

**2023-2024 JACQUE DACAMARA ENDOWED STUDENT SUPPORT FUND  
FOR SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL WELFARE STUDENTS**

As a result of generous donations from Associate Professor Emerita, Janice Laakso, and her husband, John Laakso, the University of Washington Tacoma School of Social Work and Criminal Justice has this opportunity to offer financial support for participation in policy-focused activities to students enrolled in BASW and MSW programs. Jacque DaCamara was a cousin and close friend of the donors and shared with them a passion for politics, the political process, and making a difference through advocacy. Awards typically range between \$300 to \$500, depending on the number of applications received and competitiveness of the applicant pool.

Application procedures are described below. Eligible applicants are students continuing their degree progression in winter quarter 2024, when the scholarship funds will be awarded. Successful applicant(s) will be encouraged to write a “thank you” to the donor.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- ✚ Currently enrolled University of Washington Tacoma BASW or MSW student in good standing.
- ✚ Continuous enrollment from Fall quarter 2023 through Winter quarter 2024.
- ✚ Must not have been a prior recipient of this award.

**Application Procedure:**

To apply for this financial support, applicants must provide the following information to the School of Social Work & Criminal Justice by email to [swcj@uw.edu](mailto:swcj@uw.edu):

- ✚ Completed application form (p. 2 of this document).
- ✚ An unofficial UW Tacoma transcript (downloaded from [MyUW](#)).
- ✚ A personal statement addressing your interest in and goals related to social welfare policy and advocacy. Discuss all activities in which you participate that are related to advocacy and social policy. The length of the essay should be 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, with 11 or 12 point font.
  - Examples include: lobbying, organizing protests/demonstrations to advocate for policy change or new laws, participation in policy changes and/or advocacy projects, writing op-ed pieces, community involvement, community organizing, etc.
  - Be specific about the knowledge or skills you hope to add or gain from your education at UW Tacoma to enhance and inform your approach to social policy and advocacy work.

**Application Deadline: Sunday November 12th, 2023 (by midnight)**



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2023-2024 APPLICATION FORM

Email materials to:

University of Washington Tacoma
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice
Attn: Scholarship Committee
swcj@uw.edu

Form with fields: Name, UW Student ID Number, Address, County, Preferred Phone, UW Email, BASW Student, MSW Student, Year Admitted to UW Tacoma's Social Welfare (BASW) or Social Work (MSW) Program.

By signing this application, I certify that my statements in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification or omission of information may disqualify me from consideration for this scholarship. I understand that all statements made on this application may be verified. If I receive a scholarship from UW Tacoma, I: 1) give the University permission to publish my name in news releases, the web and advertisements promoting its scholarships; 2) agree to write funders a thank you note; and 3) may be required to attend a scholarship stewardship event, if one is held.

Form with fields: Signature, Date