

2026-2027 HITES TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP – UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

The *Hites Transfer Scholarship - University of Washington Tacoma* recognizes and rewards academic excellence at the community college level. The fund was specifically created, as a partnership between the Tacoma Community College Foundation and UW Tacoma, to remove financial barriers which often prevent students from continuing their education beyond the associate degree.

A minimum of one (1) scholarship of \$7,500 per year for up to two years, is available to a graduating or transferring Tacoma Community College student for continued study at UW Tacoma. Each scholarship will be awarded for a period of two (2) consecutive academic years, up to six (6) quarters. The scholarship is intended to help students pursue their baccalaureate degrees as full-time students.

Deadline

All application materials must be submitted to the University of Washington Tacoma – Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships by **Thursday, May 21, 2026.**

Eligibility

- Students must be currently enrolled at Tacoma Community College
- Students must have completed an associate degree at Tacoma Community College at the time of transferring to the UW Tacoma OR have completed a minimum of 75 quarter credit hours (at least 36 credits earned at Tacoma Community College.)
- There is a strong expectation that the student will have completed the necessary credits and other requirements to be admitted to UW Tacoma for **autumn 2026 quarter** to complete their baccalaureate degree. At the time of submitting this application, a student should have already applied for admission to UW Tacoma. Should a prospective student accept the scholarship and then not qualify for transfer or enrollment, the award will be withdrawn.
- The student should have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale) at the community college level
- The student must demonstrate financial need as determined by their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) on file at UW Tacoma.

Submitting the Application

Students will submit application materials on the University of Washington Tacoma Hites Scholarship web page, via a link to a Secure Document Upload portal. It is preferable that a complete application in one PDF file is uploaded to the portal to prevent missing application materials.

Notification and Acceptance of Scholarship Recipient

It is anticipated the recipient of the Hites Scholarship will be notified no later than **Friday, June 12th, 2026.** A student will only be notified of a decision if they have received a scholarship. The recipient will have two weeks to accept or decline the award. UW Tacoma reserves the right to offer the scholarship to other nominees, should the first winner decline.

Thank you for your interest in becoming our Hites Scholar for the 2026-2027 academic year! We commend your hard work and wish you the best in the application process.

Application Materials

Items submitted online to the UW Tacoma Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships via Hites web page:

- Biographical Information Form
- Release Authorization and Statement of Candidacy form (student signature required)
- Personal Statement
- Letter of Recommendation from a TCC faculty member (faculty signature required; TCC letterhead preferred)

Item submitted to the UW Tacoma Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships via external website:

- The 2026-2027 FAFSA or WASFA with the UW school code (003798). The FAFSA or WASFA must be valid with a Student Aid Index (SAI) calculated by the federal processor.

Items submitted to the UW Tacoma Office of Admissions:

- UW Tacoma Transfer Student Application
- Official student transcripts from all previous colleges/universities attended in the last five years sent to UW Tacoma Admissions. For more information on sending transcripts, please see the [Submitting Transcripts](#) webpage.

Each application must be neatly typed. The forms are provided in Acrobat PDF files that allow you to fill in the fields on your computer. Personal statements must have one-inch margins on all sides and be no less than 12-point type.

Incomplete nomination packets will result in disqualification.

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Biographical Information

Name: _____

TCC Student ID Number: _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____ Email: _____

Number of community college credits **completed** through end of Winter 2026: _____

How many of the community credits were completed at Tacoma Community College? _____

Have you submitted a transfer application to UW Tacoma for **autumn quarter 2026**?

YES NO

- If NO, will you meet all UW Tacoma requirements in time to enroll for autumn quarter 2026, to the best of your knowledge YES NO

Have you submitted the 2026-27 Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) with the UW school code 003798? YES NO

- If YES, what is your 2026-27 Student Aid Index (SAI), as calculated by FAFSA or WASFA? _____

List all colleges and universities you have attended in the last five years or will attend before enrolling at the UW.

Do not exclude or omit any institutions, regardless of how many credits you earn(ed) there or the nature of the program in which you were/are enrolled. Failure to disclose all colleges and universities may result in ineligibility for the Hites Transfer Scholarship. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Name of College/University Location (City/State/Country, if outside U.S.) Dates Attended(From/To)

Cumulative GPA based on all institutions attended at the community college level: _____

Academic program in which I plan to enroll at UW Tacoma: _____

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Release Authorization and Statement of Candidacy

I, _____, wish to be considered as a candidate for the Hites Transfer Scholarship - University of Washington Tacoma. I understand that this scholarship is intended to support full-time study. Permission is hereby granted to officials of my nominating institution to release transcripts of my academic record to date and other information requested as part of the scholarship application form. I understand that any portion of this application may be released to the public should I be offered and accept the award and that participation in donor stewardship activities and academic ceremonies as outlined in the award acceptance agreement will be mandatory.

By typing my name in field box below, I certify that this electronic signature is valid and legally binding, and that I agree to the terms and conditions stated above herein

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

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Personal Statement

Name of Nominee: _____

Each nominee is required to submit a personal essay of **no more than 750 words**. Please address the role and impact of a four-year degree on the achievement of your professional and/or personal goals.

You may wish to also address your educational experience to date, including challenges and accomplishments.

Essays must be typed in the text box provided.

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Letter of Recommendation

*To be completed by a **faculty member of Tacoma Community College.***

Please discuss your experience with the nominee's academic scholarship, intellectual rigor, personal integrity, analytical and communications skills, and/or any other characteristics you believe will contribute to their continued academic success.

The nominee is urged to provide a copy of their biographical information sheet to the individual making this recommendation. The recommendation should be completed on a separate sheet, on TCC letterhead, and include faculty signature.

Name of Nominee: _____

Your Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How long have you known the nominee? _____

In what capacity? _____

How to Submit:

The letter may be completed and sent from the faculty member to us at uwtf@uw.edu. The student may also submit the letter along with their scholarship application packet to the Secure Document Upload - Scholarship portal on the Hites web page.