



The Fostering Scholars Scholarship Program at Seattle University provides generous financial aid, a supportive community, and a transformative college experience to students who have experienced foster care. Fostering Scholars promotes student success by providing financial assistance and a range of academic and personal supports towards the completion of an undergraduate degree at Seattle University.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

You are eligible to apply for the Fostering Scholars Program if you meet the following minimum eligibility criteria:

1. I am highly motivated to attend and succeed in college.
2. I am between 17-25 years old.
3. I am *currently* a dependent youth in state, tribal, or federal foster care **OR** I *aged-out* of state, tribal, or federal foster care.
4. I completed the FAFSA and I qualify for "Independent Student Status" under federal financial aid guidelines.
5. I am currently residing in Washington State.
6. I received an offer of admission to Seattle University as a freshman or a transfer student to begin Fall Quarter 2020 (or I am awaiting notification about my admission status for fall quarter).

Scholarship Award & Program Benefits

Scholarship amounts are awarded for *up to four years* and are determined based on individual financial aid eligibility and programs of study. Scholars receive:

- Full funding of tuition, books, and other education related expenses
- Waiver of all enrollment related fees
- Year-round on-campus housing and meal plan
- Student health insurance (if needed)
- Assistance finding on-campus employment opportunities
- Assistance with completing college entrance, financial aid, and scholarship forms
- Opportunities for professional and personal networking
- Individualized advising and college success coaching
- A supportive peer community

Post-Award Requirements

In order to maintain eligibility once awarded, scholars must demonstrate their ongoing commitment by:

- Maintaining an overall 2.0 GPA or higher and full-time status (typically at least 12 credits per quarter);
- Maintaining continuous enrollment at SU, not including summer quarter;
- Participating fully in the Fostering Scholars Program, including:
 1. Summer in Seattle Orientation **required for freshman only**
 2. Transfer Success Orientation **required for transfer students only**
 3. Fostering Scholars Program Orientation (September 2020) **required for all new scholars**
 4. All required program events, including monthly community meetings
 5. Regularly scheduled individual meetings with program staff
- Applying and maintaining eligibility for other scholarship funding if applicable;
- Being receptive to staff monitoring academic performance and university records;
- Abiding by all university standards for appropriate conduct and community behavior, including campus-housing policies.



2020 Application

If you have questions or would like assistance with your application, contact a member of our program staff at (206) 296-2260 or montoyac@seattleu.edu.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2020

Please note: scholarship interviews will be held the week of April 6, 2020

PERSONAL

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Phone _____ Is this your Cell or Home? _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address (if different than above) _____

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Seattle University Student ID Number (if you have one) _____

Have you been admitted to Seattle University? YES NO, I AM STILL WAITING FOR NOTIFICATION

If you answered NO, when did you submit your application? _____ (approximate date)

If awarded a Fostering Scholars Scholarship, will you choose to live in the campus housing provided by the scholarship?

YES NO

If not, please describe your housing plan:

EDUCATION

Are you applying to Seattle University as a FRESHMAN or TRANSFER STUDENT?

What is your intended major, if you have selected one? ("I don't know" is okay.) _____

What school do you currently attend? _____

If you are a Transfer Applicant, list any additional colleges/universities you attended:

How many *high schools* did you attend while in foster care? _____

If you are attending community college, do you expect to receive your Associates Degree (AA) before enrolling at SU?

YES NO If not, how many college credits do you expect to have when you begin Fall Quarter 2020? _____

FINANCIAL AID

Have you completed your FAFSA for the 2020-2021 academic school year? YES NO

Have you received a financial aid offer letter from Seattle University? YES NO

Please indicate all other scholarships to which you have applied or are planning to apply for at this time and if you have been notified of an award.

Casey/CJET	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
College Bound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
ETV	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
Governors' Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
Leadership 1000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
Passport to College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW
WA Opportunity Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Awarded?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW

Other(s):

FOSTER CARE EXPERIENCE

If not in Washington, in what state(s) were you in foster care? _____

At what age did you enter into foster care? _____

If you are no longer in foster care, at what age did you exit foster care? _____

How many foster home placements did you experience between ages 12 to 21? _____

Are you currently in Extended Foster Care? YES NO If NO, do you plan to enroll in EFC? YES NO

SHORT ANSWER ESSAYS

On a separate piece of paper, prepare responses to the following questions. Your essays are an important part of your application to the Fostering Scholars Program; **please give them thoughtful consideration.**

Each of your essays should be a *minimum* of 250 words.

1. Describe one of your short-term or long-term goals and how a college degree will contribute to achieving this goal.
2. Pick 2-3 of your personal qualities/strengths and describe how they will each contribute to your success in college. You may define success broadly, not only limited to academics.

FOR TRANSFER APPLICANTS ONLY:

- ✓ Please include a letter of recommendation from a counselor, teacher, or other adult familiar with your academic and personal qualifications.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I have reviewed the above information about the Fostering Scholars Scholarship Program and I agree to meet the eligibility and participation requirements described. I certify that all information I have provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Submit your application, along with supporting documents, by **March 20, 2020** in one of the following ways. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist for consideration.

Mail: (Postmarked by 3/20/20 deadline)
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