



## APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP – SCHOLARSHIP FAQ

**What does a scholarship cover?** SEI scholarships go towards tuition for your selected cohort and module. At the moment, they cannot be applied to travel or other incidental costs associated with your training experience. At this time, scholarships are awarded for US-based trainings only, including online trainings based in the United States.

**I'm in the middle of my SE training, can I still apply for a scholarship if I didn't initially apply for one when I started Beginning I?** Yes, absolutely! Please note that scholarship funds will only apply to future training modules: any funds awarded will not be applied to training modules you have already completed and paid for.

**What scholarship should I apply to?** For more information about each of the scholarship programs SEI offers, please visit our website. If you believe you qualify for multiple scholarships, you may apply to multiple programs, though funds will only be awarded for one scholarship program.

**When will I know if I have received a scholarship award?** Current review and response times are around four weeks from the time of your application. Please keep this review time in mind when applying to ensure that any funds awarded can be applied to your training program.

**How do I register for a training if I'm applying for a scholarship?** All available spots in the three-year professional training are on a first come, first served basis. If you are accepted into the program but are waiting on your scholarship application, please submit a payment plan by clicking 'Pay Later' when registering to secure your spot. If your scholarship is not approved you can be fully refunded, including the processing fee.

**Can I apply for multiple scholarships?** You may apply for financial assistance under multiple scholarship funds, but please be advised that financial assistance, if awarded, will only come from one scholarship fund.

**Who decides whether I receive a scholarship?** Scholarship applications are reviewed and approved by three independent reviewers at SEI. They review applications in accordance with guidelines approved by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.

Regional scholarships are reviewed and awarded by regional organizing committees made up of community volunteers.

**What is financial need?** Your financial need is the gap between what you can afford to pay to attend training through SEI and the tuition cost. In your short letter accompanying your application, please be sure to define your financial need so we can best assist you.

**What is the typical scholarship award?** Scholarship awards generally range between 25% and 50% of a student's tuition in your selected cohort, though in exceptional circumstances, other award amounts can be considered.

**Do I have to apply for a scholarship for each year of training?** Yes, the term for each scholarship award is one year from its award date and covers one calendar year of training. You will need to reapply for a scholarship award to cover future years. Whether or not you use your scholarship, it will expire one year after its award date.

**Is there a cap on how many scholarship awards are given out?** Yes, to ensure that funds remain available for students seeking assistance, there are quarterly caps that the Scholarship Review Committee must abide by when determining awards. If your application is submitted in one quarter but no funds are available due to the quarterly cap, your application will be rolled over to the next quarter for consideration.

**Are payment plans available?** At this time, payment plans continue to be available as a means to finance your SE training, for both students on and off scholarships. The administrative fee for a payment plan is \$100.

**If my application is not accepted, can I reapply for my next training?** Yes, you are welcome to reapply for financial assistance for subsequent training modules if your initial application is not accepted. However, you may not apply multiple times for scholarship support for the same training module under the same scholarship program.

**Where do scholarship funds come from?** SEI's scholarship funds come initially from the generosity of donors who have designated scholarships as their area of support. When these funds are exhausted, substantial additional scholarship funds are funded from SEI's annual operating fund. We hope to continue to expand our scholarship offerings through additional donations and community support.

**If my application for a scholarship that has a regional component is not accepted, does that mean the application is also not accepted at the national level?** Being considered

for a regional scholarship does not disqualify you from being considered for the national level of the same scholarship. If your application to a regional scholarship fund is not accepted, your application will be returned to the national pool and be re-reviewed for the national scholarship.

**What happens to my data after I submit my application?** SEI will store your scholarship application data for 18 months in our secure internal system. After 18 months, SEI will delete your scholarship application data.

**How will I find out if I have been approved?** Students will be notified of approval or denial of application via email.

**If I am awarded a scholarship, how do I receive my scholarship award when registering?** Your award letter will detail how to receive your scholarship award.

**If I have other questions about my application or award, who should I contact?** Questions about your application or award can be directed to the Scholarships team at [scholarships@traumahealing.org](mailto:scholarships@traumahealing.org).