

- Spokane Community College Spokane Falls Community College

General Admissions Eligibility

Prospective students 18 years or older, or those with a high school diploma or GED, are eligible to enroll in courses at Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS).

Underage Admissions Exception

CCS does not wish to duplicate or replace the functions of local high schools. However, high school students may request special admission to take specific courses at the college on a quarterly basis. Underage high school students who are not Running Start students may enroll under exceptional circumstances. Underage high school students who are seeking enrollment on a long term basis should explore admissions through our Running Start Program.

Per CCS Administrative Policy 3.4.1: All students must demonstrate the ability to benefit from the college's curricular offerings and an ability to not create a disruptive environment. CCS reserves the right to deny admission to students under the age of 16 who it determines are unable to demonstrate academic and/or behavioral preparedness.

To qualify for an exception to CCS's general admission requirements as an underage student, the following steps must be completed:

1. Submit the following to the **Registrar's office** of the college you will be attending for initial screening by the *Underage Admissions Committee*:
 - ✓ **Application for Admission**
 - ✓ **Student/Parent (or legal guardian) Release for Underage Student Form**
 - ✓ **School District Enrollment Release Form** **annual resubmission required*
 - ✓ **Quarterly Academic Plan Form** **quarterly resubmission required*
 - ✓ **Most current grades from secondary school**
 - ✓ **Self-written letter stating CCS enrollment goals**
 - ✓ **Letter of recommendation from an educator or tutor (other than a family member or guardian)** addressing academic readiness and behavioral preparedness for an adult learning environment

**Once submitted for review, the committee will contact you within 7-10 business days regarding your next step.*

2. The *Underage Admissions Committee* will determine if the student should continue the process with placement testing. Students must demonstrate academic preparedness for college-level work by placing into college-level MATH and ENGLISH.

3. Schedule an appointment with the *Underage Admissions Committee* by calling SCC 509- 533-7067 or SFCC 509-533-3514.

Approved underage students will be allowed to enroll in one 5 credit class during their first quarter. The class must be approved by the *Underage Admissions Committee* and the instructor will be consulted. The presence of an underage student cannot disrupt regular class materials or topics.

Approved enrollment for one quarter does not guarantee enrollment approval or class availability for subsequent quarters. After the initial quarter of enrollment the student's capability to be successful will be assessed with the possibility to enroll in additional credits.

Students will be expected to adhere to the Community Colleges of Spokane's Academic Standards in addition to the CCS Student Code of Conduct.

Spokane Community College and Spokane Falls Community College reserve the right to request additional information and/or deny any underage enrollment.



STUDENT/PARENT (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN) RELEASE FORM FOR UNDERAGE STUDENT

Spokane Community College (SCC) Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC)

I, _____, a potential student at SCC/SFCC, am aware of the following:

I, _____ a parent/guardian of a potential underage student at SCC/SFCC, am aware of the following regarding my dependent's responsibility and education as a college student:

1. SCC/SFCC are open campuses. The colleges serve a diverse student body in an adult learning environment which values both academic and intellectual freedom. Both in the classroom and on the campus-at-large, students may be presented with difficult adult issues and decisions they would not encounter in high school.
2. As with all students, instructors are not required to substitute assignments if the student chooses not to complete them. Instructors are not required to change the content, structure, or materials covered in the class if the underage student's presence creates a conflict.
3. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), instructors are not required to notify parents/guardians when a student is failing or not attending a class. Additionally, it will be the responsibility of the student to communicate any concern with their instructor.
4. Students are responsible for arranging their college schedule so it does not conflict with their high school schedule. College courses are offered in four quarters beginning in September (fall), January (winter), March/April (spring) and July (summer).
5. Students are responsible for the following:
 - a. Tuition costs, books, supplies and fees
 - b. Appropriate behavior as outlined in the Student Handbook
 - c. Attendance, homework and communication with instructors
 - d. Transportation
 - e. Sending copies of official transcripts to their high school
 - f. Registering each quarter after gaining permission from the Underage Admissions Committee

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

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**Community Colleges
of Spokane**

SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT RELEASE FORM

**for non-Running Start students seeking underage admission*

**Student is required to resubmit this form each academic year while seeking underage admission.*

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Student Information

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ GRADE: _____

CURRENT GPA: _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

_____, a student at _____
has permission to enroll at **Spokane Community College/Spokane Falls Community College.**

This agreement is valid only for the 20 _____ academic year.

NOTE: Students are limited to enrolling in just one 5 credit class during their first quarter. After the initial quarter of enrollment the student's capability to be successful and the possibility to enroll in additional credits will be assessed.

Approved By _____ Date _____
Secondary School Official Title

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