

This can work for you.

Student Financial Services



Seattle Pacific University

Engaging the culture, changing the world.®

Just ask. **You'll see.**

Ask Seattle Pacific University

students: They will tell you how we helped make an SPU education affordable for them.

Ask SPU alumni: They will tell you the investment they made in their future has been worth it. 98 percent say our academic quality met or exceeded their expectations.

Ask U.S. News & World Report:

SPU is the only private university in the Pacific Northwest to make *U.S. News & World Report's* 2017 "Best National University" list.

Ranked a
**"Best
National
University"**



65
Majors

57
Minors



14:1 student to faculty ratio

21
Average
class size



84% of faculty have
the highest degree
possible in their field

How SPU invests in you

For starters —

An excellent education: SPU offers 65 majors and 57 minors, all grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We equip you with the tools and experience you need to influence the world for good.

Up-close engagement with faculty: SPU's student-to-faculty ratio? 14:1. Average class size? 21. Your professors? They'll become friends and mentors — and 84 percent of them have the highest degree possible in their fields.

An ideal location: SPU's campus is arguably one of Seattle's most beautiful places, with century-old buildings and trees, just a few minutes from downtown. Enjoy ideal access to internships and service-learning opportunities. The Pacific Northwest is a wonderland for urban explorers, outdoor adventurers, art lovers, sports fans, and foodies.

Now that
you know,
**find out
how it
can work
for you.**



Just ask Tara. It works for her.

Tara Rasing admits it: She was a little intimidated at first. Education is expensive.

But she did her research. Tara compared the aid she might receive at a public school and at a private school. Investigating funding opportunities, Tara factored in her family situation and sought out the best route to her goals.

She chose SPU. And today — a senior global development studies major — Tara will graduate in 2017 and hopes to work for a nonprofit that promotes public education. She may go on to grad school and become a child advocacy lawyer.

Tara's advice for you? Don't fear the price tag. "Fill out the FAFSA as soon as it comes out," Tara says, "along with any other forms that are necessary. Apply for as many scholarships as possible, every year. And work hard."

We're good at this.

Financing an education is a challenge. We know that. But we want you studying, not worrying. So we invest in your future by working to make the price right for you.

- More than \$100 million dollars: That's how much financial aid SPU distributed in 2016–17.
- 95 percent of SPU undergraduate students receive scholarships and/or need-based financial aid. Awards average more than \$34,030 per student.
- SPU offers generous merit scholarships for academic all-stars.
- With the guidance of SPU's Student Financial Services' counselors, 95 percent of SPU students complete their loan payback — a higher rate than the national average of 67 percent.
- The average loan debt for SPU students after graduating is \$28,800, compared with a national average of \$37,172.

Estimated Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

Estimated costs assumed for **2016–17*** standard full-time enrollment:
12–18 credits for Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters.

Tuition and Fees	Quarterly	Annually
Tuition**	\$12,840	\$38,520
Mandatory Fees**	\$140	\$420
Room and Meal Plan ^{1**}	\$3,608	\$10,824
Textbooks, supplies, average loan fee (for student-loan borrowers), miscellaneous/personal, and transportation average cost	\$1,436	\$4,308
Total	\$18,024	\$54,072

*Costs may change with each new academic year.

**Costs billed directly by SPU.

¹Assumes traditional double room with Weekly Block 21 meal plan

Meal Plan (2016–17 Costs Per Year)

Weekly Block Plans	\$4,266–\$4,941
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Room Charges (2016–17 Costs Per Year)

Ashton, Hill, and Moyer (Traditional Residence Halls)

Double Room	\$5,883
Triple Room	\$5,283

Arnett and Emerson (Suite-Style Rooms)

Single (<i>private bath</i>)	\$8,388
Single (<i>shared bath</i>)	\$7,884
Double (<i>private bath</i>)	\$7,386
Double (<i>shared bath</i>)	\$6,879
Triple or more (<i>shared bath</i>)	\$6,381

Campus Housing and Apartments (CHA)

For more campus housing options, visit spu.edu/housing.

Remember:
SPU's tuition price tag is not your cost. Your actual bottom line could be more like this:

Sticker Price

minus

Scholarships and Grants

minus

Loans

=

Affordable cost!

Four Ways to Put Your Mind at Ease

1. Starting October 1, you can file your FAFSA (the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to receive financial aid for the following academic year. It's free, and it pays. It'll take about 30 minutes — and those may become some of the most rewarded minutes of your life. Applications and more information can be found at **fafsa.gov**. **Although the priority deadline is February 1**, awards are made until funds are depleted — the sooner you file, the better.
2. Get fast numbers assessing your likely out-of-pocket costs and financial aid — **use SPU's Merit Scholarship Estimator and Net Price Calculator: spu.studentaidcalculator.com**
3. Wouldn't it be great to find a website offering practical perspectives on student loans and aid-offer comparisons? Here's one: **consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college**
4. Contact Student Financial Services. We're eager to help. Just ask SPU student Cheyenne Motes: **"They are helpful, encouraging, and willing to work with you every step of the way. They help where it is needed by answering questions you don't ask."**

Income Ranges

(for families of SPU students who applied for financial aid for fall 2016)

27%

SPU families with incomes under \$40,000 (1 in 4).

21%

SPU families with incomes from \$40,000 to \$80,000.

48%

SPU families with incomes under \$80,000. (That's half!)

Looking for job opportunities?

Visit spu.edu/SPULink.

Each job description will detail how you apply for the position.

Contact the Office of Student Employment.

They work with students, on-campus supervisors, and local off-campus employers.

Visit the Center for Career and Calling.

Staff are ready to help you find and secure just the right job or internship.

What is work study?

"Work study" is not a grant or a loan. Students earn money through on-campus work-study jobs, or through approved off-campus jobs, to help pay college expenses.

Student Employment

Student employment is not just a way to pay for college anymore. Most employers look for college graduates with evidence of real-world work experience — not just good grades. So students graduating with job-ready skills and competitive résumés are more likely to find employment. You'll be surprised by how much you can earn during an academic year. Hours worked during vacation periods can provide additional income.

What kinds of jobs are available?

Visit spu.edu/studentjobs to learn more about these options:

- On-campus: Federal work study and institutional work study
- Off-campus: State work study
- Off-campus: Federal work study — community service
- Off-campus: Regular part-time jobs

\$15

Seattle's minimum wage is generally \$15/hour.

Work during college: It improves your grades!

Studies make it clear:

- Students who work during college do just as well or better academically than nonworking students.
- Grades actually improve as students work more hours per week (up to 20).
- Working students are more likely to complete a degree program than nonworking students.

\$1.3M+

Total earnings of SPU students in the Work Study Program

1,007

Number of on-campus positions

295

Average number of part-time jobs posted on SPU's employment website each month

980+

Number of students working on campus

(Statistics as of December 2016)

Looking for scholarships?

We make applying for them easy! Just send in your admission application. Unless otherwise noted with an asterisk (*), you may receive multiple scholarships. (For Transfer Scholarship information, visit spu.edu/scholarships.)

Visit Scholarships for 2017–18

Attend an official visit through the Admissions Office between **September 1, 2016**, and **May 1, 2017**, and receive a 2017–18 **visit scholarship**.

For more information, visit spu.edu/admissions.

Merit-Based Scholarships for 2017–18

Full Tuition **Distinguished Scholar Award* (5)**

Invitation only. Admission application must be received by November 15 for consideration.

\$21,000 **Trustees' Scholar Award***

GPA: 3.8+ **and** SAT: 1310+ or ACT: 28+
or GPA: 4.0

\$18,000 **President's Scholar Award***

GPA: 3.5+ **and** SAT: 1220+ or ACT: 25+
or GPA: 3.2+ **and** SAT: 1270+ or ACT: 27+
or GPA: 3.8+

\$15,000 **Deans' Scholar Award***

GPA: 3.2+ **and** SAT: 1130+ or ACT: 23+
or GPA: 3.0+ **and** SAT: 1220+ or ACT: 25+
or GPA 3.5+

Up to \$5,000 **FIRST Scholarship (2)****

Merit-based scholarships for high school seniors who have participated in a FIRST Robotic Competition or a FIRST Tech Challenge during their junior or senior year in high school.

\$2,000 **National Merit Scholarship (3)**

Scholarships for National Merit Semifinalists or Finalists.

**A student may receive no more than one of these awards during the same academic year.*

***Requires application. To learn more and apply online, visit spu.edu/scholarships.*

Note: Scholarship amounts and award guidelines are subject to change at the University's discretion, and they may be adjusted based on the competitiveness of the applicant pool.

Other Scholarships

Full Tuition	Falcon Bound Commitment <i>(covered by federal, state, and SPU grant and scholarship aid)</i> For eligible students in the Washington State College Bound Scholarship Program who receive 1220 or higher on the SAT, 25 composite on the ACT, or cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Amount varies	Summit Seeker's Scholarship (1)
Up to \$5,000	Ames Scholarship**
\$5,000	Engineering Scholarship (Deffenbaugh or Burwell)**
\$4,000	Free Methodist Church Scholarship
Up to \$4,000	Fine Arts Scholarship**
\$3,000	Alumni Scholarship
\$3,000	Ministry Service Award
Up to \$500	Church Match Scholarship
Room and Board	SPU ROTC Academic Achievement Award (2)
Amount Varies	NCAA Division II Athletic Scholarship

For more details on scholarships and awards, visit spu.edu/scholarships.

Grants

As with scholarships, grants are funds you won't have to pay back. But unlike scholarships, top grades typically aren't a deciding factor — financial need is. Here's a brief list of grants available to first-year, transfer, or current SPU students:

- Pell Grants
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)
- TEACH Grants
- State Need Grants
- College Bound
- SPU Grants

For more details on grants, visit spu.edu/sfs.



Payment Plans

Student Financial Services provides students with three options to meet their financial obligations:

Plan A: Pay in full on quarterly due dates

Plan B: Academic Year Monthly Plan

Plan C: Single Quarter Monthly Plan

Visit spu.edu/paymentplans for details.

Just ask SPU alumni about the return on their investment.

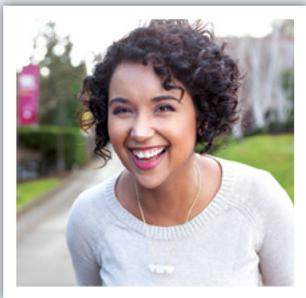
Future employment. Future earnings. Financial freedom in good time. Equipped with an SPU education, 98 percent of SPU's 2014 graduates were employed or in graduate school one year after graduating.

See how Seattle Pacific measures up.

What's the average salary 10 years after graduation for those who took out loans? Check the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard or the College Navigator site:

collegescorecard.ed.gov or nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator.





Ineliz Soto-Fuller, director of Undergraduate Admissions, discusses some of the common misconceptions students have about paying for college. Ineliz has worked at SPU with high school students for almost a decade.

“I have had many students say they couldn’t attend SPU well before they heard about scholarships or financial aid. Many of those students are now thoroughly enjoying their SPU experience. Here are a few misconceptions about paying for college:

1. ‘I can’t afford it.’

You don’t know this until you go through the process! I was a first-generation, low-income college student and I made it through a private college education. If I just looked at the sticker price, I would not have given myself the opportunity.

2. ‘Loans are bad.’

Loans you get from a college are going to help you appreciate your investment and gain credit for purchases down the line. They are also manageable. Our Student Financial Services office works hard to make sure this is true, which is why our default rate is so low. I still pay college loans and, although it isn’t my favorite thing to make payments each month, I have no regrets!

3. ‘Scholarships are too competitive.’

There isn’t a year that goes by when I don’t hear about a scholarship that could go to three to five students and only two students apply. Apply for everything out there because you never know.

4. ‘Cheaper is better.’

This might be the case if you are buying a fashionable shirt that will end up at Goodwill in a few months, but your college decision will impact the rest of your life. I know so many SPU graduates who are thankful they made the investment at SPU, because they don’t think they would have grown as much in their faith and character or had the same job opportunities elsewhere.”



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