

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
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START NEXT QUARTER

Start Next Quarter (www.startnextquarter.org) is a free eligibility website that connects current and potential students with services and employment and training programs at the participating agencies and community colleges. Originating at Green River Community College, the project has been expanded to the Workforce Development Councils and additional colleges through a pilot project initiated by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. The pilot project was conducted by the Seattle Community Colleges and the Community Colleges of Spokane, and is currently gearing up for possible statewide expansion.

The purpose of Start Next Quarter is to provide an easy and fast portal into workforce education. Starting with an online survey, a student's funding eligibility is assessed, providing funding options such as WorkFirst, Worker Retraining, Opportunity Grants, and Basic Food and Employment and Training. Participants are enrolled in a multi-day workshop that will help them plan their education, apply for funding, and enroll in a college.

The participants in the pilot have formed an executive planning committee who will share further background on Start Next Quarter and share information about next steps that will include the integration of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) into the eligibility assessment.

Board Action Requested: For discussion only.

Start Next Quarter



Benefiting Washington's Workforce System
Workforce Board Meeting
January 23, 2014

What Is Start Next Quarter?

Start Next Quarter is an online eligibility tool that gives students quick, easy, and more certain access to funds to help pay for school.

Starting a training program at a community or technical college can be difficult.

What should I study?

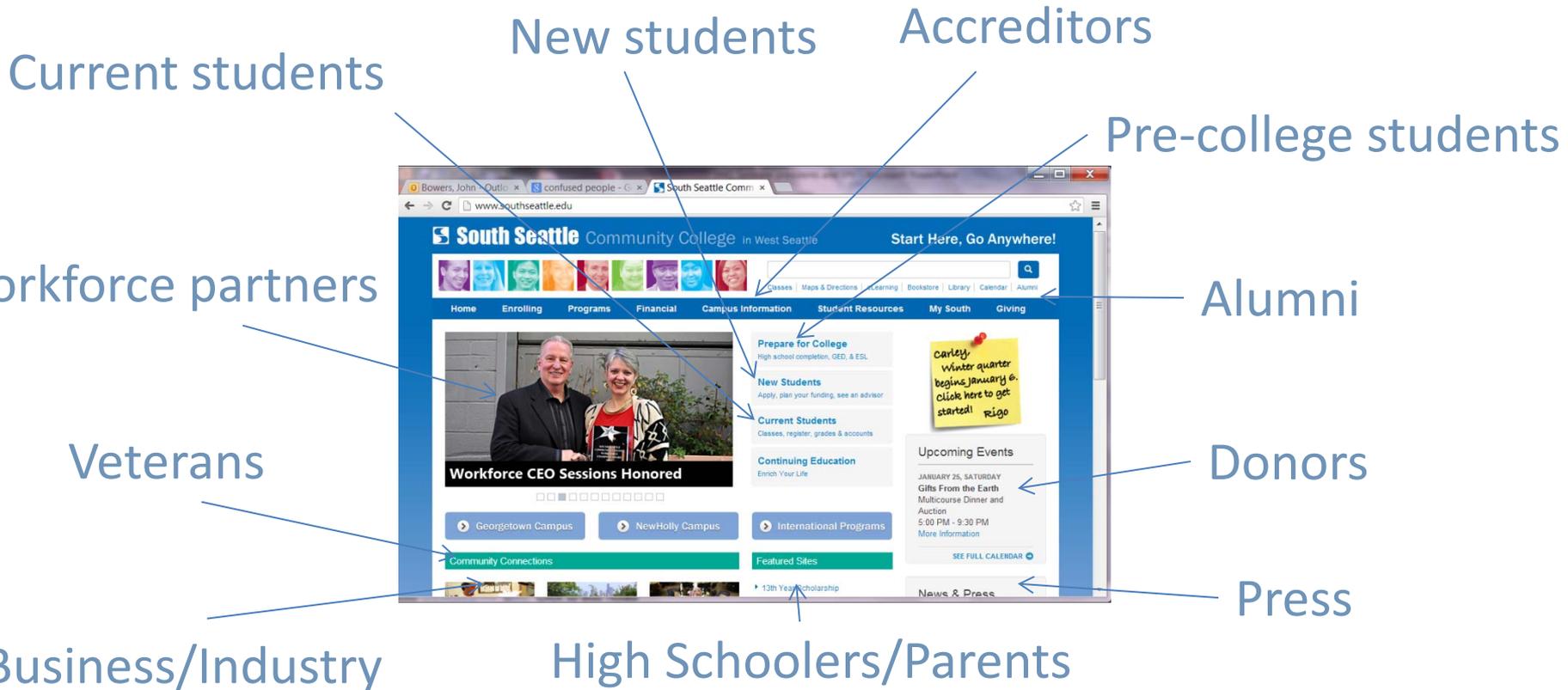
How do I start?

How can I pay for this?

Who do I need to talk to?



College web sites send lots of messages to lots of audiences. They can be hard to navigate.



Start Next Quarter speaks to one audience—adults in need of workforce training.

And sends one message—you may be eligible for funds.



Colleges provide free or reduced tuition, books and fees to eligible students through certain funding programs.

Basic Food Employment and Training for recipients of food stamps.

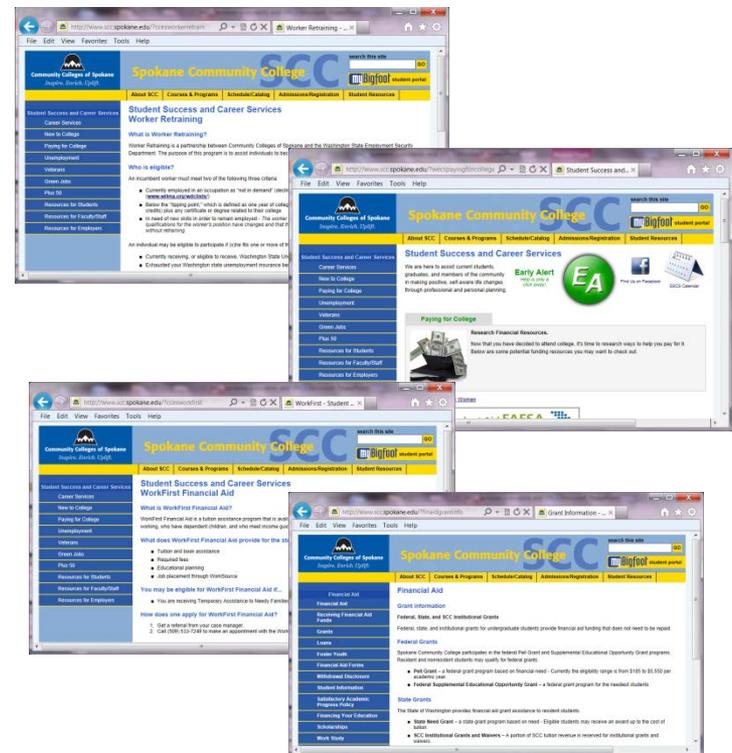
WorkFirst for recipients of TANF/welfare.

Opportunity Grant for students with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Worker Retraining for students who are unemployed, dislocated workers, honorably discharged military, or displaced homemakers.

Currently, students seeking these funds might have to look four different places.

- 4 funding programs
- 4 program contacts
- 4 eligibility screens
- 4 orientations
- 4 funding applications



For students considering more than one school, it gets even more complex.

- 12 funding programs
- 12 program contacts
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- 12 funding applications



Start Next Quarter puts it all in one place.

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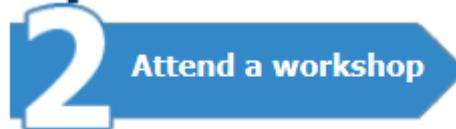


Three simple steps:



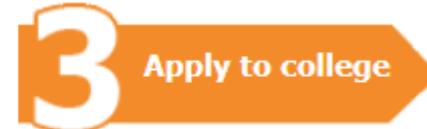
Take the survey

It's short, free, and anonymous.



Attend a workshop

If you pre-qualify for funding, you can sign up for our free educational planning workshop.



Apply to college

It's quick, easy, and free.

Click here to begin the survey!



Visitors answer (mostly) yes/no questions.

1 Eligibility Survey

Where do you want to study?

Select One ▼
Select One
Seattle
Spokane



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1 Eligibility Survey

Are you receiving welfare/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits?

- Yes
- No



Visitors answer (mostly) yes/no questions.

1 Eligibility Survey

Do you currently receive food stamps?

- Yes
- No



Visitors answer (mostly) yes/no questions.

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Eligibility Survey

Are you currently collecting unemployment?

- Yes
- No



Eligible students sign up for a workshop and...

1 Eligibility Survey

Good news! Based on the results you provided, you appear to be eligible for the following programs:

Worker Retraining

Worker Retraining provides funding so unemployed workers, displaced homemakers and other eligible students can train for in-demand careers.

Opportunity Grant

Opportunity Grant provides funding to eligible Washington State residents who train in certain high wage/high demand programs. Eligible programs vary by college and will be discussed at the educational planning workshop.

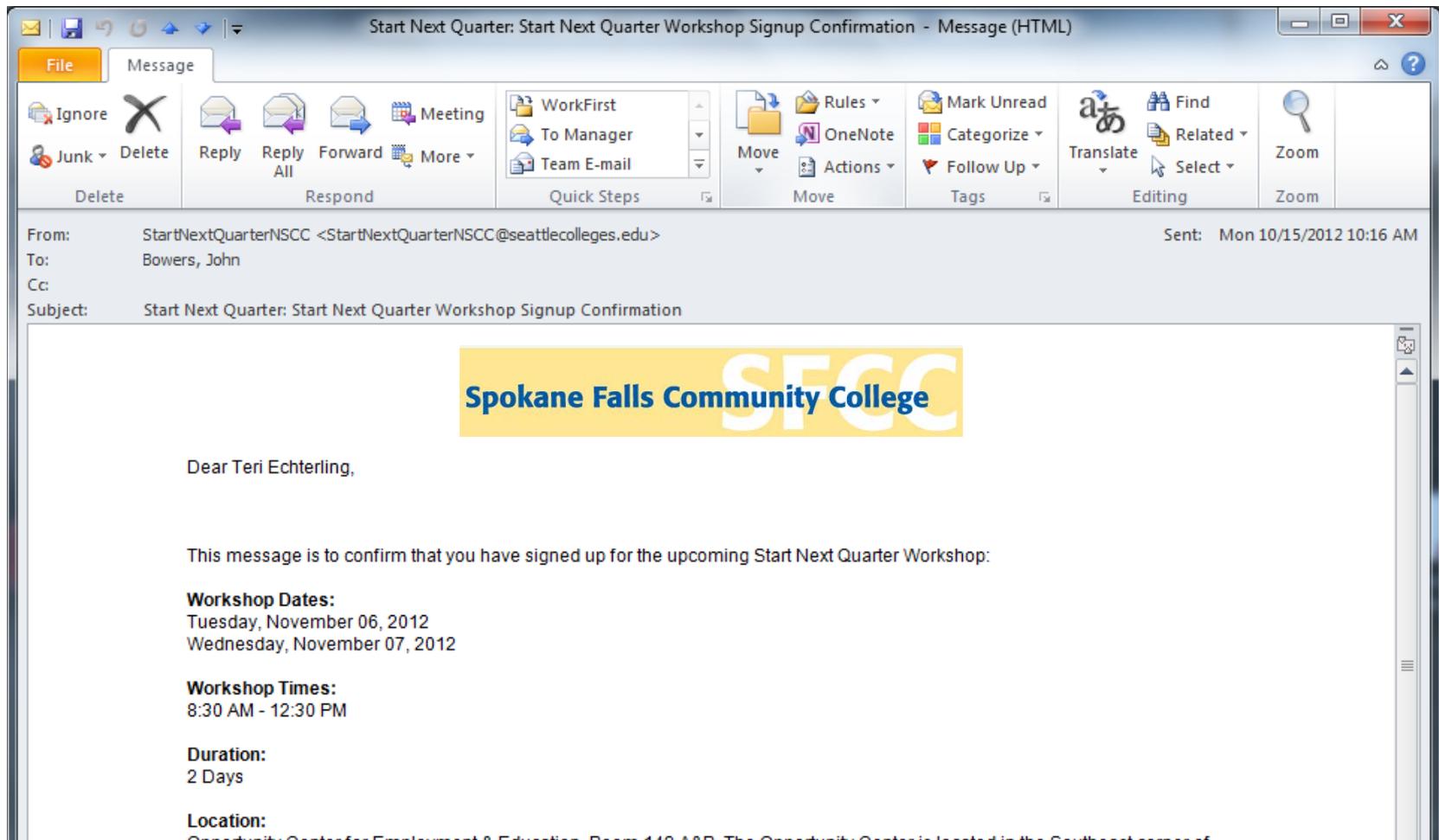
Basic Food Employment and Training (BFET)

BFET provides funds for students who have an open food stamp case with DSHS and whose case is in good standing. This program may not be available to residents of counties outside King and Snohomish.

Your next step is to sign up for an educational planning workshop where college staff will confirm your eligibility and outline your next steps. To sign up for a workshop, you will need to provide your contact information. This information and your survey results will be used by the colleges to process your application.



...receive a confirmation email.



The colleges have tools to add workshops, set workshop capacity, and take other actions.

START NEXT QUARTER

Assign Administrators

Manage Workshops

Manage Funding Sources

Manage Workshop Locations

Add An Attendee

Manage Exit Messages

Past Workshops

Manage Resources

Students come to Start Next Quarter looking for funds. They leave with all questions answered.

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What could this be?

Start Next Quarter could serve the 34 community/technical colleges in Washington.



Entrance into training programs would become much simpler.

By sharing one site, we could streamline initial eligibility for statewide workforce funds

- WIA – ITA's
- TAA
- Veterans Resources
- Temporary Funding Source, i.e. large grants and cohorts
- Interoperability with Washington Connection

By sharing one site, we all benefit from any future enhancements.

Enhancement	Status
Adding additional schools.	With support from the SBCTC, conversations are underway.
Launching an online application for funding.	Beta version is being tested.
Creating a version of SNQ in other languages for ESL students	Feasibility study is underway.
Adding text-messaging capabilities.	TBD
Creating a mobile app.	TBD

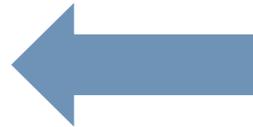
Start Next Quarter helps demonstrate the demand for Workforce Education funds and programs to legislators and the public.

MANAGE WORKSHOPS

[Add A Workshop](#) [View All Upcoming Workshops](#)

MY CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

	Workshop Dates	Location	Seats	Cap.	View Roster	Email Roster	Print Roster
681 Remove	Thu, Oct 25, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Fri, Oct 26, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	OC 142 A&B	98	100	View Roster	Email Roster	Print Roster
681 Remove	Tue, Nov 06, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Wed, Nov 07, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	OC 142 A&B	9	100	View Roster	Email Roster	Print Roster
681 Remove	Wed, Nov 28, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Thu, Nov 29, 2012 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	OC 142 A&B	1	100	View Roster	Email Roster	Print Roster



Manage Workshops

“In October, 110 students pre-qualified and enrolled in our workshop so they could get funds in January. That works out to 25-30 students a week, and it gets busier as we near the start of the quarter.”



Thank You