Student Financial Services Newsletter Fall Quarter 2026

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This message is being sent to students, their designated proxies and the faculty & staff of Seattle University.

Welcome to the SFS Quarterly Newsletter! Here you will find the important financial aid and student account related information to equip you with the knowledge and tools you need for smooth sailing throughout your time at Seattle University.

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Fall Quarter Important Dates

Financial Aid Disbursement Date: September 14th (Monday)

Tuition Due Date: September 20th (Sunday)

Classes begin: September 23rd (Wednesday)

Credit Balance Refund Processing begins: September 23rd (Wednesday)

Last Day to Add/Drop: October 1st (Thursday)

Last Day to Withdraw to Receive 100% Refund: October 1st (Thursday)

Last Day to Withdraw to Receive 75% Refund: October 6th (Tuesday)

Last Day to Withdraw to Receive 50% Refund: October 13th (Tuesday)

Last Day to Submit Int'l Health Insurance Waiver: October 6th (Tuesday)

2027-28 FAFSA Opens: October 1st (Wednesday)

Late Fee Period Begins: October 24th (Saturday)

Survey SWAG Winners

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GO REDHAWKS
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SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to Oakley Walley, Nathaniel Ford, Richard Chung, Kristina Loutsis, and Stacy Barnes for being winners of SU SWAG! Thank you so much for helping SFS gather data about books, supplies, and equipment expenses for the 25-26 academic year. We appreciate your feedback! If you haven't picked up your prize, please stop by or call us!

The Move to Semesters

Beginning Summer 2027, the start of the 2027-2028 academic year, Seattle University schools and colleges that currently use the quarter system will move to a semester-based academic calendar. Please refer to SU Moves to Semesters for more detailed information.

Third-Party Access

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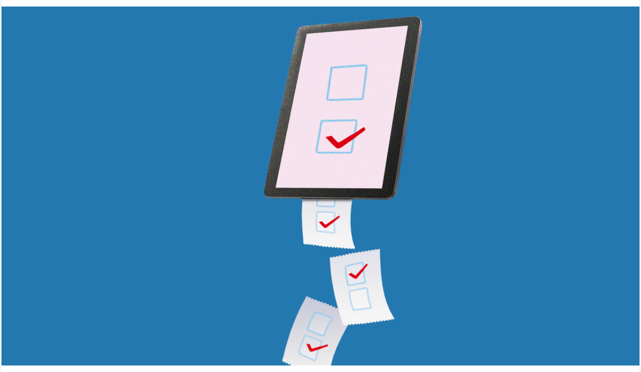
Federal regulations (FERPA) guarantee a student's right to privacy when it comes to his or her educational records, which includes academic and financial components. Students at Seattle University can choose to allow third-party access to portions of their record.

There are **two types of necessary access** that students may give to family members or supporters for them to have the ability to speak to SFS about the student's account and to see financial information online. Please set your supporters up with BOTH!

- **Proxy Authorization** provides viewing access to the student's financial aid offer letters and allows for SFS to answer questions about financial aid or the student account.
- **Authorized User** provides login access to the Student Account Center where billing statements and tax information can be viewed, online payments can be made, and payment plans can be set up.

Family members and supporters who have been authorized will need to provide the student's SU ID number when contacting Student Financial Services via telephone or email.

Navigating the Financial Aid Portal



Access the Financial Aid Portal through mySeattleU to manage financial aid efficiently.

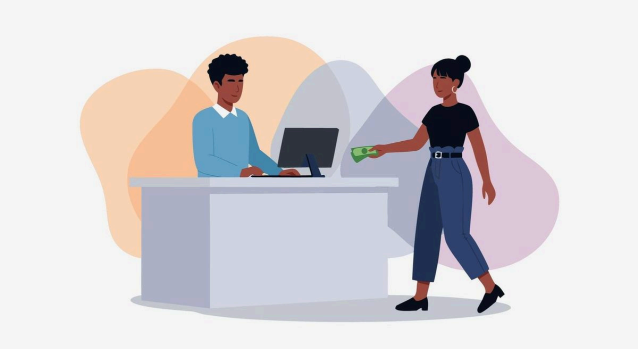
Why it matters: Students can view their financial aid offer letters, complete necessary checklist items required for the disbursement of financial aid as well as decline/adjust federal loans.

- The portal allows you to adjust amounts or decline federal loans. Look for the checklist item labeled "Review Awards". It will already be marked as "Completed" but students can still make changes.
- Checklist items will include loan entrance counseling and signing a master promissory note (required for loan disbursement). Only complete these items if you wish to accept the loans.
- FAFSA's can be selected for Verification. If selected it will be noted in your FAFSA Submission Summary and SU will be notified. If your FAFSA is selected required items will be added to your checklist.

Details: Students must complete verification documents, citizenship certifications, and WA State Directive Forms.

- Delays in submitting checklist items can create delays with your financial aid. Please be sure to review your items and respond to any SFS emails requesting clarification.

Paying Your Bill



SU has several options for students to make payments both in person, online, and through mail.

- Through the Student Account Center students can pay using electronic check (no fee), credit/debit (additional 2.95% fee applies) including an option for international students to use TransferMate.
- Check payments (including 529 payments) can be mailed directly to Student Financial Services.
- The Redhawk Service Center desk accepts payments in person via check, money order, or debit card (without a service fee). We do not accept cash.

Payment Plans

MONTHLY
PAYMENT

Seattle University offers interest-free payment plans that allow quarterly tuition payments to be spread over three installments during the quarter. Students and their authorized users can enroll in a payment plan online through the Student Account Center.

Payment Plan A - covers Fall, Winter & Spring with a $75 enrollment fee/year

Payment Plan B - covers a single quarter with a $40 enrollment fee/quarter

Read our Payment Plan Information Guide for important tips and info.

GradGuard Tuition Insurance

GradGuard™

Seattle University has partnered with GradGuard to offer tuition insurance to protect your investment. The coverage provides peace of mind by reimbursing the financial losses if a student withdraws at any time during the semester for a covered reason as advised by a licensed medical professional for the covered term. Some examples of covered reasons are serious injury or illness, chronic illness, mental health conditions, death of a tuition payer, loss of employment of a tuition payer (only available on GradGuard's Active Choice plan), etc.

Students and/or authorized users can read more about GradGuard's insurance offer on their website and can opt-in to purchase a policy prior to the 1st day of class for each term. The default coverage amount is $15,000 per term and can be adjusted to fit your needs. We recommend purchasing a policy through the prompt in the Student Account Center for a discounted rate.

Who is my SFS Counselor?

Our SFS Counselors each have an assigned alpha section by student last name. SFS Counselors are available to help students navigate and resolve the more complex issues that arise in regard to financial aid such as Satisfactory Academic Progress issues, Special Circumstance Appeals,

General inquiries can always be directed to our SFS Inbox (financialservices@seattleu.edu)

Students can request a virtual appointment or drop-in the SFS office any time between 10am-3pm Monday-Friday to meet with a counselor. Find your assigned SFS counselor below.

Students with Veteran Benefits should email VA@seattleu.edu

Student Athletes regardless of last name, are assigned to Gabby Santos

A-C - Becca Bello

D-G - Angela Wuttig

H-J - Gabby Santos

K-M - Aaron Skeens

N-R - Natalie Popowics

S-Z - John Wilkins

Federal Loan Proration

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OB3) signed into law last year requires adjustments to Federal Direct and Graduate PLUS student loans based on enrollment beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

SFS will be required to reduce loans for students enrolled at less than full-time status.

- This applies to all borrowers, whether they are undergraduate or graduate, even if you qualify for legacy provisions for loan limits and Grad PLUS eligibility.

- Undergraduate full-time enrollment is considered 12 or more credits per term and 36 credits per academic year.
- Graduate full-time enrollment is considered 6 or more credits per term and either 18 or 24 credits per academic year, depending upon if summer term is required for the program.
- These changes will apply to Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans and Graduate PLUS Loans.
- Parent PLUS loans will be exempt.

We encourage you to contact SFS to discuss how your less than full-time enrollment might require a reduction in your Federal Loans.

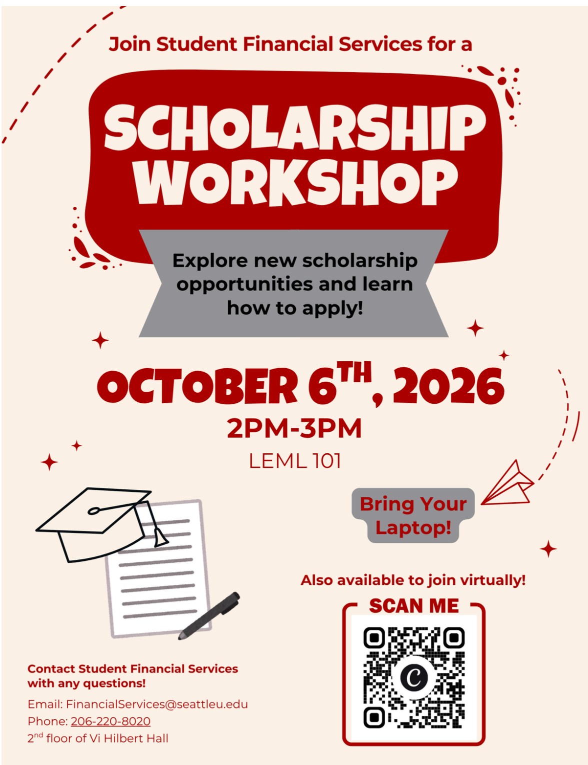
Student Employment & Work-Study

Financing educational expenses is an important benefit of student employment. However, it's more than just a paycheck.

- Student Employment is a high-impact, experiential learning program that is an integral part of your Seattle University experience. Jobs are intentionally designed to provide you with skills and competencies that translate to a variety of career paths and help you apply classroom learning.
- Work-Study is a need-based financial aid program that encourages students to work on campus or with approved off-campus employers to earn money for their educational expenses.

Participating in on campus student employment/work-study, as opposed to working in any job off campus, means that your role as a student comes first. Jobs are flexible around your schedule, convenient to where you live and study, and easily accessible. Find off-campus opportunities on Handshake and on-campus positions will be advertised through Workday.

Upcoming Workshops!



Join Student Financial Services for a

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Explore new scholarship opportunities and learn how to apply!

OCTOBER 6TH, 2026

2PM-3PM

LEML 101

Bring Your Laptop!

Also available to join virtually!

SCAN ME

Contact Student Financial Services with any questions!

Email: FinancialServices@seattleu.edu
Phone: 206-220-8020
2nd floor of Vi Hilbert Hall

Looking for ways to help pay for college? Join Student Financial Services on **October 6th, 2026 from 2pm-3pm in LEML 101** for a Scholarship Workshop. Explore new scholarship opportunities and learn how to find and apply for scholarships that may be a good fit for you. **Bring your laptop!** A virtual option is also available, scan the QR code to join the zoom.

Student Financial Services

LOAN LITERACY WORKSHOP

Learn how to navigate loans with confidence!

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Fall Quarter Scholarship Spotlights!

SCHOLARSHIP

Check out these open scholarship opportunities with deadlines through the end of Fall quarter:

Paul Tarell Eagle Scout Scholarship - Due September 25th, 2026

The Trajan Wealth Financial Literacy Scholarship - Due October 15th, 2026

Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans (Graduate students only) - Due October 29th, 2026

K. Anders Ericsson Dissertation Research Grant (Graduate students only) - Due October 30th, 2026

Yaa Asantewaa Scholarship (Graduate students only) - Due November 17th, 2026

BCK Scholarship - Due December 1st, 2026

John Ramirez Jr. First Generation Scholarship - Due December 15th, 2026

Dr. Shuqiao Yao Memorial Scholarship (Graduate students only) - Due December 19th, 2026

LoveNspire Arts & Crafts Scholarship Program - Due December 31st, 2026

College JumpStart Love Of Learning Scholarship - Due December 31st, 2026

Science Buddy Scholarship - Due December 31st, 2026

The RevPart 2027 STEM Scholarship - Due December 31st, 2026

BECU Foundation - Opens on December 1st, 2026, Due on January 30th, 2027

Zenger House Scholarship - Due June 30th, 2027

ScholarshipUniverse

SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSE

Login with your SU credentials to ScholarshipUniverse to search and apply for both institutional and outside scholarships. Make sure to answer as many questions as possible in your ScholarshipUniverse profile. This will narrow down the search results so that the scholarships you are shown are ones that you will qualify for based on your profile. Please make sure that you have a current FAFSA or WASFA on file at Seattle University. The university uses these documents to determine financial need and therefore you will not qualify for need-based scholarships unless we have a current FAFSA or WASFA on file. If you are ineligible for the FAFSA or WASFA you will be considered for merit-based scholarships, but not for need-based scholarships.

New SFS Team Member

Meet Jaskern!

Jaskern joined the SFS team in August 2026 as a Redhawk Counselor. Before joining SFS, she spent 3.5 years working in the School of Law's Financial Aid office at SU, where she discovered how much she enjoyed guiding students through complex processes and being part of their professional growth. She joined SFS to broaden her skillset and work with undergraduate students, and one of her favorite parts of the job so far has been the people. Everyone on the team works incredibly hard for students, and she enjoys seeing how all the different pieces of financial aid come together to support them.

One piece of financial advice she always shares with students is to keep track of your spending, since budgeting is much more helpful than you might think! As an SU alum, she also wishes she had known more about the many services and resources available on campus. While she was focused on her studies, she also experienced a couple of hardships, and she believes she would have felt more confident knowing there were people on campus who cared about her wellbeing and were there to support her. There are truly so many people here who want to see students succeed.

Outside of work, a fun fact about her is that she loves going to concerts! She listens to a variety of music, but her go-to is surf/garage rock. This summer, she's also been at that stage of life where all her friends are getting married, so her summer has been full of weddings!

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