Welcome to the Running Start program at Skagit Valley College! We have designed this checklist to help you stay on track. We are ready to help you every step of the way!

**APPLY FOR ADMISSION**
Apply for admission to Skagit Valley College through the Washington State Application System, [www.skagit.edu/apply](http://www.skagit.edu/apply). This application can take up to 10 business days to process. **Indicate “Running Start” in the major of interest selection.** Once your application has been processed, you will receive a link to the SVC Application Supplement, a customized questionnaire to help us learn more about your goals. It is important to select “Running Start” as your intended goal on this application, and ensure that we have a valid email address on file (no high school email accounts).

**RUNNING START FUNDING**
Running Start covers the cost of tuition for college-level (100 or higher) classes up to 15 credits per quarter. **Students are responsible for paying all fees, books, supplies, transportation, and other materials required for classes.** Running Start students who qualify for free or reduced meals in their school districts may be exempt from paying some fees. Counselors may sign the RSEVF to verify eligibility. Learn more at: [www.skagit.edu/runningstart](http://www.skagit.edu/runningstart).

**ESTABLISH PLACEMENT**
There are multiple options to determine your starting point and course eligibility including your High School Transcript, Smarter Balance test scores and the Accuplacer test. Explore your options at: [www.skagit.edu/placement](http://www.skagit.edu/placement).

**ACTIVATE YOUR MySVC ACCOUNT & EMAIL**
After you submit the Application Supplement, an SVC email account will be created for you and you will receive instructions on how to set up your password. Receive help with your account at: [www.skagit.edu/createmysvc](http://www.skagit.edu/createmysvc).

**COMPLETE CARDINAL PRE-FLIGHT ORIENTATION**
This online, self-paced orientation is hosted within your SVC Canvas student tool box account. You will need your MySVC account activated and to know your password. Learn about SVC programs, educational pathways, resources, and more at: [www.skagit.edu/canvas](http://www.skagit.edu/canvas).

**COMPLETE THE RUNNING START ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM (RSEVF) AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL**
Before you can register for classes each quarter, you will be required to complete the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form. Your high school counselor will work with you to complete this form. All information should be filled out completely including all required signatures. As a Running Start student, you will not be able to register for any classes at Skagit Valley College without this form submitted.

**ENROLL IN CLASSES AT A CARDINAL TAKE-OFF GROUP ADVISING**
As a new student, once you have your course placement determined and have completed Cardinal Pre-Flight, you will attend a Cardinal Take-Off Group Advising session. Then, you will be ready to register for your first quarter of classes! **Make sure to bring your completed Running Start Enrollment Verification Form to this advising session. You will not be able to register without this form.** We will email you an invitation to your Cardinal Take-Off session, once registration begins for the quarter you plan to start. If you have questions about these sessions, please contact our Counseling and Advising office at: counselingandadvising@skagit.edu.

**CONTACTS**

**PHONE**
- Enrollment Services
  - Mount Vernon: 360.416.7700
  - Whidbey Island: 360.679.5330
- Counseling and Advising
  - Mount Vernon: 360.416.7654
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**E-MAIL**
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**WEBSITE**
- [www.skagit.edu/gettingstarted](http://www.skagit.edu/gettingstarted)
- [RS Info Sessions](http://www.skagit.edu/runningstart)

For assistance with this checklist, please attend a Running Start Information Session. Views sessions at: [www.skagit.edu/runningstart](http://www.skagit.edu/runningstart)