



**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
2023-2024 GRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) STUDENTS**

For the 2023-24 academic year, the University of Washington has returned graduate student tuition funds to the School of Social Work and Criminal Justice in the form of merit scholarships. Awards typically range between \$2000 and \$5000, depending on the number of applications received and competitiveness of the applicant pool. Preference will be given to applicants who have the highest financial need. Financial need will be determined by the UW Tacoma Financial Aid Office with data received from the individual's 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These funds support a tuition rebate, lowering the cost of tuition for the student. This scholarship is not a cash award and cannot be applied to fees, books, or any expenses other than tuition.

Application criteria and procedures are described below. Eligible applicants must continue their degree progression through Spring quarter 2024 (unless graduating earlier in this academic year). Funds awarded will be disbursed across two quarters (Winter 2024, and Spring 2024).

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- ✚ Currently enrolled University of Washington Tacoma MSW student in good standing (cumulative 3.3 GPA), with successful completion of at least one quarter of coursework as a matriculated student
- ✚ Demonstrated sustained academic excellence or shown academic improvement over time (as evidenced by cumulative program GPA)
- ✚ Continuous enrollment from Autumn quarter 2023 through Spring quarter 2024 (unless you graduate early in one of these quarters)

**Application Procedure:**

To apply for this scholarship, 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 Graduate Merit Scholarship application
- ✚ An unofficial UW Tacoma transcript (downloaded from [MyUW](https://myuw.edu))
- ✚ Complete a 2023-2024 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](https://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and list the "University of Washington Seattle, WA" as a school which information should be released to. The University of Washington Title IV code is 003798. Please note that while the priority deadline has passed, it is not too late to complete the FAFSA if you have not previously done so.
- ✚ A personal statement addressing the following:
  - *This scholarship provides funds to MSW students actively working for peace and justice. Please describe in detail your commitment to the social, political, and/or economic endeavors which benefit your community.*

The length of your statement should be 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, with size 11 or 12 font. The strength of the content and composition of the essay will be factors used in scoring each application.

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



GRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
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, Year Admitted to UW Tacoma's MSW Program, Current Cumulative UW Tacoma Grade Point Average (GPA)

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. I hereby give permission to release my financial aid data to the School of Social Work and Criminal Justice so that the scholarship award committee may consider my financial need as a dimension of the scholarship criteria. 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