:

Full time	12+ cr. hrs.
Three quarter time	9-11 cr. hrs.
Half time	6-8 cr. hrs.
Less than half time	1-5 cr. hrs.

Notification of Award

When an award is made, students are mailed a Financial Aid Notification, which indicates the financial aid program(s) awarded and the amount of the award by quarter. Students should read this notification as well as the Conditions of Award. A signed copy is not required. Students determined ineligible will be notified in writing.

Transfer Students

An official credit evaluation is required for all colleges previously attended. It is the student's responsibility to submit the official evaluation to the Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid is not transferable from one college to the next. You must contact the school you are transferring to and inquire about their application process.

Remedial Courses Requirement

Only forty-five (45) credits are allowed for remedial courses necessary to enter classes in the student's program of study.

Students must be enrolled in an eligible Financial Aid program leading to a degree or certificate at South Seattle Community College. See the Financial Aid Office for a list of eligible programs.

Return of Title IV Aid

Financial Aid recipients who withdraw from school or stop attending classes may be required to repay all or part of the financial aid they received. Recipients may also be required to pay back, to the college, all or a portion of tuition charges.

Students who attend more than 60 percent of the quarter are considered to have earned 100 percent of the federal or state aid received.

Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information on Return of Title IV funds.

Withdrawal after the following dates will not require a repayment:

Summer Qtr 2008	July 25, 2008
Fall Qtr 2008	Nov 9, 2008
Winter Qtr 2009	Feb 22, 2009
Spring Qtr 2009	May 21, 2009

All financial aid applications will be considered without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability.

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