

State Need Grant: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I believe I qualify for the State Need Grant (SNG), but did not receive it in my award package. Why?

A: The financial aid office determines eligibility and awarding of the SNG. If, after reviewing the following, you still don't understand why you didn't receive the grant, contact the financial aid office at your school.

There are several possible reasons why you did not receive the grant, such as:

- **No available funds:** There are more people eligible for SNG than there are funds available. Early submission of the FAFSA is important.
- **Exhausted quarters of eligibility remaining:** Each student is entitled to a maximum of 15 quarters of SNG in their lifetime. If you've received the SNG award in the past, you may be at your limit.
- **Exhausted program length:** Students may not exceed 125% of their published program length. If you take longer than expected to earn your degree, you might run into eligibility issues.
- **Previous associate degree:** If you've received an associate degree using SNG funds within the last 5 years, you are not eligible to receive SNG towards another associate degree until five years has passed since earning the first one.
- **Previous Bachelor's Degree:** If you've received a bachelor's degree, including a bachelor's degree from another country, you are not eligible to receive SNG.
- **An unqualified degree program:** Theology majors are not eligible to receive SNG.
- **Unsatisfactory progress:** Students cannot be in an unsatisfactory progress or denied status.
- **Financial aid repayments:** Students owing a repayment to the SNG or any other state or federal student aid program are not eligible.

Q: Does the school have to give me SNG if I qualify?

A: No. The State Need Grant is awarded on a funds-available basis. Although you may be eligible to receive the grant, you may not get awarded due to a lack of funding.

Q: How does the distribution and awarding of the SNG work?

A: The Washington Legislature determines the budget for the State Need Grant program. The Washington Student Achievement Council then distributes the budgeted funds to eligible institutions. In turn, those institutions determine student eligibility to receive funds based on the information provided in the FAFSA. Funds are then disbursed to individual students according to the institutions' individual awarding policies.

Q: What are the award amounts for this year?

A: Please refer to the award chart on the State Need Grant information page. Award amounts are different based on the type of school you attend, your enrollment status, and your family income.

Q: I was told I have a State Need Grant repayment. Where can I get information about this?

A: Please see the [SNG Repayment FAQ's](#) page.