

Student Financial Services Spring Quarter Newsletter

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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: Spring Quarter Important Dates, FAFSA/WASFA Filing Reminder, Third-Party Access, Refund Processing, Satisfactory Academic Progress, Summer Quarter Tuition Rates & Financial Aid, Student Loan Repayment, Scholarship Spotlight...

Spring Quarter Important Dates



Financial Aid Disbursement Date: Friday, March 20th

Tuition Due Date: Friday, March 20th

Classes begin: Monday, March 30th

Credit Balance Refund Processing begins: Monday, March 30th

Tuition Refund Periods:

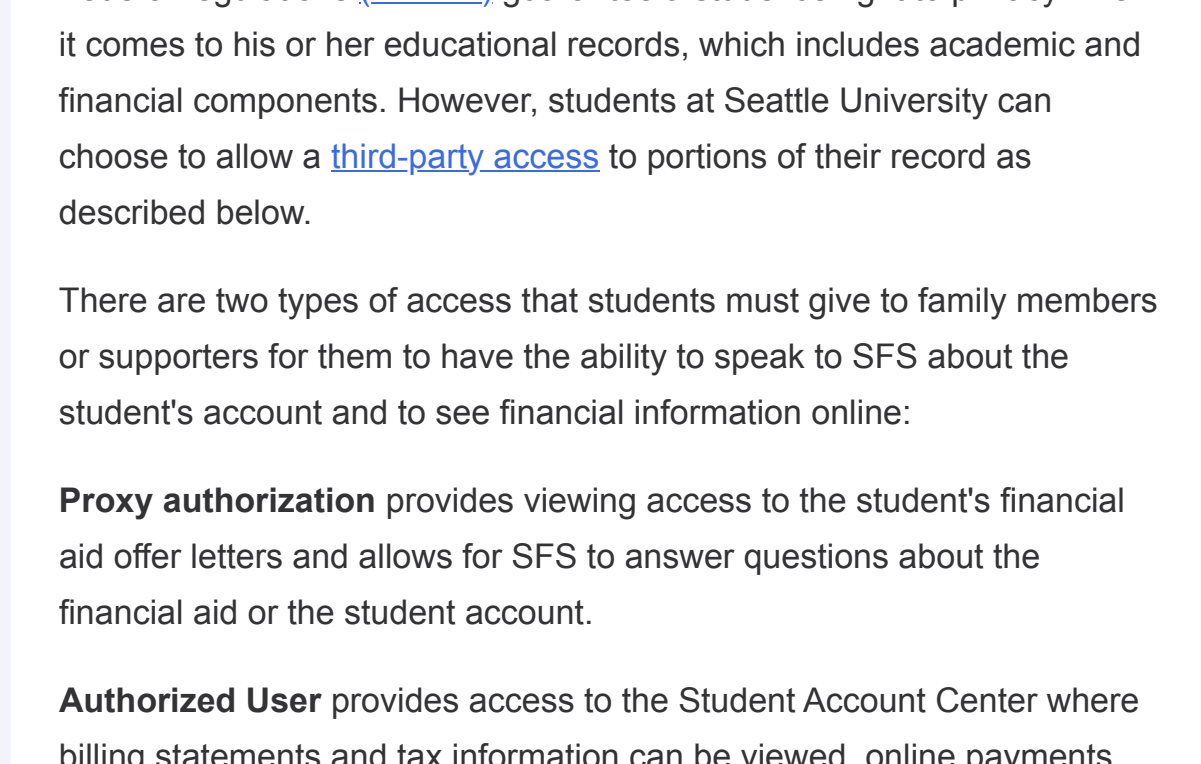
- **Last day to receive 100% refund:** Tuesday, April 7th
- **Last day to receive 75% refund:** Tuesday, April 14th
- **Last day to receive 50% refund:** Tuesday, April 21st

Last day to submit International Health Insurance Waivers: Sunday, April 12th

Last day to purchase GradGuard Tuition Insurance: Sunday, March 29th

Late Payment Period Begins: Thursday, April 30th

File the 26-27 FAFSA Now!



2026-27 financial aid offers for current students will be released in May.

To be considered for need-based funding, [complete the 26-27 FAFSA](#) today!

It generally takes three to five 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)** is also available for students who are not eligible for or choose not to file the FAFSA form.

Students who have completed a FAFSA can only 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.

Third-Party Access



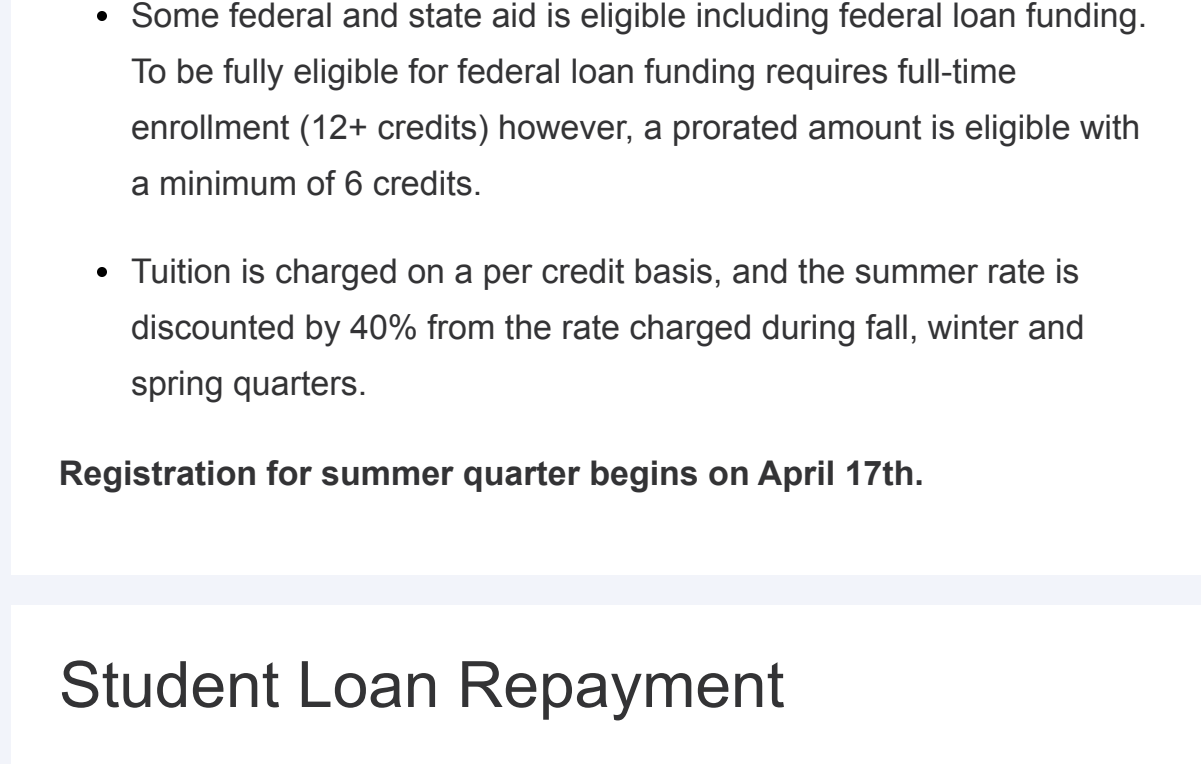
Federal regulations ([FERPA](#)) guarantee a student's right to privacy when it comes to his or her educational records, which includes academic and financial components. However, students at Seattle University can choose to allow a [third-party access](#) to portions of their record as described below.

There are two types of access that students must 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 the financial aid or the student account.

Authorized User provides 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.

Refund Processing



Electronic refunds via direct deposit are the fastest and safest way to receive your refund.

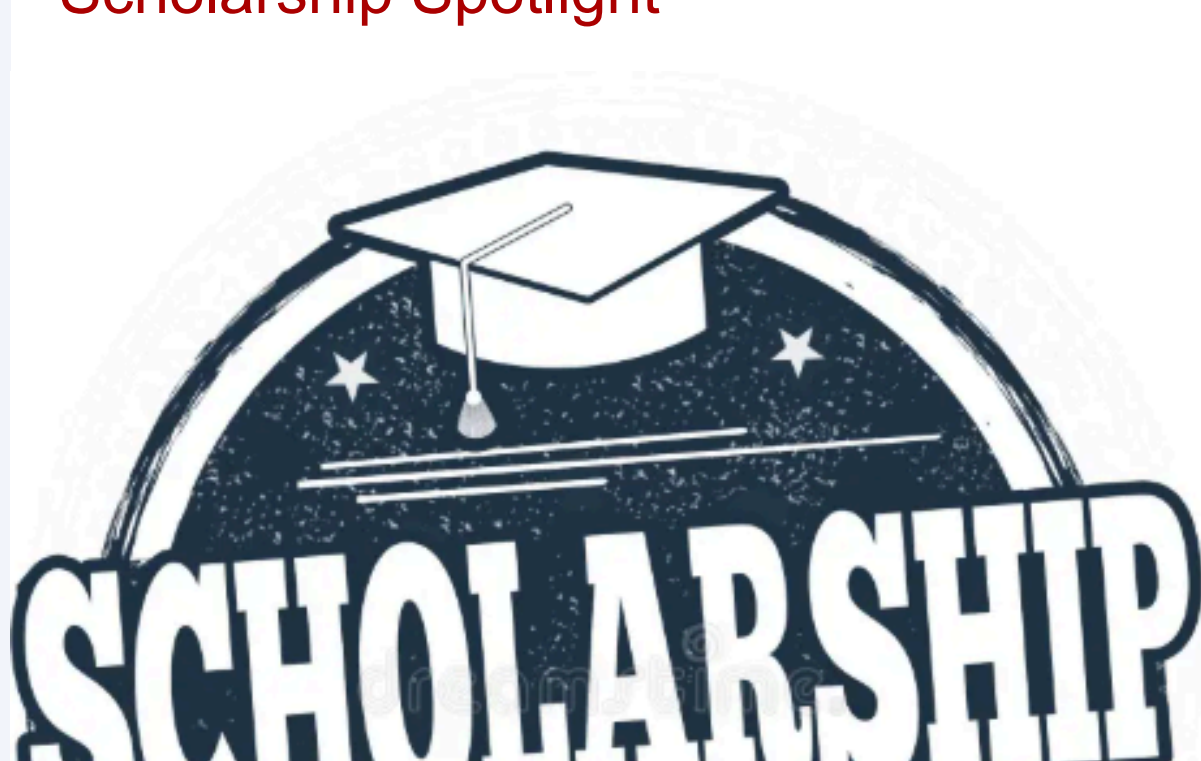
Avoid Refund Delays: Update Your Address/Phone# Check your contact info in [mySeattleU](#) ! If you do not have direct deposit set up, checks will be mailed to your current preferred mailing address on file (including home country addresses for international students).

Sign up for "Electronic Refunds" no later than March 23rd, 2026 online through the Student Account Center in [mySeattleU](#) Bank account changed? Update ASAP!

Refunds can be released starting the first day of term, March 30th, 2026. Depending on your financial institution, it can take 3-5 business days for funds to show in your account.

Note for Parent PLUS Loan Refunds: funds will be mailed to the address associated with the parent borrower's profile and cannot be set up for direct deposit unless the parent opts for the refund to be sent to the student.

Satisfactory Academic Progress End of Spring Quarter Review



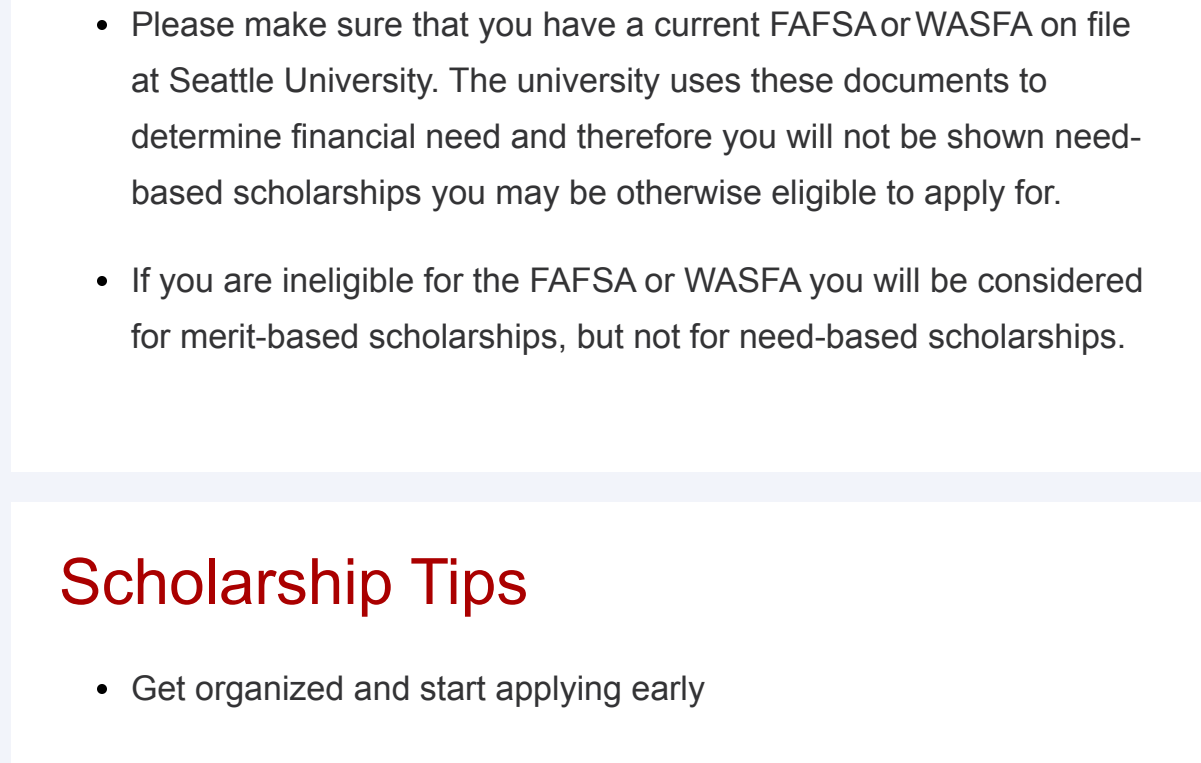
After Spring Quarter grades are posted on June 17th, all undergraduate and graduate students will be reviewed for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), an academic condition for financial aid eligibility. Maintaining SAP consists of the following criteria:

- **Pace** - complete at least 67% of all credits attempted
- **Maximum Timeframe** - 150% of the published number of credits required to earn the student's degree
- **Grade Point Average** 2.0 cumulative AND in major (after 15 credits completed) for undergraduate students and 3.0 cumulative for graduate students

Students who are found to not be meeting SAP criteria will be notified in June via their SU email that their financial aid has been suspended. Impacted students should reach out to SFS to discuss their circumstances and appeal options with a counselor. The appeal process can take several weeks to complete, so it is important to reach out as early as possible. Students should keep in mind that submitting an appeal does not guarantee a reinstatement of financial aid.

Please review the full [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\) Policy](#) for more detailed information.

Summer Quarter - Tuition, Billing & Financial Aid Eligibility



Financial aid for the summer quarter works a bit different than it does for the fall, winter & spring quarters. Continue reading for important information for both graduates and undergraduates.

Graduate Students: Once you register for summer courses, the SFS office will automatically update your financial aid offer accordingly based on the number of credits you are enrolled in.

- Institutional scholarships and federal loan funding are fully eligible with full-time enrollment (6+ credits).
- For enrollment less than full-time, aid will be prorated and the minimum enrollment for aid eligibility is at least 3 credits.
- Tuition is billed at the regular per credit graduate program rate.

Undergraduate Students: Once you register for your summer courses, you will notice a new checklist item in your financial aid portal asking you to submit a Summer Aid Request Form. Be sure to have a valid 2026-27 FAFSA (or WASFA) on file to submit the form.

- Institutional aid, including achievement scholarships are not eligible during the summer term.
- Some federal and state aid is eligible including federal loan funding. To be fully eligible for federal loan funding requires full-time enrollment (12+ credits) however, a prorated amount is eligible with a minimum of 6 credits.
- Tuition is charged on a per credit basis, and the summer rate is discounted by 40% from the rate charged during fall, winter and spring quarters.

Registration for summer quarter begins on April 17th.

Student Loan Repayment

Congratulations on reaching the finish line! As you transition from "student" to "alum," your student loans are likely the last thing you want to think about—but a little prep now can save you major headaches (and money) later.

Here is your crash course on what happens next:

- **Don't Panic:** Most federal student loans have a **6-month grace period** after you graduate before payments are due. Use this time to get financially organized, but remember: interest may still be accruing during this time.
- **Find Your Servicer:** You don't pay the government directly; you pay a "servicer" (companies like MOHELA, Nelnet, or Aidvantage). Log in to [StudentAid.gov](#) to see who handles your loans.
- **Update Your Contact Info:** If your servicer has your old dorm address or an expired school email, you might miss your first bill. Update your profile on your servicer's website immediately to ensure you get important notifications.
- **Complete Exit Counseling:** This is a federal requirement for graduation. It's a short online module that explains your rights and responsibilities. If you haven't done it yet, do it now at StudentAid.gov.
- **Pick a Repayment Plan:** You will automatically be placed on the **Standard 10-Year Plan** (fixed payments). If that payment is too high, look into **Income-Driven Repayment (IDR)** plans, which base payments on your income.
- **Score a Discount:** Most servicers offer a **0.25% interest rate reduction** if you sign up for Auto-Pay. It's a small win, but it adds up over time!

The Golden Rule: Never ignore your lender. If you can't make a payment, call them immediately. They can often offer deferment or forbearance options to keep you in good standing while you get back on your feet.

Scholarship Spotlight

Check out these open scholarship opportunities with deadlines through the end of June:

[Washington State Graduate Opportunity Scholarship](#) - Opens March 17th, closes May 12th

[Washington Women in Need](#) - Closes April 16th

[Independent Colleges of Washington](#) - Various scholarships. Due April 17th.

[American Indian College Fund](#) - due May 31st

[MPOWER Monthly Scholarship for DACA and International Students](#) - essay topic changes monthly and is due the 1st of the month

ScholarshipUniverse

Login with your SU credentials to [ScholarshipUniverse](#) to search and apply for both institutional and outside scholarships.

- Make sure to answer as many questions as possible in your ScholarshipUniverse profile. This will narrow down the search results so that the scholarships you are shown are ones that you are eligible to apply for.
- Please make sure that you have a current FAFSA or WASFA on file at Seattle University. The university uses these documents to determine financial need and therefore you will not be shown need-based scholarships you may be otherwise eligible to apply for.
- If you are ineligible for the FAFSA or WASFA you will be considered for merit-based scholarships, but not for need-based scholarships.

Scholarship Tips

- Get organized and start applying early
- We are in the middle of "Scholarship Season" (when most scholarships applications are open) which is from November - April
- Don't rule out smaller/local scholarships - these often have less people applying to them
- Look for foundations in your hometown that offer scholarships to locals
- Cast a wide net - apply for as many scholarships as you can from as many places as possible
- Check Scholarship search sites a few times a month as new scholarships are constantly being posted.
- Never pay money or fees to apply for or receive or apply for a scholarship. Reach out to someone you trust including Student Financial Services if you have a question about the validity of a scholarship.

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