2023-2024 APPLICATION FOR ABILITY TO BENEFIT - ATB

Ability to Benefit is a federal financial aid ruling that allows students without a high school diploma (or equivalent GED/Home School diploma) to qualify for financial aid if they prove they have the ability to benefit from a college education. Financial aid through Ability to Benefit can help students pay for tuition, fees, textbooks, and other educational expenses for *college-level* classes.

To see if you qualify for Ability to benefit you will need to complete this application form and submit it to the Skagit Valley College's Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. The Financial Aid Office cannot process your application without this information.

Student Information

Student Full Name

Student ctcLink ID Number

Current Active Program

Desired Degree or Certificate Program

Expected ATB Start Term (*To be determined by Advisor*)

Ability to Benefit Checklist

Students should complete the following *before* they submit their ATB application. Please complete the following steps and then submit your completed application to the financial aid office.

❑ **STEP 1: COMPLETE THE FAFSA OR WASFA APPLICATION**
Students must complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). Do NOT complete both applications - only one.

❑ **STEP 2: CREATE AND CONFIRM YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLAN WITH AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR**
Discuss your eligibility for ATB with your academic advisor. Your advisor will walk you through the pros and cons of ATB, and also help you set up your Education Plan.

❑ **STEP 3: COMPLETE THE WORKFORCE GRANTS APPLICATION (OPTIONAL)**
Students should complete the SVC Workforce Grants Application to see if they are eligible for additional assistance to pay for non-tuition fees and educational costs.

❑ **STEP 4: SUBMIT THE COMPLETED ATB APPLICATION**
Submit this application to the financial aid office. Applications can be emailed to financial.aid@skagit.edu.

Aknowledgement of Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

In order to establish and maintain financial aid eligibility, you are expected to meet all Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards outlined in SVC's SAP Policy. You may petition for reinstatement if unusual, or extenuating circumstances beyond your control, prevented you from meeting the SAP standards.

General Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements Include:
1. Maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all college-level classes
2. Successfully complete the minimum # of credits associated with enrollment for which aid was paid.
   - Full-time (12+ credits)
   - Three Quarter-Time (9-11 credits)
   - Half-Time (6-8 credits)
   - Less-Than-Half-Time (5 or less credits).
3. Maintain 67% cumulative PACE of progression (quantitative standard)
4. Complete your degree or certificate program within the maximum timeframe (150% of attempted credits)

Statement of Educational Purpose

I certify that I **(print student's name)** _____ am the individual signing this Statement of Educational Purpose and that the Federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending Skagit Valley College for 2022-2023.

_____   _____   _____
Student's Signature   **Date**   **Student's ID Number**

Sign the Application

Each person signing this form certifies that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. The student and at least one parent (if dependent) must sign and date.

> If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Once signed and completed, this form may be submitted via your mySVC email account, to financial.aid@skagit.edu. Note: this financial aid email address is for document submission only.

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Student Signature   Date   Parent Signature (if dependent)   Date
                                                           Parent handwritten signature is REQUIRED

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Advisor/Counselor Signature *(REQUIRED)*   Date   Financial Aid Advisor Signature *(REQUIRED)*   Date