

So you got Financial Aid. Now What?

Tips on what you should do once you get financial aid and prepare for the quarter at South

Register for classes

Financial Aid awards are based on full-time enrollment (12 credits or more). If you plan on taking less than 12 credits, contact the Financial Aid Office because your award will be adjusted.

Pay for classes

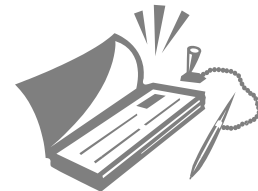
Your financial aid award will automatically pay your tuition and fees. If your award is less than the total of tuition and fees, **you must pay the balance** by the tuition due date or enroll in the Tuition Payment Plan at www.southseattle.edu/services/facts.htm

Get your Financial Aid Check the first week of the quarter

The remainder of your award after paying for tuition and fees will be given to you by check.

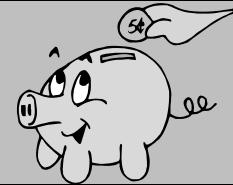
To get your check, follow these steps:

- Get the Attendance Form from the Financial Aid Office or website
- Have your instructors sign your Attendance Form the 1st week of classes
- Turn in the Attendance Form to the Financial Aid Office



Create a budget for your Financial Aid Check

Every quarter, your financial aid check should be used to pay for your education expenses, such as housing, food, books, supplies, transportation, etc. Make a plan on how you plan to spend your check for the 10 weeks of the quarter.



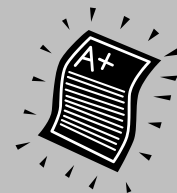
Pay for your books, supplies, and parking permit

The earliest you can get your Financial Aid check is the 2nd day of the quarter. You may need to plan to pay out of your own pocket for books and transportation before the first day of school.



Keep your grades above a 2.0 GPA each quarter

Financial Aid wants to make sure you are on track to completing your degree or certificate. Therefore, they have "Satisfactory Academic Progress" requirements you must complete. That means you need to stay in good academic standing with a quarterly GPA of 2.0 or better. A GPA of 1.0-1.9 will result in probation, while a GPA below 1.0 will result in suspension.



Complete the credits you enrolled in every quarter

Another "Satisfactory Academic Progress" requirement is that you are expected to complete the credits you signed up for every quarter. You may be placed on Financial Aid probation or suspension if you complete less than the credits you enroll in the beginning of the quarter. If you withdraw before completing more than 60% of the quarter, you may have to repay part of your financial aid.



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