SEED FAQs

1. When does the SEED Scholarship Program begin?

The SEED Scholarship Program begins with the fall semester immediately following high school graduation for any high school graduate who has met all eligibility requirements.

2. Does the SEED Scholarship cover tuition, fees, and books?

The SEED Scholarship covers tuition only after other financial aid received is deducted from the total tuition costs. Fees and books are not covered.

3. I am a home-schooled student; can I apply?

Yes. Home schooled students must meet the same eligibility requirements as traditionally schooled students in terms of residency, full time status, financial aid, etc. Home schooled students must provide a copy of their transcript. In the event a home-schooled student does not have a transcript, the student is required to provide proof of scoring at least a combined score of 1350 on the new SAT or a composite ACT score of at least 19.

4. I attend a private high school in Delaware; can I apply?

Yes. Students who are Delaware residents, have graduated from a Delaware high school - both public and private, and meet the eligibility requirements may apply.

5. I am a James Groves High School graduate; can I apply?

Yes. James Groves High School graduates who meet the other requirements are eligible to apply for the SEED Scholarship. Individuals receiving a GED® from Groves are not eligible for the SEED Scholarship; however, they may be eligible for other forms of financial aid.

6. When should I apply for the SEED Scholarship?

You should complete and return the SEED Scholarship application with an academic transcript, a Delaware Tech admissions application, and the College's $10 application fee after the second marking period but prior to April 15. You must submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which is required for SEED Scholarship eligibility. You are required also to submit your final high school transcript by June 30 which will be used to determine if you met the academic requirements associated with the program.

7. What happens if I miss the April 15 deadline? Am I still eligible?

Yes. You are still eligible. Because annual funding at a certain level for the SEED Scholarship Program is subject to approval by the Delaware General Assembly, Delaware Tech must have an established priority process in place in the event the amount of eligible scholarships exceeds the approved funding. Students meeting the April 15 will be given top priority (Group 1). If you apply after the deadline, approval of your scholarship is based on the availability of funding after the awarding of scholarships to Group 1 students and the following criteria in order of priority: (1) Academics/GPA; (2) Demonstrated financial need; and (3) Community service.

8. What happens if I take a semester off from college after the fall semester?

A student would no longer be eligible for the SEED Scholarship unless granted an exception upon appeal from Delaware Tech's Financial Aid Office.

9. Are undocumented students eligible for the SEED Scholarship?

Yes. Undocumented students must meet the same eligibility requirements as documented students regarding attendance immediately from high school, academics (GPA), felony convictions and enrollment as a full-time student. To qualify as an undocumented scholarship recipient, the student must have: (a) attended a high school located within the State of Delaware for two or more years; (b) graduated from a Delaware high school; (c) applied for all campus-based financial aid (scholarships, etc.) for which they would be eligible; and (d) submit a notarized Tuition Affidavit (available in Delaware Tech's Financial Aid Office) which certifies that the student is an undocumented person and that he/she has filed an application to legalize his/her immigration status or will file an application to legalize his/her application status as soon as he/she is eligible.

10. Do I have to take advantage of the SEED Scholarship directly out of high school?

Yes. A student must be admitted to and attend classes on a full-time basis at Delaware Tech or in the Associate of Arts degree program of the University of Delaware no later than the fall semester immediately after his/her graduation from a Delaware public or non-public high school.

11. Is there an appeal process for students who cannot attend Delaware Tech the Fall semester after graduation, due to military service or a medical condition?

Yes. A student who cannot attend the Fall semester immediately after the student’s graduation from a Delaware public or non-public high school due to extenuating circumstances such as military service or a medical condition may request an appeal through the campus Financial Aid Office. The appeal process requires a written statement from the student and documentation of the extenuating circumstance. This process shall be administered under the direction of the Vice President for Finance. The student will be notified in writing of the appeal process decision.

12. Do I have to attend full-time (12 credits or more) and declare a major to be eligible for the SEED Scholarship?

Yes. A student must be enrolled on a full-time basis (12 credits or more) and declare a degree technology to be eligible for the SEED Scholarship.

The only time a SEED Scholarship recipient must be full-time, to receive SEED payment, is the first semester following high school graduation, after the initial fall semester; students can take fewer than 12 credits, but they must have 24 credits and cumulative 2.5 grade point average at the end of the summer semester to receive the scholarship during the following year. Students are not required to enroll full-time during the summer semester.

13. If I want to transfer to another Delaware Tech campus, will I maintain my scholarship?

Yes. A student must provide written notification of the intent to transfer to another Delaware Tech location to the campus Financial Aid Office which awarded the original scholarship. After the transfer has been confirmed by both campuses, the scholarship will be transferred to the new campus.

14. How do I apply for the SEED Scholarship?

Obtain a Delaware Tech SEED Scholarship application from the Financial Aid & Scholarships section of the Delaware Tech website. You may also obtain a brochure from your high school guidance counselor or any Delaware Tech Admissions or Financial Aid Office. If you meet all eligibility requirements after the second marking period of your senior year, complete and submit the application to the Delaware Tech Financial Aid Office at the campus you plan to attend; the deadline to submit your information is April 15. You must apply for Financial Aid by completing and submitting the FAFSA form no later than June 1 for priority awarding.

15. What does my cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) need to be?

A student's cumulative GPA must be 80 percent or higher on a 100 point scale, a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

or a C+ for those schools awarding letter grades.

16. What cumulative grade point average (GPA) must I maintain once I am a student at Delaware Tech?

The student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the end of each academic year. The cumulative GPA will be reviewed for compliance at the end of each summer semester.

17. Do I have to apply for financial aid even though I know I will not qualify to receive such aid?

Yes. Applying for all forms of financial aid for which the student qualifies is an eligibility requirement for all SEED Scholarship applicants. Applying for financial aid can be accomplished by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by the June 1 deadline date. If you and/or your parents are required to complete a Federal Income Tax return, please do so prior to applying for financial aid.

18. What is the deadline date for applying for financial aid for the Delaware SEED Scholarship?

Students should submit the FAFSA electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov no later than June 1.

19. How will I know if I have been awarded the Delaware SEED Scholarship?

Students will receive an award letter from a Delaware Tech Financial Aid Office starting in July after verification of their high school graduation and final cumulative grade point average (GPA).

20. I have a felony charge pending against me; can I apply?

Students who have felony charges pending against them must sign a certification stating that they will notify the appropriate Delaware Tech Financial Aid Office if they are convicted. Students convicted of a felony will no longer be eligible for the SEED Scholarship.

21. How many credit hours toward an associate degree must I successfully complete during an academic year?

A student must make steady academic progress toward an associate degree, earning no less than 24 credit hours required for full-time status in each academic year.

22. What will happen if I do not successfully complete 24 credit hours and obtain a cumulative 2.5 GPA prior to the end of the spring semester?

If a student has not successfully completed 24 credit hours and obtained a cumulative 2.5 GPA by the end of the spring semester, the student must successfully complete the remaining credit hours needed during the summer semester; the courses that are not repetitive, will be paid for by the SEED Scholarship Program. Students must obtain 24 credits and a cumulative 2.5 GPA by the end of the summer semester, to maintain eligibility for the SEED Scholarship during the next academic year. Students are not required to enroll full-time during the summer semester.

23. Can I take courses in the summer semester if I have successfully completed the required 24 credit hours and obtained a cumulative 2.5 GPA prior to the end of the spring semester?

Yes. If a student has successfully completed 24 credit hours and obtained a cumulative 2.5 GPA by the end of the spring semester, the student can take courses during the summer semester; the courses that are not repetitive, will be paid for by the SEED Scholarship Program. Students must obtain 24 credits and a cumulative 2.5 GPA by the end of the summer semester, to maintain eligibility for the SEED Scholarship during the next academic year. Students are not required to enroll full-time student during the summer session.

24. Do I have to apply for financial aid every year that I receive the SEED Scholarship?

Yes. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid should be submitted by June 1 each year for priority awarding, it can be completed by visiting www.fafsa.gov. If requested, supplemental documentation must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by July 1 each year.

25. If I have met all eligibility requirements and am enrolled for 12 credit hours, if one course is a basic course, am I eligible for the SEED Scholarship?

Yes.

26. How many semesters can I receive the SEED Scholarship?

Students are eligible to participate in this program for six (6) continuous semesters, not including the summer semester. This is the equivalent of three academic years.

27. Must I submit the required certification each year that I have not been convicted of a felony?

No, but if you are convicted of a felony while receiving the SEED scholarship, you must inform the Financial Aid Office.

28. What happens if I do not pass a course and must repeat it?

The SEED Scholarship does not provide payment for courses that are repeated.

29. Can the SEED Scholarship pay for courses taken in addition to the requirements for completion of my associate degree?

No. The SEED Scholarship does not provide payment for courses taken in addition to the requirements for completion of an associate degree. Students who complete all the courses to receive an associate degree in less than three academic years (6 semesters) cannot receive SEED for additional coursework.

30. Do I have to re-apply for the SEED Scholarship each year?

No. The SEED scholarship will be renewed automatically. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid should be submitted by June 1 each year for priority awarding, it can be completed by visiting www.fafsa.gov

31. Does the Scholarship Program allow for academic accommodations for disabilities?

Yes. Students who disclose a disability, in which the nature and extent of the disability prevents the student from being able to take 12 credit hours per semester, may be granted half-time status as a reasonable accommodation. This may include, but is not limited to, specific psychiatric impairments and/or limited medical conditions. Students must carry six (6) credit hours per semester and are held to all other standards as required in the scholarship program. Students requesting special academic accommodations under this scholarship program must submit appropriate medical documentation to support their need for reasonable accommodations and seek approval from the Campus Disability Support Services Office prior to registration.

Students granted the SEED scholarship based on six credit hour accommodation will also be granted the scholarship for six (6) semesters. (refer to question #26)

32. If I receive financial aid not specifically designated for tuition and fees, will it reduce the amount of my SEED Scholarship?

No. Only financial aid specifically designated for tuition and fees will be used to reduce the amount

of the grant awarded under this scholarship program.

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