

Opportunity Grant Program

Clover Park Technical College's Opportunity Grant Program provides financial assistance and innovative student support services for low-income adults to help them reach the career education "tipping Point": one year of college-level coursework, plus a professional credential. Eligible students must meet the Federal low-income guidelines and have earned less than an Associate's Degree. The Opportunity Grant allows students previously underserved by traditional student support structures to successfully ascend career ladders in the following fields:

- **Accounting**
- **Aerospace Composite Technician**
- **Architectural CAD Drafting IBEST (English as a Second Language)**
- **Aviation Maintenance**
- **Chemical Dependency Specialist IBEST**
- **Computer Information Technology**
- **Computer Networking Information Systems Security**
- **Environmental Science**
- **Healthcare –**
 - **Nursing Assistant Certification**
 - **IBEST Nursing Assistant**
 - **Licensed Practical Nurse**
 - **Registered Nurse**
 - **Medical Assistant**
 - **Health Unit Coordinator**
 - **Dental Assistant**
 - **Hemodialysis Technician**
 - **Medical Histology Technician**
 - **Pharmacy Technician**
 - **Surgical Technology**
- **Heating & Air Conditioning/Refrigeration**
- **Human Services**
- **Material Science**
- **Residential Construction**
- **Retail Business Marketing/Mgmt**
- **Sustainable Building Science**

Application Process:

- Meet with the Grant Coordinator **and** complete the Opportunity Grant application
- Complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)* for 2011-2012
- Provide a Social Security number or an Alien Registration number
- Be a Washington State resident for 1 year prior to enrollment
- Not be in default on student loans or owe money to a college

Meet gross 2010 income guidelines as stated below:

# in family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	1,815	2,451	3,088	3,725	4,498	4,998	5,635	6,272	6,908	7,545
Yearly Income	21,780	29,420	37,060	44,700	53,980	59,980	67,620	75,260	82,900	90,540

Clover Park Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or age in its programs and activities.

For participating students, the Opportunity Grant may cover a significant portion of educational need, including tuition, books, and supplies for up to three quarters of training or 45 credits. Grant funds are available to help cover some one time emergency expenses such as, a past due utility bill, or transportation issues. Opportunity Grant students are offered personal and professional development workshops in areas such as budgeting and test taking strategies. Each student meets directly with the Opportunity Grant Coordinator who advocates for them and helps remove barriers that impact progress in their programs.

If you have questions:

Please direct program questions to the Opportunity Grant Coordinator, Sharon Freeman at 253-589-5957
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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

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*If you are also receiving traditional financial aid, you may be required to complete and submit other documentation.