This holiday season treat yourself to the gift of scholarships! Scholarships are a type of financial aid that doesn't have to be paid back. There are thousands of opportunities out there to help fund your education!

This Winter is an important time to start applying for scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year as decisions are often made well ahead of the next award year. Almost all Scholarships will require you to put in some legwork. While this may be time consuming, it is worth it! If you spent an hour filling out the scholarship application and receive a $1500 scholarship, you just earned $1500 in an hour! The Office of Student Persistence does offer Scholarship Workshops. Check out their SU webpage for more information!

You can also login to ScholarshipUniverse for additional opportunities, and for other outside scholarship opportunities you can use search engines like FastWeb and ScholarshipOwl.

Remember-you SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY to apply for a scholarship.

The 1098-T, tuition statement, is a tax form used to help figure education credits for qualified tuition and related expenses paid during the tax year. Student Financial Services provides 1098-Ts for the previous calendar year on, or before, January 31st as a PDF in your mySeattleu>Student Account Center. Please scan the QR code below for more information or refer to the Federal Tax Benefits for Higher Education website.
Setting up a budget can lead to long-term financial success and can help you set long-term financial goals, keep you from overspending, help shut down risky spending habits, and more. Here are some helpful hints for setting up a budget:

- Develop a list of “Needs” and “Wants”.
- Use budgeting tools such as Excel or Google Sheets, find a budgeting app in the App Store (some require a subscription), or use another method like the “envelope method.”

Budgeting can take some time to get used to, but after a few months you can develop good spending habits and create financial success that will last beyond college.

**BUDGET FOR SUCCESS**

**MEET** Mia Stroutsos from Student Persistence!

The Office of Student Persistence is committed to advancing students’ academic success, financial well-being, and sense of belonging at Seattle U. SP works alongside students to navigate challenges and build self-advocacy skills with a focus on the student’s whole experience. Through collaborating with campus partners, we work to identify and remove institutional barriers to empower students to attain their educational goals, complete their degree, and maximize their personal and professional development. We believe persistence at Seattle University happens as a team and we hope students will feel welcome to connect with us before, during, and after their time at Seattle University. We can support students with: Academic Concerns, Scholarship Research, Financial Wellness, Resource Referrals, College Navigation, Connecting to Community & more. Scan the QR code below for more information about Student Persistence.

**APPLY NOW**

Apply for the 2024-25 FAFSA when it opens by December 31! Scan to visit studentaid.gov and watch for an email from FAFSA.

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