

## Seattle University Gap Year Policy

Seattle University values the meaningful work, service, and travel opportunities which some students experience by taking a “gap year,” the year between high school graduation and college matriculation. Admitted first-year students may request to postpone their enrollment from one fall quarter to the next fall quarter by formally notifying Undergraduate Admissions in writing by the May 1 confirmation deposit deadline. To secure their place in the class and academic program upon approval by Undergraduate Admissions, students must submit a non-refundable \$500 deposit and a completed Gap Year Agreement form. Students will be sent the Gap Year Agreement form to complete after their initial request has been received. All Gap Year Agreement Forms need to be received by August 1. In addition, students must submit an official final high school transcript, with graduation date posted, by August 1 following their high school graduation.

Students who have received a Seattle University Achievement Scholarship will receive the same amount they were awarded in their initial term of entry. Scholarship programs, including but not limited to the Sullivan Leadership Award, Alfie Scholarships, and Sperry Goodman Scholarship, may not be deferred. All need-based financial aid awards (SU Need Grant, Costco Scholarship, Federal and State Aid) are only available in the academic year to which you initially applied and may not be deferred. However, students may be reconsidered for these need-based awards, provided that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is filed each year. Students applying for need based financial assistance must file the FAFSA by February 1 of the calendar year they intend to enroll in and must complete new applications for any scholarships that require a separate application. Candidates can expect receipt of their financial aid awards in late March of the year of intended fall enrollment.

Students who have been admitted to the University Honors program may also postpone their enrollment to the Honors program to their new term of enrollment; if a student has received an Honors scholarship, that scholarship will be moved to student’s new start term.

Generally, students who are approved for a gap year may not attend another collegiate institution during the time of postponement. Should the student choose to enroll in college-level coursework after high school graduation, the postponement will be voided and the student will need to reapply for admission and will be reconsidered for all financial aid opportunities. Seattle University recognizes that there may be opportunities for meaningful experiences during a gap year where college-level credit is earned. Those opportunities can be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved at the time a gap year is requested.

Students interested in requesting a gap year should contact their [admissions counselor](#) or [admissions@seattleu.edu](mailto:admissions@seattleu.edu). Final high school transcripts must be submitted to [admissions@seattleu.edu](mailto:admissions@seattleu.edu) or mailed to:

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