

## Opportunity Grant<sub>Scholarship</sub> (OG) 2022-23

The goal of the Opportunity Grant scholarship (OG) program (RCW 28B.50.271) is to recruit, retain, progress and graduate students from under-represented communities into high-wage, high-demand jobs. The scholarship offers up to 45 quarter credits in tuition and fees plus \$1,000 for supplies, books or tools. Eligible **professional-technical** programs at SSC are:

Allied Health
Automotive Technology
Aviation Maintenance Technology
CNC Machining (I-BEST)
Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology
I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education Skills Training)
Welding Fabrication Technology
Wine Making
Wine Marketing and Sales

## Student eligibility: (RCW 28B.50.272)

- Washington resident as defined by RCW 28B.15.012.
- Enrolled in an Opportunity Grant Scholarship-eligible program of study (see above program list).
- Financial need based on a submitted FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Apply on-line at <u>studentaid.gov</u>. (SSC School Code: **009706**)

- Or, financial need based on a submitted WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid).
   Apply on-line at <a href="https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa">https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa</a>
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   Cannot receive OG scholarship for more than 45 credits or more than 3 years from initial receipt of OG funds.
- Maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or higher with satisfactory academic progress.
- Family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (see income limits below.)
- Student has not earned a previous Associate or higher degree.
- Verification of income eligibility. See chart below:

Maximum Income
\$27,180
\$36,620
\$46,060
\$55,500
\$64,940
\$74,380
\$83,820
\$93,260

For each additional person in the household, add \$9,440.

Source: Federal Register, https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines

 $\underline{https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/4b515876c4674466423975826ac57583/Guidelines-2022.pdf$ 

## To apply:

- 1. Submit a completed Opportunity Grant Scholarship application
- 2. Attach requested documentation:
  - i. Income verification 2021 signed income tax return or transcript;
  - ii. Or, if not required to file, submit the Certificate of Non-Tax Filing Status
  - iii. Copy of valid, unexpired Washington State Driver's license or state-issued ID.
- 3. Apply for 2022-23 **FAFSA**, Free Application for Federal Student Aid @ www.fafsa.ed.gov (SSCC School Code: **009706**)
- 4. Or, if eligible, apply for 2022-23 **WASFA**, Washington Application for Student Financial Aid. @ https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa
- 5. Submit all other documents required for financial aid review to SSC Financial Aid Office. Denial for financial aid is not an automatic denial for Opportunity Grant
- 6. Submit Opportunity Grant Scholarship (OG) application to:

Mail: Financial Aid Office South Seattle College 6000 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98106

or

Email: FinancialSouth@seattlecolleges.edu

or

Fax: (206) 934-7947

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