



Opportunity Grant Newsletter



The intent of the opportunity grant is to recruit and retain underserved students for high-wage, high-demand pathways. An underserved student is one without higher education experience or less than an associate's degree. The major goal of this grant is to help low-income adults to complete at least 45 credits and earn a credential in an educational program leading to careers in high-demand fields. At the current time, the grant is only available to a limited number of programs. And the student must meet the following criteria.

1. Be a Washington State Resident (As per RCW 28B.15.012 living in the state for 12 months)
2. Have a family income that is at or below the 200% of the federal poverty level
3. Demonstrate financial need (Must apply for Financial Aid prior to applying for the Opportunity Grant, eligibility is determined using FAFSA data)
4. Enroll in a designated career pathways below:

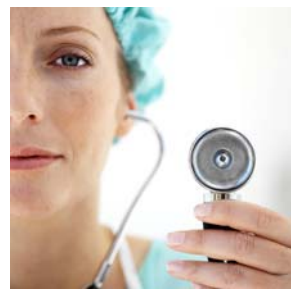


Open Up Your **Opportunities**

Marine Engineering & Deck Technology



Surgical Technology



Nursing



Child and Family Studies



Social & Human Services





I-Best



Business Information Technology



Chemical Dependency
Specialist

Program Policy

- No student may receive Opportunity Grant funding for more than 45 credits or for more than three years from the initial receipt of grant funding
- Student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 (GPA) grade point average
- Student must be enrolled in classes required for the specific career pathway
- Complete courses on time
- Complete the appropriate number of credits based on students status
- Failure to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements will result in student being placed on probation
- Students failing to meet academic requirements will be suspended with the option to appeal. They may meet with the Opportunity Grant Coordinator or the Dean of Student Financial Services to petition for reinstatement based on extenuating circumstances

Application Process

- Ensure eligibility
- Registered & enrolled in one of the opportunity grant eligible programs
- Submit complete application to room 2BE4178 (incomplete application may result in delays of awards)
- Applications may be down loaded from the school web site @ http://seattlecentral.edu/finaid/opportunity_grant.php

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2008 HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES

Persons in Family or Household	100% 48 Contiguous States and D.C.	200% 48 Contiguous States and D.C.
1	\$10,400	\$20,800
2	14,000	28,000
3	17,600	35,200
4	21,200	42,400
5	24,800	49,600
6	28,400	56,800
7	32,000	64,000
8	35,600	71,200
For each additional person, add	3,600	7,200

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