

Student Financial Services Newsletter

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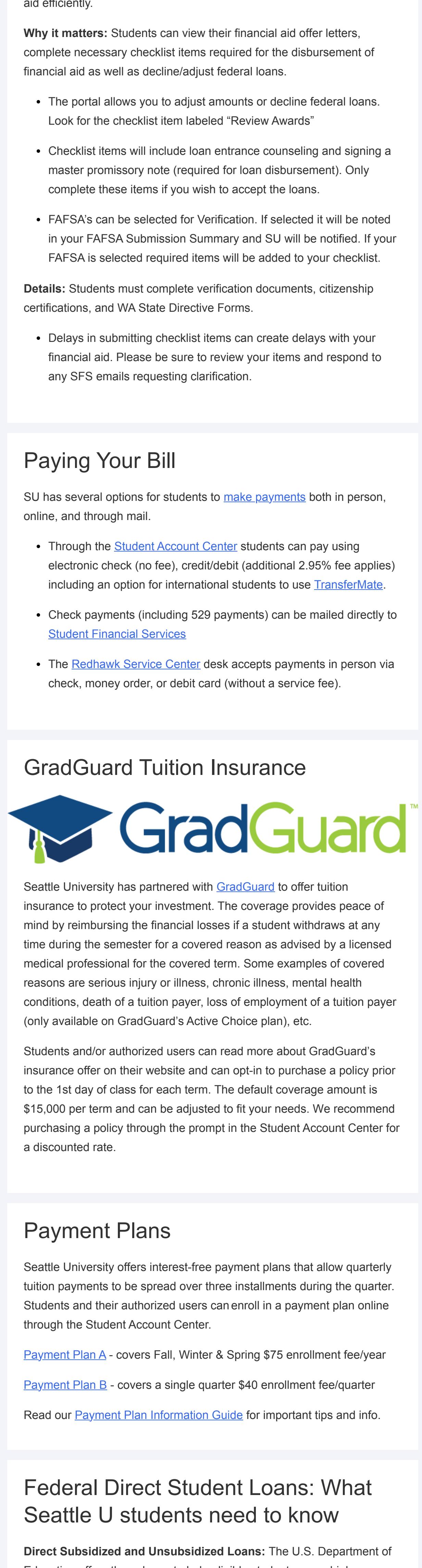
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Welcome to the SFS Quarterly Newsletter. Here you will find the important financial aid and student account related information to equip you with the knowledge and tools you need for smooth sailing throughout your time at Seattle University.

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.

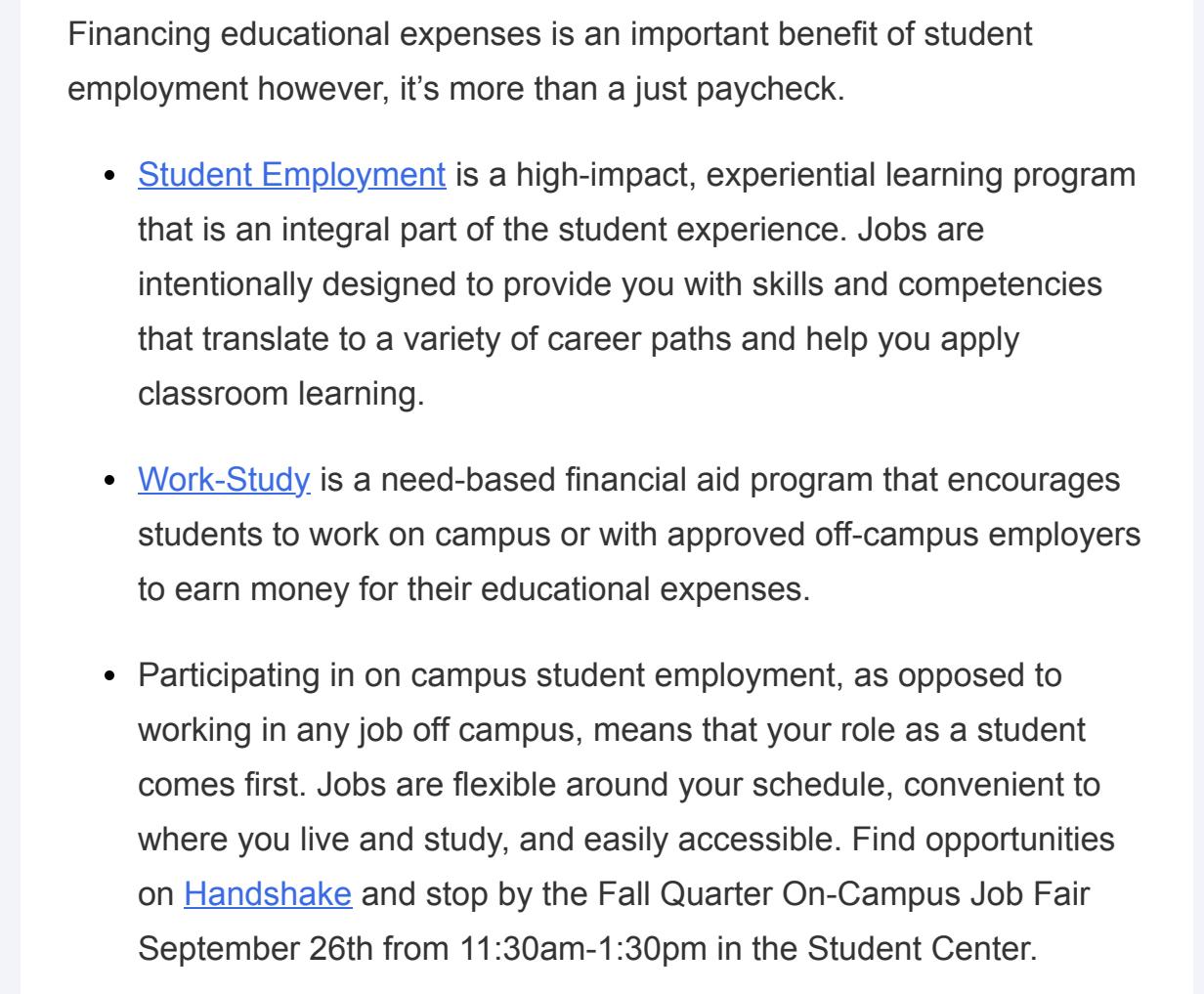
There are **two types of necessary access** that students may give to family members or supporters for them to have the ability to speak to SFS about the student's account and to see financial information online:

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 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 student payments to be spread over three installments during the quarter through the Student Account Center.

Payment Plan A: covers Fall, Winter & Spring \$75 enrollment fee/year

Payment Plan B: covers a single \$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 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.

17 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 students don't have to pay interest until nine months after leaving school, benefiting students financially.

- Availability 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 our documents. If you haven't received this email, contact our office to have them resent.

Details: For more information, contact [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.

- People rule out smaller/local scholarships - these often have less competition.

- Never pay money or fees to apply for or receive a scholarship.

- Reach out to someone you trust and/or SFS if you have any doubts about a scholarship.

- Cast a wide net - many scholarships are open to anyone from all over the world.

- Use [Scholarship Universe](#) 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!

Details: For more information, contact [Student Financial Services](#) to prepare, research, apply for, and WIN scholarships!

Scholarship Spotlight

Check out these scholarship opportunities open during Fall quarter:

[Barbara A. Cogley Master's Scholarship](#) Due October 15, 2025

- [Live Your Dream Award](#) Due November 15, 2025

- [Pride Foundation](#) 60 scholarships, one application

- [Independent Colleges of Washington](#) Due December

- [SECU Foundation](#) Due December 1, 2025, Due February 7th, 2026

Details: For more information, contact [Student Financial Services](#) for further details.

Student Employment & Work-Study

Financing educational expenses is an important benefit of student employment however, it's more than just a 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 help you succeed in classroom learning.

Work-Study is a need-based financial aid program that encourages students to work on campus or off campus to earn money for their educational expenses.

Participating in on-campus student employment as opposed to working in the classroom, allows you to gain valuable work experience and learn new skills.

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