

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FAQS:

Q. How do I apply?

a. SEI's Scholarship Program is open for the 2025 Winter Scholarship Cycle from January 7th, 2025, through February 3rd, 2025. Applications must be submitted **by 5pm MST on February 3rd**. During this time, applications may be submitted through the link at the top of the Scholarships webpage. Please click **here** to navigate to the Scholarship webpage. Once there, click the "Scholarship" button.

Q. I received an error message while trying to submit my application. What should I do?

a. If you receive an error message while attempting to submit your application before 5pm MST on February 3rd, do not refresh your original application. Instead, you will need to submit a new application by clicking the link at the top of the Scholarships webpage. If issues persist, contact us immediately for support. To reach a member of the Scholarship Team, go to SEI's <u>Contact Page</u> and click the "Contact Us" button.

Q. Will SEI make any exceptions and accept applications after the deadline? There will be no exceptions for late submission attempts.

Q. How do I know if my scholarship application has been submitted correctly?

a. An email confirmation will be sent upon successful submission of a scholarship application. Please check your spam if you do not see an email from us in your inbox. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has not been submitted, and you will need to submit a new application.

Q. What documents do I need to submit with my application?

a. You can find a list of required documents - which you can gather prior to applications reopening - by scrolling down to the "Apply for A Scholarship" section on the scholarship webpage. Navigate to this information by clicking **here**, then click the "Scholarships" tab.

Q. What happens if I submitted the wrong supplemental documents or want to make changes in my application?

a. Changes cannot be made to applications after submission. If a mistake is made that you wish to correct, you will need to submit a new application with the correct documents. If an applicant has multiple applications in the same category, SEI will **only** review the most recent submission.

Q. Do I need to be accepted into the SE Professional Training Program before applying for a scholarship?

a. Yes! Scholarships can only be awarded to individuals accepted into the SE 8-Module Professional Training Program. If you have not yet applied, your first step is to thoroughly review the application requirements and apply through SEI's website, <u>here</u>.

NOTE: The Basics of SE workshop is recommended but not required prior to applying to U.S programs. You should receive a determination letter two weeks after you apply. Once you have been accepted, you are welcome to apply for a scholarship while they remain open.

Q. Do I need to select a cohort before applying for a scholarship?

a. Yes! All applicants need to have a cohort selected. The application for the SE Professional Training Program will guide you through selecting a cohort. If you have questions, please contact the Admissions team via SEI's contact page <u>here</u>.

Q. I'm a returning student and I want to apply for a scholarship. Do I need to transfer into a new cohort before applying?

a. Returning students who do not have a cohort or those needing to transfer must complete the transfer process by filling out a Transfer Request Form, <u>here</u>. If you have completed training through Intermediate III, you will need to select an Advanced module. To select an Advanced I or Advanced II module, please use our Advanced Request form by clicking <u>here</u>. For assistance with transfers and Advanced cohort selections, please contact the Registration team via SEI's contact page, <u>here</u>.

Q. Can I apply to more than one scholarship category?

a. You are welcome to apply for more than one scholarship if you believe multiple may apply. You can only receive <u>one</u> scholarship award at a time, which means we will review all your applications and determine which, if any, qualify for a scholarship award.

Q. What scholarship should I apply for?

a. For more information about each of the scholarship categories SEI offers, please refer to the "Scholarships at A Glance" section of our webpage by clicking <u>here</u>, then clicking the "Scholarships" tab. If you believe you qualify for multiple categories, you may apply to more than one, however if awarded, you can only receive one scholarship award at a time.

Q. When will I know if I received a scholarship award?

a. For the Winter 2025 Cycle all applicants will receive a determination letter via email by February 18th, 2025. Please check your spam if you have not received a determination letter.

Q. How much financial support can I expect to receive if I am awarded a scholarship?

a. Scholarships are awarded as 25%, 33%, or 50% off the price of tuition. Your scholarship code can be used on any unpaid future module(s) you still need to register and pay for.

Q. Will I receive a refund if I already registered to save my spot and then received a scholarship?

a. No. Scholarships <u>cannot</u> be applied retroactively to modules you have already paid for. If a module has been registered and paid for, even if the module hasn't happened yet, refunds will not be provided. Please be sure to apply your scholarship code while registering, and should you encounter any issues or questions, reach out to the Scholarship Team by visiting SEI's <u>Contact Page</u> and clicking the "Contact Us" button.

Q. What should I do if I want to save a spot in a training but am also waiting to hear if I will receive a scholarship?

a. All available spots in the 8-module professional training are on a first-come, first-served basis. The only way to secure a spot in a training module is to register and pay. Please visit SEI's Tuition and Support page by clicking **here**, to read about your payment options. If you are subsequently awarded

a scholarship, it is available for your use when registering and paying for future modules. Retroactive refunds are not available.

Q. 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?

a. Yes, absolutely! NOTE: scholarship awards will only apply to future training modules. Scholarships cannot be applied to training modules you have already completed or paid for.

Q. Are payment plans available?

a. Yes! Payment plans are available for the 8-module professional program. Students with or without scholarships may enroll in a payment plan. The administrative fee for a payment plan is \$100. To read about your payment options, visit SEI's Tuition and Support page by clicking <u>here</u>.

Q. What does a scholarship cover?

a. SEI scholarships go towards tuition for your selected cohort and module. They cannot be applied to travel, incidental costs associated with your training experience, or webinars.

Q. Do scholarships apply internationally or only for US-based training cohorts?

a. Currently, SEI's scholarships are only available for students attending US-based trainings either online or in-person. That said, you don't need to reside in the US to attend a US-based training! If you would prefer registering for an international SEI training program, feel free to connect with your local organizer and ask them about potential scholarship opportunities. Information about SEI's international trainings, including contact information, can be found <u>here</u>.

Q. If I am awarded a scholarship how do I use my award when registering?

a. Your award letter will arrive via email and will detail how to apply your scholarship award!

Q. When is the Scholarship Program open?

a. SEI opens the scholarship program twice a year – in the winter and summer - for four weeks at a time.

Q. How are scholarship decisions made?

a. Scholarship applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee at SEI. They review applications in accordance with guidelines approved by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.

Q. What is "financial need"?

a. 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.

Q. Will I need to reapply for a scholarship for every module of training?

a. No. As of December 2023, all past, current, and future scholarships will be eligible for use for 5 years.

Q. Is there a limit to the number of scholarships that will be awarded?

a. Yes. SEI is a non-profit organization and there are a limited number of scholarships available to award. While we do our very best to serve our community, not every qualified applicant will receive a

scholarship. If your scholarship application is not accepted, you are welcome to apply in the next application cycle.

Q. If I am not awarded a scholarship, may I apply again during the next round?

a. Yes, you are welcome to reapply for financial assistance if your initial application is not accepted!

Q. What happens to my data after I submit my application?

a. 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.

Q. If I have other questions, who do I contact?

a. Please visit SEI's contact page by clicking <u>here</u>. From there, you will find two options for reaching us directly; click the "Submit Your Question" button to initiate email correspondence with a member of the Scholarship team, or you may click the "Book an Appointment" button to book a phone appointment with a team member.

Q. How do I learn more information about the scholarship program?

a. For detailed and up-to-date information, visit our website <u>here</u>. Once there, click the "Scholarships" tab.