

## About the BTC Foundation



### What is the Bellingham Technical College (BTC) Foundation?

The BTC Foundation is a non-profit corporation that raises funds to support the students, programs, faculty and staff at Bellingham Technical College. The BTC Foundation is staffed with full-time employees and guided by a volunteer board of directors comprised of people who represent the various programs of the college. Since hiring our first staff members in 1997, the Foundation has played an increasing role in supporting BTC's organizational goals and helped thousands of students achieve success through education.

#### Foundation Mission:

The mission of the BTC Foundation is to change lives by expanding access to quality education for the students of Bellingham Technical College.

## The Foundation is here for you

For more information about the BTC Foundation, please visit [www.btc.edu/foundation](http://www.btc.edu/foundation), call **360.752.8684**, or email [foundation@btc.edu](mailto:foundation@btc.edu).

*"I remember the feeling of the first email I got from the BTC Foundation, telling me that I was awarded a scholarship. This feeling that there are people out there willing to help. The feeling that the world has not turned a blind eye. That people still believe in others and that some simply want to help."*

– Omar Cuevas, BTC Nursing Graduate

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## FOUNDATION RESOURCES:

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### What Does the Foundation Do?

The BTC Foundation receives contributions from individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the year to award as scholarships to BTC students. These donors often have ties to BTC because they are alumni, their business hires BTC graduates, or they support education in our community. The foundation also manages endowment funds that support scholarships with yearly distributions from donors who have made sizeable contributions and wish their gift to help students in perpetuity.

#### How Much Is Available?

The total amount that the foundation has available fluctuates from year-to-year, but the average yearly total since 2017 has been more than \$350,000, with the average award per student around \$1,500. The foundation bases each student's award amount on financial need, time left in program, cost of the program, and the overall application.

#### What Are My Chances?

While the foundation cannot guarantee that you will receive a scholarship when you apply, the staff can help you put together the best possible application, which can improve your chances. On average the foundation awards money to almost 50% of those who submit complete applications.

#### What are the Requirements?

There are only three requirements you must meet to be considered for a Foundation scholarship:

- **You need to have a Student ID (SID),**
- **Have a FAFSA or WASFA on file, AND**
- **Submit a completed application by the deadline.**

#### Who Decides?

The Scholarship Selection Committee is formed each spring and consists of at least eight representatives from the foundation staff, BTC's Student Services Department, and the Foundation Board of Directors.

\*The scholarship awards are distributed evenly throughout each academic quarter

#### Scholarship Timeframe

- Early April:** Scholarship application opens (visit the BTC Foundation web site)
- Late June:** Scholarship application closes
- July:** The Selection Committee convenes for the award determinations
- August:** Scholarship recipients are notified
- September:** Scholarship funds\* are available on the first day of fall quarter
- October:** BTC Foundation Scholarship Celebration Breakfast

#### EMERGENCY FUNDING

The BTC Emergency Funding team is a campus committee dedicated to assisting students with unexpected financial hardships that may act as a barrier to continuing their education at BTC. Emergency funding awards are made on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Student Financial Resources at **360.752.8351**, or email **finaid@btc.edu** with any questions related to emergency funding.

#### FOOD PANTRY

BTC and the foundation understands that hunger is a real issue on campus for many students. In an effort to help, the BTC Food Pantry was created with support from the BTC Foundation, campus staff, and individual donors. Students with an immediate need can access nonperishable single serve food items for breakfast and lunch at various offices on campus. The pantries are managed by the BTC Student Life Office. For a list of pantry hours and locations, please contact Student Life at **360.752.8587** or email **asbtc@btc.edu**.

#### OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT

The Foundation also helps fund student clubs, program equipment, class trips, Running Start, IMPACT!, and many campus events.

#### BTC FOUNDATION CONTACT

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