

Student Financial Services Newsletter

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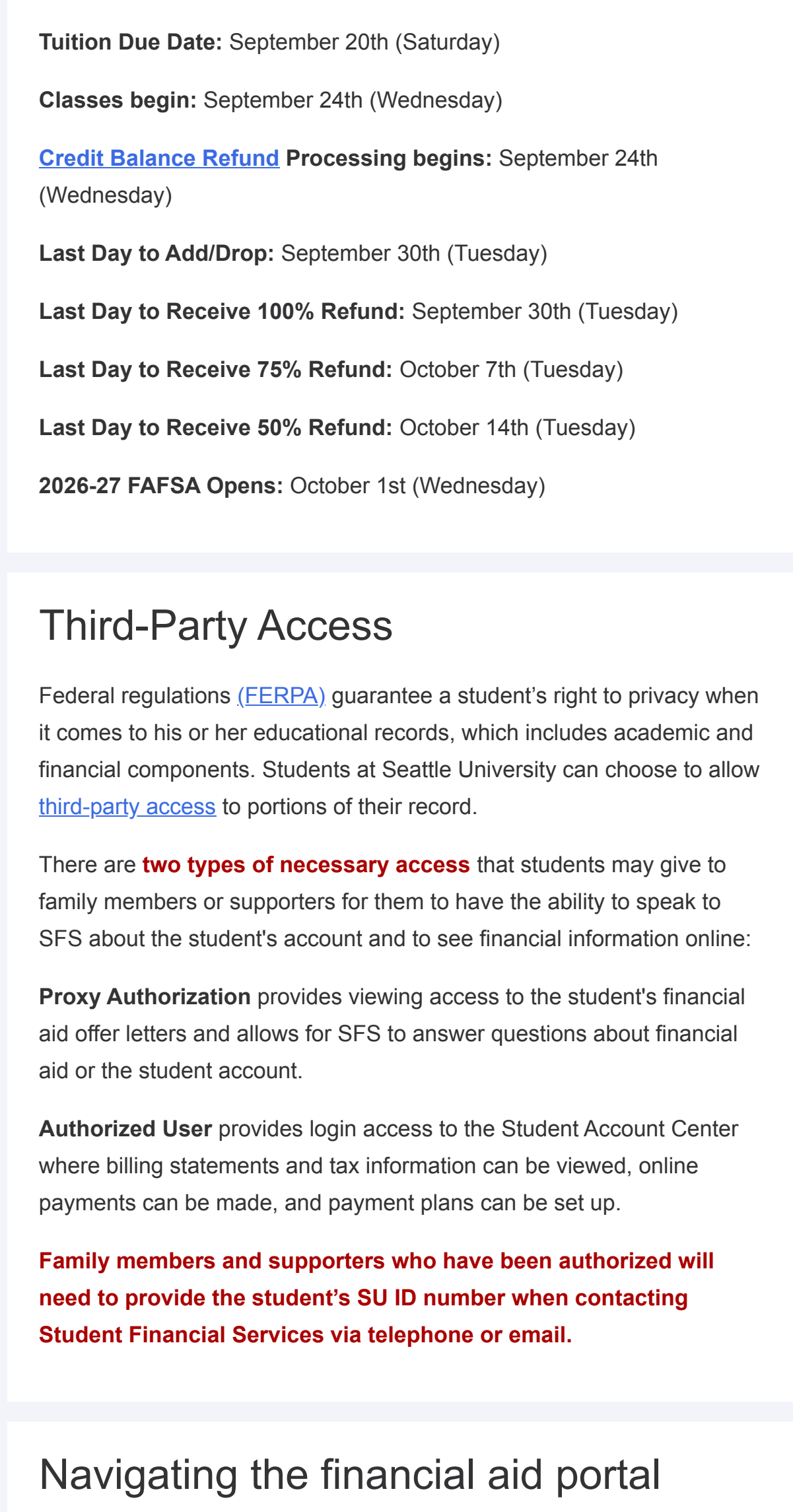
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Welcome to the SFS Quarterly Newsletter. Here you will find the important financial aid and student account related information to equip you with the knowledge and tools you need for smooth sailing throughout your time at Seattle University.

In this edition: Fall Quarter Important Dates, Third-party Access, Student Employment, Making Payments, GradGuard Tuition Insurance, SFS Counselor Alpha Groups, Loan Information, Scholarship Spotlight & Search Tips, and the 26-27 FAFSA announcement

Fall Quarter Important Dates



Financial Aid Disbursement Date: September 15th (Monday)

Tuition Due Date: September 20th (Saturday)

Classes begin: September 24th (Wednesday)

Credit Balance Refund Processing begins: September 24th (Wednesday)

Last Day to Add/Drop: September 30th (Tuesday)

Last Day to Receive 100% Refund: September 30th (Tuesday)

Last Day to Receive 75% Refund: October 7th (Tuesday)

Last Day to Receive 50% Refund: October 14th (Tuesday)

2026-27 FAFSA Opens: October 1st (Wednesday)

Third-Party Access

Federal regulations ([FERPA](#)) guarantee a student's right to privacy when it comes to his or her educational records, which includes academic and financial components. Students at Seattle University can choose to allow [third-party access](#) to portions of their record.

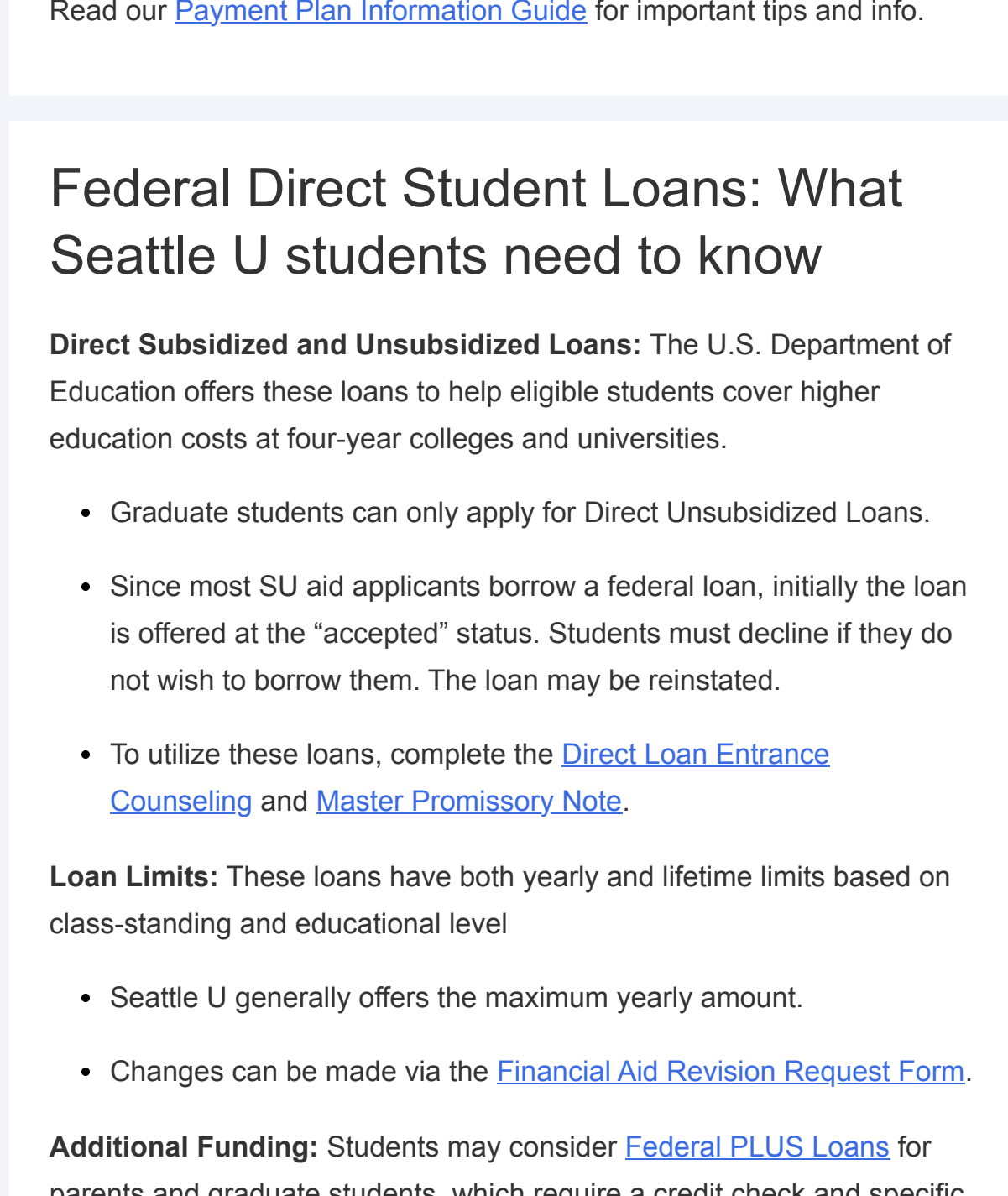
There are **two types of necessary access** that students may give to family members or supporters for them to have the ability to speak to SFS about the student's account and to see financial information online:

Proxy Authorization provides viewing access to the student's financial aid offer letters and allows for SFS to answer questions about financial aid or the student account.

Authorized User provides login access to the Student Account Center where billing statements and tax information can be viewed, online payments can be made, and payment plans can be set up.

Family members and supporters who have been authorized will need to provide the student's SU ID number when contacting Student Financial Services via telephone or email.

Navigating the financial aid portal



Access the Financial Aid Portal through [mySeattleU](#) to manage financial aid efficiently.

Why it matters: Students can view their financial aid offer letters, complete necessary checklist items required for the disbursement of financial aid as well as decline/adjust federal loans.

- The portal allows you to adjust amounts or decline federal loans. Look for the checklist item labeled "Review Awards"
- Checklist items will include loan entrance counseling and signing a master promissory note (required for loan disbursement). Only complete these items if you wish to accept the loans.
- FAFSA's can be selected for Verification. If selected it will be noted in your FAFSA Submission Summary and SU will be notified. If your FAFSA is selected required items will be added to your checklist.

Details: Students must complete verification documents, citizenship certifications, and WA State Directive Forms.

- Delays in submitting checklist items can create delays with your financial aid. Please be sure to review your items and respond to any SFS emails requesting clarification.

Paying Your Bill

SU has several options for students to [make payments](#) both in person, online, and through mail.

- Through the [Student Account Center](#) students can pay using electronic check (no fee), credit/debit (additional 2.95% fee applies) including an option for international students to use [TransferMate](#).
- Check payments (including 529 payments) can be mailed directly to [Student Financial Services](#)
- The [Redhawk Service Center](#) desk accepts payments in person via check, money order, or debit card (without a service fee).

GradGuard Tuition Insurance



Seattle University has partnered with [GradGuard](#) to offer tuition insurance to protect your investment. The coverage provides peace of mind by reimbursing the financial losses if a student withdraws at any time during the semester for a covered reason as advised by a licensed medical professional for the covered term. Some examples of covered reasons are serious injury or illness, chronic illness, mental health conditions, death of a tuition payer, loss of employment of a tuition payer (only available on GradGuard's Active Choice plan), etc.

Students and/or authorized users can read more about GradGuard's insurance offer on their website and can opt-in to purchase a policy prior to the 1st day of class for each term. The default coverage amount is \$15,000 per term and can be adjusted to fit your needs. We recommend purchasing a policy through the prompt in the Student Account Center for a discounted rate.

Payment Plans

Seattle University offers interest-free payment plans that allow quarterly tuition payments to be spread over three installments during the quarter. Students and their authorized users can enroll in a payment plan online through the Student Account Center.

[Payment Plan A](#) - covers Fall, Winter & Spring \$75 enrollment fee/year

[Payment Plan B](#) - covers a single quarter \$40 enrollment fee/quarter

Read our [Payment Plan Information Guide](#) for important tips and info.

Federal Direct Student Loans: What Seattle U students need to know

Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans: The U.S. Department of Education offers these loans to help eligible students cover higher education costs at four-year colleges and universities.

- Graduate students can only apply for Direct Unsubsidized Loans.
- Since most SU aid applicants borrow a federal loan, initially the loan is offered at the "accepted" status. Students must decline if they do not wish to borrow them. The loan may be reinstated.
- To utilize these loans, complete the [Direct Loan Entrance Counseling](#) and [Master Promissory Note](#).

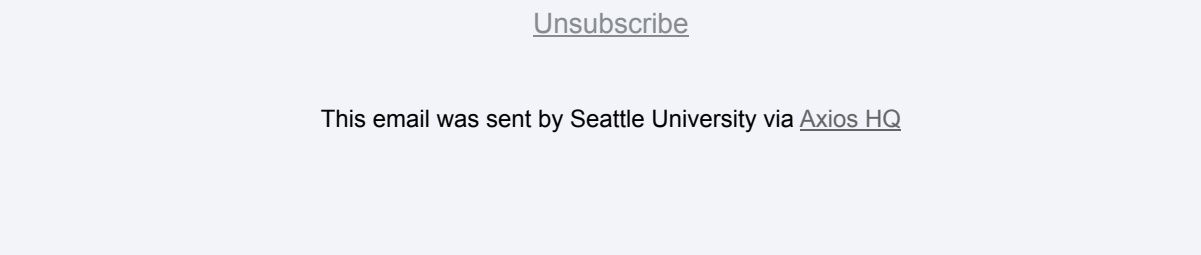
Loan Limits: These loans have both yearly and lifetime limits based on class-standing and educational level

- Seattle U generally offers the maximum yearly amount.

- Changes can be made via the [Financial Aid Revision Request Form](#).

Additional Funding: Students may consider [Federal PLUS Loans](#) for parents and graduate students, which require a credit check and specific criteria.

5% Federal Nursing Loans



Need-based Federal Nursing Student Loans are available for undergraduate nursing students who've completed two years of study.

Why it matters: These loans are subsidized with a fixed 5% interest rate, meaning no interest accrual until nine months after leaving school, benefiting students financially.

- Eligibility is determined by FAFSA information and funding availability.
- Seattle University acts as the lender, eliminating the need for a separate application.

Important deadline: Loan documents must be completed by the first day of classes, 09/24/2025.

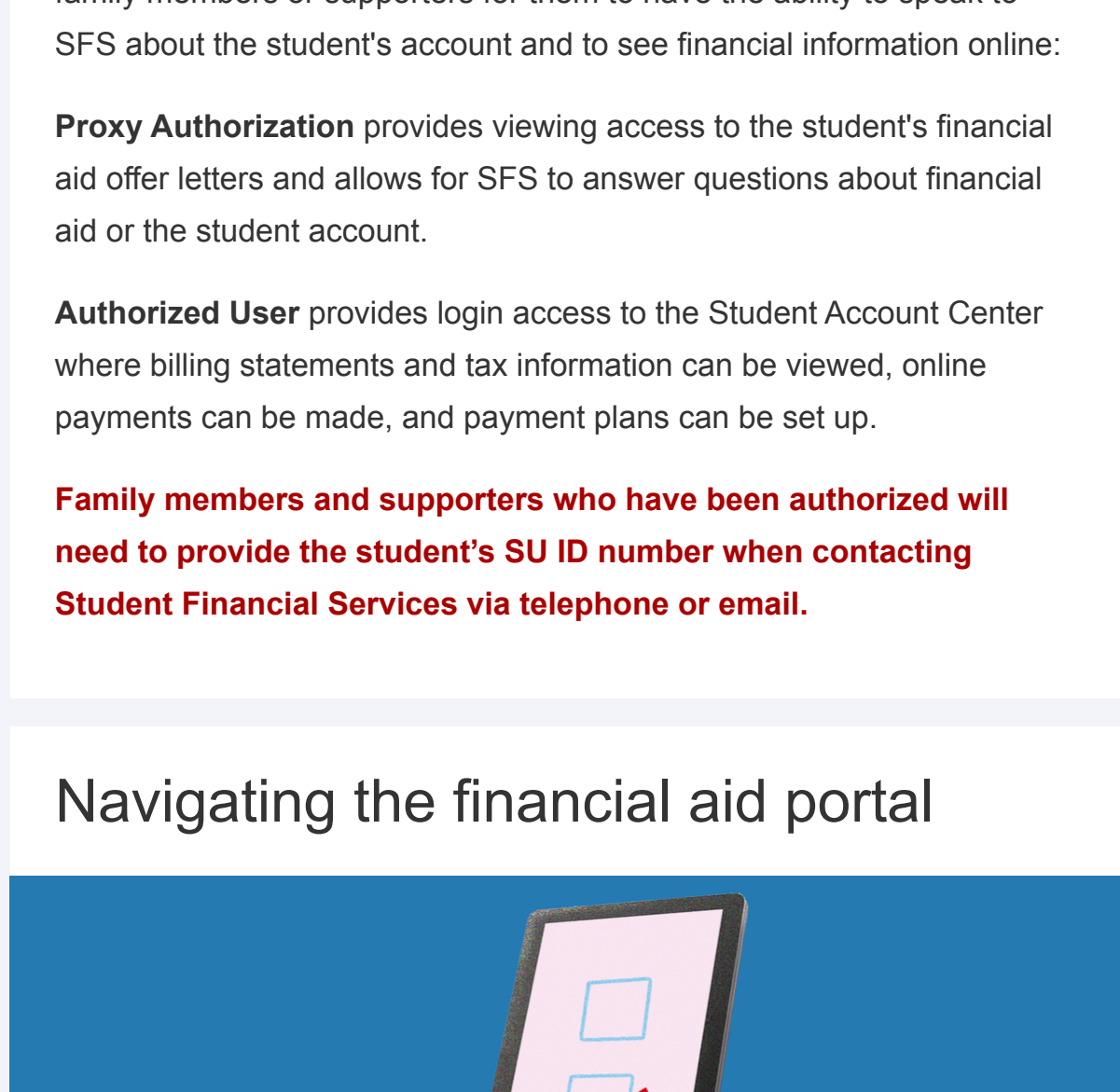
- Missing the deadline could result in withdrawal of the loan due to limited funding.

Action required: Check your SU email for an email with login details from Heartland ECSI to complete your documents. If you haven't received this email, contact our office to have them resent.

- **Don't forget to check your junk folder for this email as well! They have been known to end up there by accident.**

For more information: Visit [SU Federal Nursing Loans](#) for further details.

Scholarship Tips



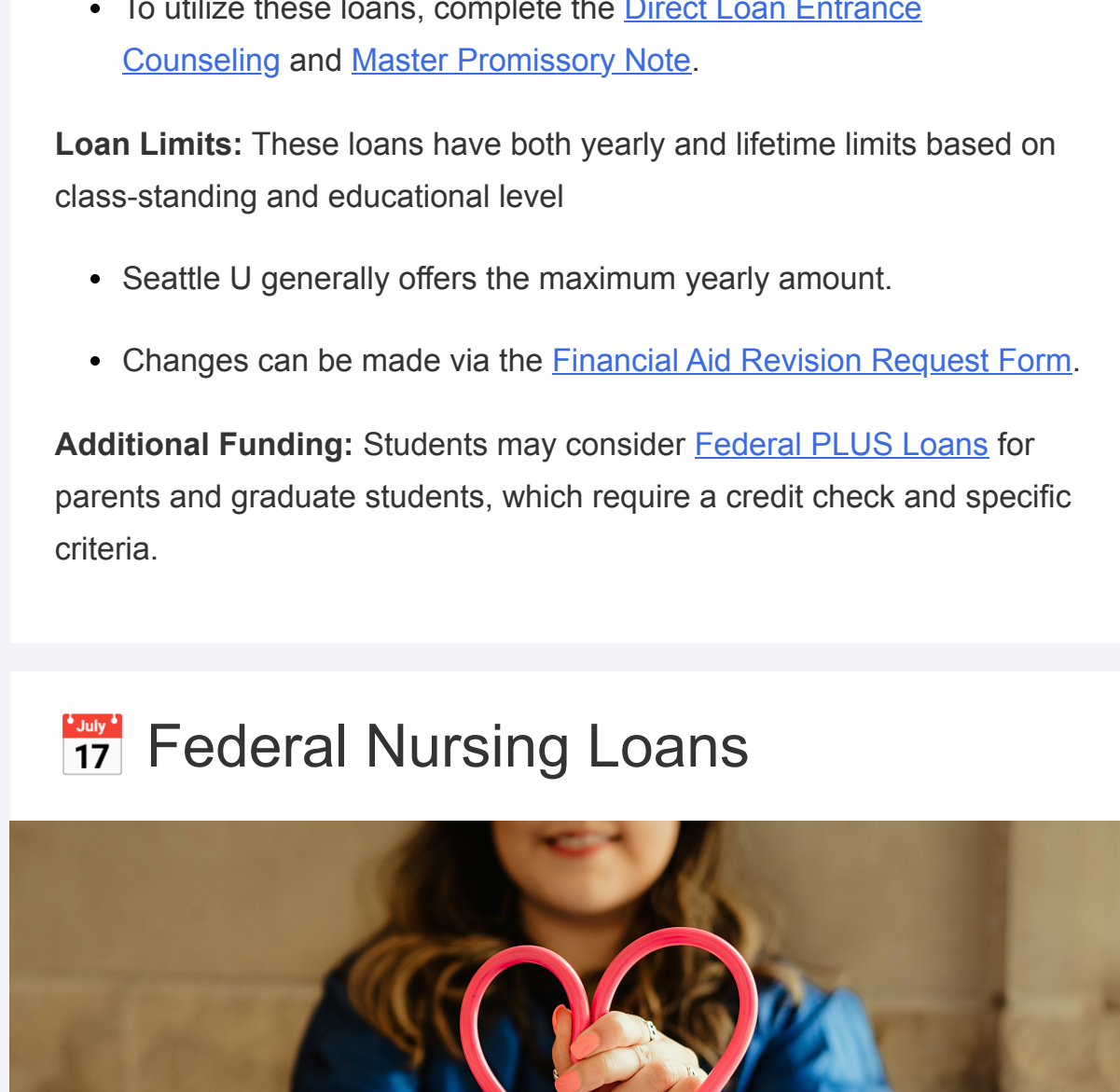
- Get organized and start applying early
- "Scholarship Season" (when most scholarships are posted) is from November - April
- Don't rule out smaller/local scholarships - these often have less people applying to them
- Never pay money or fees to apply for or receive a scholarship
 - Reach out to someone you trust and/or SFS if you have a question about a scholarship if you have any doubts
- Cast a wide net - apply for as many scholarships as you can from as many places as possible
- Use [ScholarshipUniverse](#) to find scholarships you are eligible to apply for.
- Attend an upcoming Scholarship Workshop brought to you by Student Financial Services for more tips and tricks to help you prepare, research, apply for, and WIN scholarships!

Scholarship Spotlight

Check out these scholarship opportunities open during Fall quarter:

- **Barbara A Cooley Master's Scholarship**
 - Due October 15, 2025
- [Live Your Dream Award](#)
 - Due November 15, 2025
- [Pride Foundation](#) 60 scholarships, one application
 - Opens in October
- [Independent Colleges of Washington](#)
 - Opens in December
- [Seattle Foundation](#)
 - Opens in November, various due dates
- [BECU Foundation](#)
 - Open December 1, 2025, Due February 7th, 2026

Student Employment & Work-Study



Financing educational expenses is an important benefit of student employment however, it's more than a just paycheck.

- [Student Employment](#) is a high-impact, experiential learning program that is an integral part of the student experience. Jobs are intentionally designed to provide you with skills and competencies that translate to a variety of career paths and help you apply classroom learning.
- [Work-Study](#) is a need-based financial aid program that encourages students to work on campus or with approved off-campus employers to earn money for their educational expenses.
- Participating in on campus student employment, as opposed to working in any job off campus, means that your role as a student comes first. Jobs are flexible around your schedule, convenient to where you live and study, and easily accessible. Find opportunities on [Handshake](#) and stop by the Fall Quarter On-Campus Job Fair September 26th from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Student Center.

Who is my SFS Counselor?

Our counselors each support a group of students assigned by last name. They are available to help students and families understand the financial aid system and address issues and concerns that may arise. Students pursuing appeals or navigating unique financial circumstances work closely with their assigned SFS counselors.

General inquiries for SFS should be directed to financialservices@seattleu.edu. Our knowledgeable counseling team will address the request, and when appropriate, refer a student to their assigned counselor.

Students can [schedule a virtual appointment](#) or come to the Redhawk Service Center for drop-in advising Monday through Friday, from 10:00 to 3:00, excluding university holidays and special closures.

Please find your assigned SFS counselor below based on the first letter of your last name or special student population:

All VA Recipients: Veteran Benefits Team at VA@seattleu.edu.

A - C: Becca Bello

D - G: Angela Wuttig

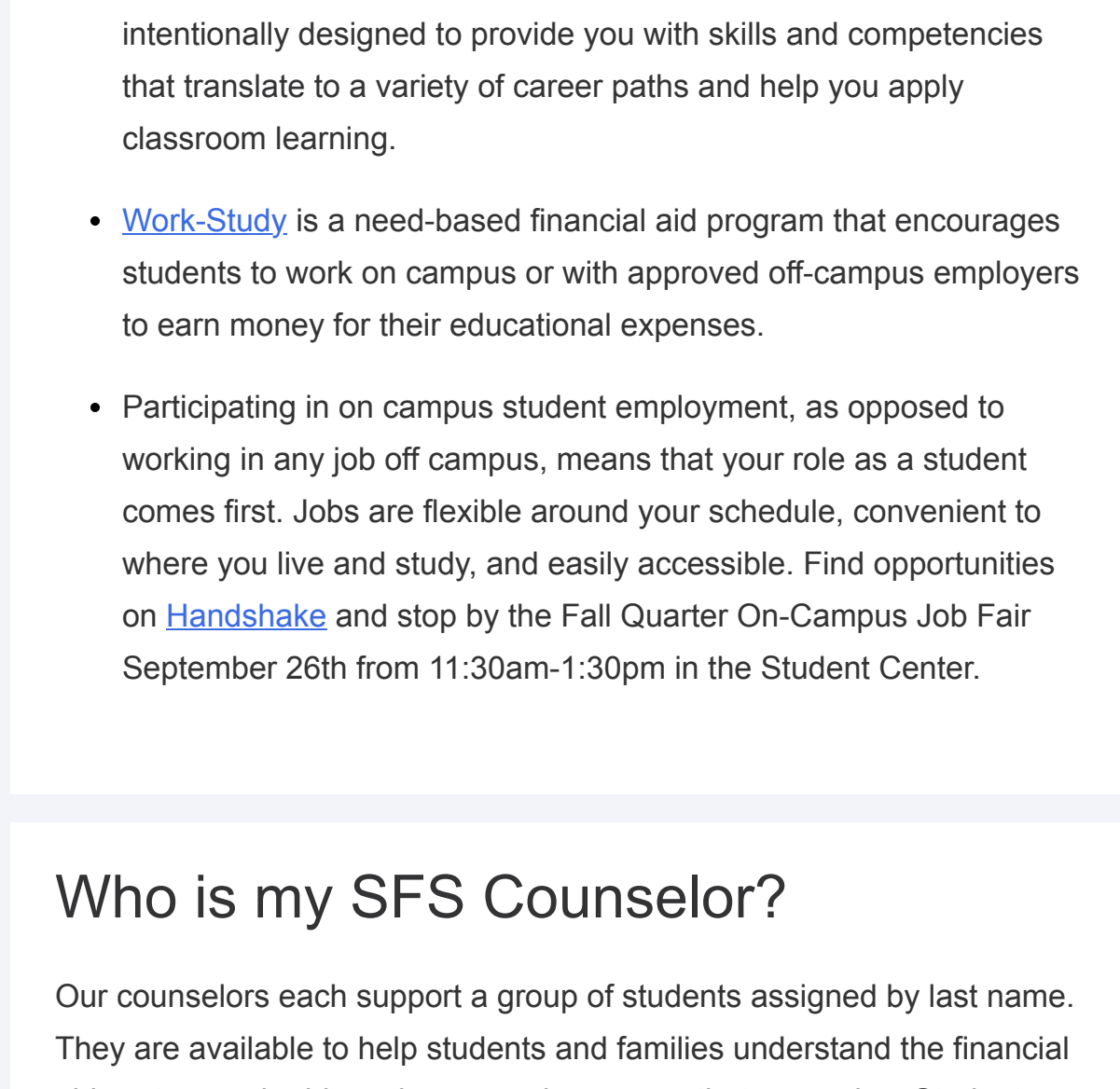
H - J, All Student Athletes: Gabby Santos

K - M: Amber Brockel

N - R: Natalie Popowics

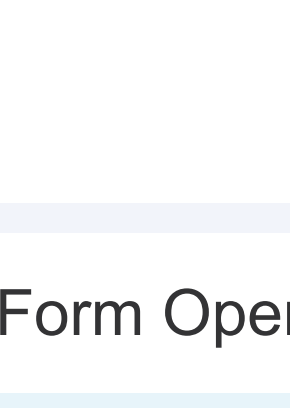
S - Z: John Wilkins

26-27 FAFSA Form Opens Oct 1st



The 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form will be available on October 1, 2025. All eligible undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to [complete a FAFSA](#) every year. [Eligibility requirements](#) can be reviewed online.

The FAFSA determines eligibility for need-based aid and federal loans. Generally, with some exceptions, unmarried undergraduate students are required to include parental information if they are less than 24 years old. It generally takes 3 to 5 business days for Seattle U to receive a new FAFSA application. Once received, students will receive an email notification if additional requirements need to be completed.



The 2026-27 [Washington Application for State Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#) will also be available on October 1, 2025 for students who are not eligible for or choose not to file the FAFSA form.

Students who have completed a FAFSA form will be considered for institutional, federal and state financial aid and do not need to complete the WASFA separately.

Students who file the WASFA can only be considered for institutional and state aid. If you are [eligible for federal aid](#), completing the FAFSA could maximize your potential financial aid awards.

If you file the 26-27 WASFA, please reach out to SFS to let us know.

Quick Links

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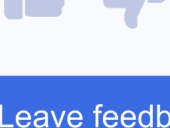
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