



Clallam Promise Scholarship Questions and Answers

What is the Clallam Scholarship?

The Clallam Promise Scholarship program is designed to provide a maximum quarterly amount of \$900 toward tuition/fees (dependent on need) and up to \$200 towards textbooks at Peninsula College for high school graduates in the Cape Flattery, Crescent, Port Angeles, Quillayute Valley, and Sequim School Districts. Eligible graduates must have attended a high school in one of the above listed school districts for at least the last two years of high school and demonstrate financial need by meeting the following: 1) The student qualifies for the school district's free/reduced lunch program, and 2) the student has filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and is eligible for federal and/or state grants as determined by the Peninsula College Financial Aid Office.

How do I apply for the Clallam Promise Scholarship?

You and your parent/guardian(s) must complete and sign the application. You must also file a FAFSA. Scholarship and FAFSA applications are available in the Peninsula College Financial Aid Office and/or on line at www.pc.ctc.edu, under the Quicklinks drop down box select "Financial Resources" and then "Scholarship Search."

Is there a deadline?

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the deadline is August 18, 2008.

I am a foster youth, whose income should I use, and who should sign the application?

As a foster youth, you are automatically eligible to apply. The adult who is legally responsible for you (foster parent, social worker, or custodial parent) should sign the application. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at Peninsula College for help on filing the FAFSA.

Are home-school students and private school graduates eligible?

No.

How will I know if I am selected?

You will receive a letter from Peninsula College letting you know whether you have been approved to be a Clallam Promise Scholar. You will also be notified if we need additional information in order to process your application. If you do not hear from us within four weeks of submitting your application, please contact the Peninsula College Financial Aid Office at 360-417-6390.

The Scholarship Award

How much is the scholarship award?

The Clallam Promise Scholarship award can only be used at Peninsula College. The award will cover up to \$900 a quarter of tuition/fees that is not covered by other state and/or federal grants and up to \$200 toward textbooks at the Peninsula College bookstore.

How long can the scholarship be used?

The Clallam Promise Scholarship can be used within one year of your high school graduation date. You may receive funding from this program for up to the amount of required credits to complete an associate's degree or 8 quarters of attendance, whichever comes first. Once matriculated, you may remain eligible to receive scholarship funds for up to three years; the 8 quarters of attendance may be spread over three years.

Continued eligibility requires recipients to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and to complete a minimum of 12 credits each quarter. Should you be unable to meet these requirements, you may apply for a Re-Instatement Appeal through the Financial Aid Office. For continued eligibility from year to year you must show financial need each additional academic year. Therefore, you must apply for financial aid (using the FAFSA) and be eligible for federal and/or state grants.

What if I need more money than this to go to Peninsula College?

Most students will need and qualify for more assistance than just the Clallam Promise Scholarship. By completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year along with other financial aid materials, most students will receive additional grants, scholarships, work-study employment and possibly offers of student loans. These financial aid packages will allow eligible students to receive assistance for room and board, personal expenses, and transportation.

If I am awarded this scholarship, what do I need to do to receive it?

If you are a Clallam Promise Scholar, each quarter you must submit to the Peninsula College Financial Aid Office a copy of your registration and a written note indicating that you are a Clallam Promise Scholar. The Financial Aid Office will determine whether or not you are eligible for any of the \$900 for tuition/fees. The Clallam Promise Scholarship will pay up to \$200 a quarter for mandatory textbooks in the Peninsula College bookstore.

Where can I use the Clallam Promise Scholarship?

You will be able to use the Clallam Promise Scholarship to earn a certificate or associate's degree at Peninsula College.

Who do I contact for help?

For additional information, contact the Peninsula College Financial Aid Office at 360-417-6390 or e-mail financialaid@pcadmin.etc.edu.