

Seattle Central Community College

Agents Newsletter - SPRING 2009

Dear Education Partner, Greetings from SEATTLE!

On behalf of the International Education Programs department, I would like to wish you and your agency a productive 2009 recruitment season! We are looking forward to working with you in the upcoming year and helping students make their dream of studying in the USA come true. Best,

- Johan François, Assistant Director of Marketing

Here are some **important dates** for you to remember:

SUMMER quarter 2009

**DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION:
May 10th, 2009.**

Orientations: June 18th (College Bridge & College)
June 22nd - 25th (Intensive ESL)

Classes start: June 29th (all programs)

Classes end: August 21st (all programs)

FALL quarter 2009

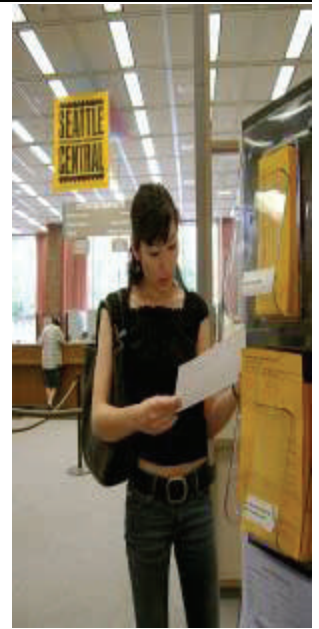
**DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION:
August 1st, 2009.**

Orientations: September 17th (College Bridge & College)
September 21st - 24th (Intensive ESL)

Classes start: September 28th (all programs)

Classes end: December 4th (Intensive ESL)

December 16th (College Bridge & College)



As always, applying for admission to Seattle Central is easy: Complete our online application or download our application form from our website. Applications may be submitted via internet, mail, or fax. For more information, please consult our site at http://seattlecentral.edu/international/admission_intro.shtml.

Scanned applications must now be sent to sccintladmitasst@sccd.ctc.edu, for timely processing. **The assistant will send a confirmation e-mail once the documents are received**, and will notify the sender directly if any materials are missing.

Seattle Central offers **scholarships to both NEW & CURRENT international students**. We encourage all students to apply for scholarships. If you currently have students enrolled or in the process of enrolling at Seattle Central, please remind them to apply. \$100,000 is available this year; students should take advantage of these great opportunities:

SUMMER quarter 2009 (scholarship deadline is April 15th)

New students: Achievement scholarship - \$250 to \$1500 awards

Current students: Merit scholarships - \$1000 to \$2500 awards

Leaders among leaders scholarships - \$500 awards

FALL quarter 2009 (scholarship deadline is July 15th)

New students: Achievement scholarship - \$250 to \$1500 awards

Campus Work Experience - \$5700 over 9 months

HS Exchange Program Graduate scholarship - \$250 to \$1500 awards

Current students: Merit scholarship - \$1000 to \$2500 awards

Campus Work Experience - \$5700 over 9 months

Leaders among leaders scholarship - \$500 awards

For more information about requirements & eligibility and to download our application forms, please visit: <http://seattlecentral.edu/international/adminscholarships.shtml>

For questions related to scholarships, please email me at jafrancois@sccd.ctc.edu

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Beginning Summer quarter 2009, Seattle Central will admit a limited number of 16 year-old students to its programs. Agents should consider carefully whether the students they recommend are ready for the rigors of college life.

Seattle Central welcomes mature, highly motivated, independent and academically prepared students aged 16 or 17. Although Seattle Central offers Fast Track: High School Completion, it is not a public high school: The college normally serves students 18 years of age or older and the average age of students at Seattle Central is 25. Under-age applicants who apply to Seattle Central should be prepared to interact with older students and complete courses at the college level.

Special Requirements: Academic Transcripts & Official Recommendation letter.

- All applicants under the age of 18 who have not completed high school are required to submit **academic transcripts for review**. Applicants **must have above-average results** (B average or higher) in order to be accepted. Applicants **must also have completed at least one semester in 10th grade at the time of application**.
- Under-age applicants must also submit a **recommendation letter from their high school counselor**, indicating that they are mature and motivated enough to take college-level classes. Counselors **must use the Under-Age Applicant Recommendation form** available for download from our website at http://seattlecentral.edu/international/pdf_files/hscomprecfm.pdf

Seattle Central Community College now has a 5th homestay agency available for students:

Seattle Homestay

P.O Box 25615, Federal Way 98093-2615 ; Phone: (253) 835-4337; Fax: (253) 835-4341
E-mail: info@seattlehomestay.net ; Website: www.seattlehomestay.net

Our office would like to remind you to make housing arrangements several weeks in advance. For your convenience, a complete list of all our partner homestay agencies is available on our website at <http://seattlecentral.edu/international/hostfamily.shtml>

The **construction** of Seattle Central's new on campus student housing **is moving along at a steady pace**. Foundations have been laid and work on the 1st floor is nearly completed.



Fall '08: just a big hole in the ground.... **Winter '09:** 1st floor nearly completed; 4 to go!



Looking east at the upcoming Broadway on Broadway project from Seattle Central Community College.

The studio complex, located directly **across Seattle Central**, will host about **90 students** and is scheduled to open **Spring 2010**. More details to come in future newsletters.



- New admission policy: 16 year-old students can apply!

- 5th homestay agency now available

- Update on the construction of our new campus student housing

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Since early September, students and agents can **now pay our \$50 application fee and \$50 express mail fee by credit card online!**

The new, fast, reliable credit card payment page can be reached via our Admission page on our website <http://seattlecentral.edu/international/admission.shtml>, or accessed directly at https://www.seattlecentral.edu/international/application/app_pre_payment.php.

Our new credit card payment page is **also included at the end of the online application process**. Students and agents can now submit their application for admission and pay the mandatory \$50 application fee online all at once, faster and easier than ever.

A reminder from the admissions office: if you have students who were unable to attend classes for a particular quarter, we would be happy to defer them to a later term. Please note, however, that **unused SEVIS records automatically expire 60 days after the program start date** listed in section 5 of the I-20 form. **If you plan to defer your student, please notify our admissions office within 60 days of the term for which the student was accepted.** After 60 days have passed, the admission office will need to create a new SEVIS record, and your student will need to pay the I-901 fee again.

U.S. Congress recently mandated an **increase in SEVIS I-901 fees**. Foreign citizens seeking to become academic or vocational students **must now pay \$200, instead of \$100**. The fee increase is the first of its kind in five years and will help improve the important task of welcoming international students and exchange visitors while protecting national security. SEVIS fee can still be paid online at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>.

Last year, SCCC International Education Programs **redesigned its marketing materials** for agents and prospective students. Our new **standard application packet** now includes:

- A **color brochure** including **many pictures**, and giving a **general presentation** of Seattle Central, its location, study programs, services, and resources available to students.
- A **study program brochure** (green booklet) that provides a **detailed description of all our study programs**, as well as important information regarding **cost of attendance** (tuition & fees and cost of living estimates), **housing, airport pickup, and English proficiency** requirements.
- An **admission and scholarship application brochure** (blue booklet) that includes our application form for admission and information about scholarships for new students.
- We also have **one-page handouts & posters with highlights available in many languages**.

We want to support you in your promotion & recruitment efforts and have put together an online material request form you can use. To order materials, visit the following webpage http://seattlecentral.edu/international/agencies/online_materials_request_login.php and tell us what you need & would like to receive. We'll ship materials directly to your office.

Ever heard of **Adobe Connect**? Adobe® Connect™ is a secure, flexible **web-conferencing system** that enables **live seminars** and engaging **on-demand presentations** that advisors and prospective students can access instantly, **without cumbersome software downloads**. So you don't have to wait for our next marketing trip abroad to schedule an office seminar anymore!

Interested? Please email our request form attached back to jafrancois@sccd.ctc.edu to coordinate an event. Events will be scheduled on a first-come first serve basis.



- online credit card payment system reminder
- SEVIS records regulation reminder
- Student & exchange visitor information system (SEVIS) fee increase
- Ordering marketing materials
- Web-Conferencing opportunities

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Law in the United States is a **professional doctorate program** which **lasts three years** and results in the awarding of the **Juris Doctor (J.D.)**. Student wishing to study Law must:

- **obtain a Bachelor's degree** (in any major) and present a **good GPA** (3.5 & above recommended).

- take the **Law School Admission Test (LSAT.com)**, usually in June or October of the year before they plan to enter law school. LSAT scores range from 120 to 180 (national average is about 152).

- **register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS)**, which will compile a report about the student. The LSDAS report includes official test scores, transcripts and recommendations, and is a requirement at nearly every law school approved by the American Bar Association.

- **apply to Law schools**, usually by November of the year before they plan on entering the program.

Also, please note that, in addition to graduating from Law school with a Juris Doctor degree, many jurisdictions require students to pass the state or provincial **bar examination** in order to practice law.

Your students **can definitely start their Law studies at Seattle Central**. They can complete the first 2 years of their Bachelor's degree at Seattle Central, studying a variety of general education subjects then transfer to University for the last 2 years of their Bachelor's degree. During years 3&4 of her Bachelor's degree, students will only study their major of choice, such as English/literature, philosophy, history or political science.

Our office would also recommend students to **research licensing requirements in their home country**, so they can determine whether they'll be able to practice Law when returning home after having completed their J.D. degree and bar exam here in the US.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email us. Our entire team is looking forward to working with you and your students.

For questions related to admission, programs, immigration, or I-20s, email our advisors at iepsccc@sccd.ctc.edu

For questions related to marketing, please email Leslie Aest at Laest@sccd.ctc.edu

For questions related to scholarships, please email Johan Francois at jafrancois@sccd.ctc.edu

If your students have general questions related to Seattle Central, or life on campus & in Seattle, invite them to **contact our current students** at askstudent@sccd.ctc.edu (English only) or one of our NEW email accounts, in English or their own language:

askstudentjapan@sccd.ctc.edu

askstudenttaiwan@sccd.ctc.edu

askstudentindonesia@sccd.ctc.edu

askstudentkorea@sccd.ctc.edu

askstudentchina@sccd.ctc.edu

askstudenthongkong@sccd.ctc.edu


askstudentvietnam@sccd.ctc.edu

For easy promotion, feel free to give away the attached business cards. Thank you.

Our next newsletter will be sent out to you beginning of **June 2009**.

As usual, it will be filled with important school updates. Don't miss it!

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- A major or career in Focus: Law

- Questions? Contact us!

- Ask a student email accounts

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