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South Receives \$290,000 for Student Scholarships from State

The dream of college will now be closer for students who might have been stopped by income barriers, because of an expanded state Opportunity Grants program.

South Seattle Community College will receive \$290,000. It is part of a \$10.6 million program, expanded by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, to include all 34 institutions in the system. It is designed to help low-income students not only afford but succeed in their education.

Grants will be given to students training for high demand occupations where employer demand exceeds the number of qualified applicants. At South, this means students in our Automotive Technology, Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology, Nursing, and Business Information Technology programs will be eligible for up to \$2,500 for tuition and fees, and \$1,000 for supplies, tools and books.

To ensure that students succeed in their educational program of choice, Opportunity Grant recipients will have access to intensive advising, monitoring of their progress, tutoring and peer mentoring.

“I am proud that South can play a role in helping students achieve their educational dreams and eventual financial freedom,” said Dr. Jill Wakefield, President of South Seattle Community College. “This is a win-win project. Graduates will leave with the ability to earn a livable wage, the community will have productive citizens, and industry will have the skilled workforce it needs,” she said.

Applications for the grants are currently being accepted. Students should call (206) 768-6684 to learn more.

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