

How Your Seattle Promise Scholarship Works

Seattle Promise provides for up to two years, 90 college credits or a student's first degree—whichever comes first—of free tuition at North Seattle College, Seattle Central College, or South Seattle College. Federal, state, city, and private dollars are applied to fund your tuition costs and provide wraparound support to ensure you have what you need to succeed in college.

SEATTLE PROMISE FUNDING

1	Federal and State Financial Aid	<i>First:</i> All federal, state, and institutional grants and scholarships a student is eligible for are applied
2	Other Tuition-Specific Scholarships and Funding	<i>Second:</i> Other tuition scholarships and non-loan funding a student is eligible for are applied
3	Promise Tuition	<i>Third:</i> Remaining tuition-specific balance is paid
4	Equity Scholarship	<i>Fourth (for those with economic need):</i> Funding for books, supplies, transportation, and other college-related costs
Total	Total Financial Aid Package	All funds available to a student

Financial Aid + Other Tuition-Specific Scholarships & Funding + Promise Tuition* + Equity Scholarship* = Total Financial Aid Package

* The Seattle Promise Tuition scholarship and the Seattle Promise Equity scholarship are funded by the FEPP levy passed in November 2018 and renewed in November 2025 by Seattle citizens. Private dollars from the Seattle Colleges Foundation support additional needs.

Funding for College

Your total financial aid package is determined by first applying the financial aid you are eligible for, then any other tuition-related scholarships and funding you may receive are applied. Next the remaining tuition balance is funded by Seattle Promise dollars, available through the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) levy. In addition to tuition funding, students with economic need may also receive an equity scholarship to aid with books, supplies, transportation, and other college-related costs.

This tiered approach helps your funding go the furthest and maximizes the number of students who can access college.

Support to Succeed

As part of the program, you also have access to wraparound support services—both academic and personal—to help you succeed. Supports include:

- **Individual guidance and mentoring:** Seattle Promise retention specialists guide you from high school through college graduation, offering assistance with financial aid and admissions applications, class selection, and registration.
- **Structured pathways and academic support:** As a Seattle Promise student, you have a dedicated support team to provide guidance and regular check-ins as you plan and achieve your academic and career goals.
- **Peer support:** You are also part of a class of Seattle Promise students. Together, you will share many of your first college experiences and often will take the same classes, building peer support and friendship from day one.