

# Additional Resources for Seattle Colleges International Students

## **Food Resources:**

### **NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE**

- **University District Food Bank** – 5017 Roosevelt Way NE, 98105; (206) 523-7060; [udistrictfoodbank.org](http://udistrictfoodbank.org)

- **North Helpline Lake City Food Bank** – 12736 33rd NE, 98125; (206) 367-3477; [northhelpline.org](http://northhelpline.org)

Both will accept North Seattle College Students and provide food boxes. Bring your NSC Student ID.

For more food resources, click [here](#).

### **SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE**

- **Jewish Family Services** – 1601 16th Ave.; (206) 461-3240; [jfsseattle.org/get-help/polack-food-bank/](http://jfsseattle.org/get-help/polack-food-bank/)

- **Byrd Barr Place** – 722 18th Ave.; (206) 812-4940; [byrdbarrplace.org/programs-services/food-bank/](http://byrdbarrplace.org/programs-services/food-bank/)

- **Immanuel Community Services** – 1215 Thomas St.; (206) 622-1930; [icsseattle.org/our-programs/food-bank/](http://icsseattle.org/our-programs/food-bank/)

### **SOUTH SEATTLE COLLEGE**

- **West Seattle Food Bank** – 53419 SW Morgan St., 98126; (206) 932-9023; [westseattlefoodbank.org](http://westseattlefoodbank.org)

- **White Center Food Bank** – 10829 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, 98146; (206) 762-2848; [whitecenterfoodbank.org](http://whitecenterfoodbank.org)

Bring your SSC Student ID.

For more food resources, click [here](#) (see "Access to Food").

## **Technology Assistance:**

- IT Help Desk can answer your technology questions. Email [ITHelp@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:ITHelp@seattlecolleges.edu) for assistance.
- Comcast is providing [free internet access](#) for 60 days to new Internet Essentials customers.
- [Interconnection](#), a local nonprofit, offers low-priced refurbished computers and low-cost internet.
- Xfinity is offering [free internet at hotspots](#). A map of hotspots is on the Xfinity website.
- The King County Library system is offering WIFI access outside of its community libraries, with the exception of the Kent branch. For locations, visit <https://kcls.org>
- The State of Washington has set up drive-in WIFI hot spots around the state. Check out the following [website](#) to find a location near you.

## **Financial Support:**

International students impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic may apply for emergency funding/support at all three colleges (note that submitting an application for support does not guarantee funding).

- [Seattle Central College](#)

- [North Seattle College](#) (this new site has one application for accessing all of the college's financial resources)

- [South Seattle College](#)

+ **United Way Benefits Hub** - The [Benefit Hub](#) serves North Seattle College students who may struggle to continue and complete their educational path due to financial and other needs.

## **Other Financial Resources:**

### **Scholarships**

[Insitute of International Education \(IIE\) Funding for U.S. Study Funding for US Study Online](#) is an extensive database of scholarships, fellowships and grants organized and maintained by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

[EduPASS](#) This website contains useful information and links pertaining to scholarships, financial aid, and loans for international students. In addition, there are links to information about traveling and living in the U.S., calculating college costs, income tax, and much more.

[FastWeb](#) This service is offered through International Education Financial Aid (IEFA), and provides a scholarship search based on your legal status in the U.S. Click "search for scholarships", and enter "I am an international student" from the drop-down menu.

[Financial Aid Officer](#) This service is offered through International Education Financial Aid (IEFA), and provides a scholarship search based on your legal status in the U.S. Click "search for scholarships right now", and enter "I am an international student" from the drop-down menu.

[International Scholarships](#) International Scholarships contain two databases: basic and premium scholarship search. Use the 'premium scholarship search' function to limit your search results to those that apply only to international students. From the drop-down menu, select #2, 'I am an international student (non-US citizen) planning to study in the U.S.

### **Employment Permission Based on Severe Economic Hardship**

In some cases, students who suffered severe economic hardship may be able to get permission from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work off-campus part time. The circumstances must be severe enough to prevent the student's sponsor from continuing to provide adequate financial support, and must be out of the sponsor's control. Examples might include a severe natural disaster, sudden economic crisis, or severe medical issues that affect the sponsor's business.

If you feel that the coronavirus pandemic's impact on your sponsor might make you eligible for work permission based on severe economic hardship, contact your advisor to find out if you would qualify. In order to be eligible to apply, you must be in F-1 status, and you must have been a full-time student for at least one academic year.

Note: Approval for economic hardship is granted by USCIS, not the advisor or Seattle Colleges. It requires an application and fee of up to \$495, and may take several months to be processed.