



**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA
SOCIAL WORK AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM
GRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
FOR MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) STUDENTS**

For the 2018-19 academic year, the University of Washington has returned 1% of graduate student tuition funds to the Social Work and Criminal Justice Program in the form of merit scholarships. The one-time awards will 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 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application criteria and procedures are described below. Eligible applicants must continue their degree progression through winter quarter 2019, when the scholarship funds will be awarded.

Criteria:

- ✚ Currently enrolled University of Washington Tacoma MSW student in good standing, with successful completion of at least one quarter of coursework
- ✚ Academic excellence as evidenced by cumulative program GPA
- ✚ Continuous enrollment from autumn quarter 2018 through winter quarter 2019
- ✚ Quality of personal statement
- ✚ Verification of student financial need through the FAFSA evaluation process with priority given to the highest need

Application Procedure:

To apply for this scholarship, applicants must provide the following information to the Social Work and Criminal Justice Program office in WCG-203.

- ✚ Completed Graduate Merit Scholarship application
- ✚ An unofficial UW Tacoma transcript (printed from [MyUW](#))
- ✚ Complete a 2018-2019 FAFSA online at 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.

Application Deadline:

- ✚ **November 27, 2018 at 5pm**



GRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Deliver or mail materials to:

University of Washington Tacoma
Social Work and Criminal Justice Program
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1900 Commerce Street, WCG-203
Tacoma, WA 98402-3100

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

UW E-mail: _____

Year Admitted to UW Tacoma MSW Program: _____

UW Student ID Number: _____

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 Social Work and Criminal Justice Program 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.

Signature: _____

Date: _____