ONSIGHT FAQs

How much is the scholarship?
The scholarship is for up to $2,000 each quarter, for a maximum of six quarters (up to $12,000 total). The average quarterly award over the last three years has been $1,862.

How is the amount of the scholarship determined?
The financial aid office determines your total unmet financial need. This is calculated by finding the cost of tuition, book, fees, etc., and then subtracting any aid received (e.g., Pell grants). Most students qualify for the full scholarship.

What if I have questions about scholarship funds?
At South Seattle CC:
For questions about the disbursement of your award
  • Molly Tuttle (Financial Aid): (206) 934-6761  molly.tuttle@seattlecolleges.edu
For general scholarship questions
  • Jake Ashcraft: (206) 934-6480  jacob.ashcraft@seattlecolleges.edu

How do I get the funds, and when are they disbursed?
The funds are disbursed to you within the first two weeks of the quarter, after financial aid has verified that you are enrolled as a full-time student.

How do I register and pay for classes early, if I don't have the scholarship funds?
Normally, you have to pay for your classes very soon after you register. However, as ONSIGHT scholars you have a special hold on your registration that delays the due date for tuition until after the quarter starts. You can thus register for classes but then pay for them later in the quarter, when you receive your scholarship funds.

What if there is money left over after I pay for books, tuition, fees, and other school expenses?
You are free to use any remaining funds however you wish. Ideally, you will work less to focus more fully on your studies.

How do I renew the scholarship from quarter to quarter?
The scholarship renews automatically the first three quarters, as long as you continue to meet the eligibility criteria, i.e., you must enroll full-time each quarter, remain a member in good standing of RST, meet with your RST faculty mentor twice a quarter, design and work toward an academic success plan and a STEM major, and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

How do I renew the scholarship for the second three quarters?
At the end of the first year of funding, you must submit a new FAFSA, update your contact information, provide us with updated transcripts, and turn in the renewal form. More information on these responsibilities is available during the ONSIGHT orientation each year.

What responsibilities do I have as an ONSIGHT scholar?
At a bare minimum, your scholarship will renew quarter to quarter as long as you maintain a 3.0 GPA, meet twice quarterly with your RST mentor, and design and work toward an academic success plan. However, as ONSIGHT scholars, you are the stars of the Ready Set Transfer academy. You have the opportunity to develop as leaders in your cohort, offering peer mentoring and tutoring where available and taking advantage of speaker events and other RST activities. You are also expected to keep in contact with the ONSIGHT coordinator and attend a once-yearly luncheon. Finally, you have the opportunity to complete a capstone project at the end of the first year of funding.
What counts as a capstone project? When do I have to finish mine?

There are three main kinds of capstone projects: research projects, service-learning projects, and student leadership projects. These optional opportunities to improve your transfer application are due at or shortly after the first year of scholarship funding.

- **Research Capstones** are undergraduate research projects completed over one or two quarters. One way to get started on a research project is to enroll in UGR 214, Introduction to Scientific Research. If, after designing a research project in UGR 214, you find a faculty mentor to work with, you and the mentor can qualify for $500 stipends each, as well as a $200 materials budget.

- **Service Learning Capstones** integrate scientific or other academic content with a meaningful volunteer experience. A good way to do service-learning is to enroll in a service-learning course at South Seattle, preferably in the sciences.

- **Student Leadership Capstones** improve conditions in the college or classroom in some way, and are typically designed by the student with a faculty member over the course of a quarter.

How are the ONSIGHT requirements different in summer quarter?

If you enroll full-time in the summer, you will qualify for summer funding. Because faculty mentors are often unavailable in the summer, however, you do not need to meet with your faculty mentor over the summer, or complete an academic service plan. The minimum GPA requirement is still enforced.

Is full-time in summer quarter only 10 hours?

No, full-time is always considered to be 12 credit hours.