



MASTER IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS
2008-2009



The Evergreen State College
Master in Public Administration (MPA) Program
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The Master in Public Administration Program makes available tuition wavers, scholarships, work-study and other aid to persons admitted to the MPA program. This packet describes financial opportunities available for the 2008-09 academic year. The MPA program makes a strong effort to award aid to as many students as possible, contingent upon the availability of funds. These awards are provided **in addition** to other “need-based” financial aid offered through The Evergreen State College Financial Aid Office (360-867-6205).

MPA Scholarship and Financial Assistance Awards Application Process

- ❑ Complete and submit the 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, 2008. **Priority deadline is March 15, 2008.** Applicants are encouraged to file using FAFSA on the web (www.fafsa.ed.gov). Evergreen's Title IV school code is 008155.
- ❑ Complete the Evergreen Financial Aid Data Sheet. Submit to Evergreen's Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Data Sheet is available from our Financial Aid office, or online at <http://www.evergreen.edu/financialaid/forms.htm>.
- ❑ Complete the "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards" **and** all materials required for the specific awards for which you are applying: letter(s) of intent addressing the criteria of the awards, resume, letters of recommendation, etc. See the individual award descriptions for details. Submit everything to the MPA Program (c/o Randee Gibbons, Lab 1, Room 3024) **by May 1, 2008.**
- ❑ If you have not done so already, apply for admission to the MPA program. You will not be awarded aid until you are offered admission to the college.

"Financial need" is determined by Evergreen's Financial Aid Office after receipt and processing of the FAFSA. We cannot consider you in our award process until this information is on file. Since funds are limited, it is suggested that you submit your FAFSA to the processor and the Financial Aid Data Sheet to the Office of Financial Aid as early as possible after January 1, 2008.

Evergreen's priority FAFSA deadline is March 15, 2008. This means that to have your file reviewed in the first awarding cycle, the Financial Aid Office must receive your complete and valid FAFSA information before March 15th. It *does not mean* that you will be unable to receive financial aid next year if you do not meet the deadline, but in order to receive the best possible award, and to know at the earliest possible date (for planning purposes) what your offer will be, make sure that your FAFSA information gets to us by March 15th. Note that using estimated 2007 tax information is acceptable.

If you are applying for one or more financial assistance awards for which financial need is a consideration (see award descriptions, under "Criteria"), you must complete the FAFSA.

May 1, 2008 is the deadline for all application materials to be on file in Evergreen's Financial Aid Office and to submit the MPA Application for Financial Assistance Awards and all required materials. Awards applications may be submitted after this date, but available funds may be exhausted or very limited. Note that tuition and fees for 2008-2009 are subject to change by the Washington State Legislature.

Notification of awards begins **after June 1, 2008.**

If you have questions about the admission process, please contact:

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The Evergreen State College strongly encourages qualified persons of all races, ethnicities and sexual orientations; persons with disabilities; persons over 40; women; and Vietnam Era and disabled veterans to apply for awards listed in this brochure.

MPA: Description of Financial Assistance Awards

GRADUATE ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP

Approximately \$6,000 distributed among several applicants.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to financial need.
- Secondary consideration given to students who demonstrate a commitment to continued intellectual and professional development.

Required:

- Submit a separate letter of intent not to exceed two (2) pages which mentions the name of the scholarship and demonstrates how you meet the scholarship's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

EVERGREEN FOUNDATION GRADUATE AWARDS

Approximately \$6,600 will be distributed among one or more applicants.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to financial need.

Required:

- Submit a separate letter of intent not to exceed two (2) pages which mentions the name of the scholarship and demonstrates how you meet the scholarship's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

EVERGREEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRADUATE AWARD

\$1,000 awarded to one MES, MPA or MIT student.

Criteria:

- Commitment to chosen field of study.
- Statement that addresses your reasons for selecting Evergreen for graduate study
- Secondary consideration given to financial need.

Required:

- Submit a separate letter of intent not to exceed two (2) pages which mentions the name of the scholarship and demonstrates how you meet the scholarship's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

JOHN WALKER FELLOWSHIP

Approximately \$400 awarded to one female applicant, preference given to women of color and/or over thirty.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to demonstrated commitment to continued intellectual and professional development.
- Secondary consideration given to financial need.

Required:

- Submit a separate letter of intent not to exceed two (2) pages which mentions the name of the scholarship and demonstrates how you meet the scholarship's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

JUDGE FULLER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP -- FAFSA is NOT required

Approximately \$1,000 is awarded to an applicant who best demonstrates his/her interest in one or more of the following areas:

Criteria:

- Describe how your previous volunteer or work experience; past, current or proposed course of study; and/or career goals in education, public policy, health, welfare, or the environment have benefited or intend to benefit young children living in or near poverty conditions. Explain clearly since the selection committee may not consist of specialists in your field.

Required:

- Submit a separate letter of intent not to exceed two (2) pages which mentions the name of the scholarship and demonstrates how you meet the scholarship's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARD – FAFSA is NOT required

Up to one quarter of resident tuition.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to community service and explanation of how AmeriCorps and the Education Award have impacted your desire to attend graduate school.

Required:

- Submit a separate letter of intent not to exceed two (2) pages which mentions the name of the scholarship and demonstrates how you meet the scholarship's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."
- Submit one (1) letter of recommendation, preferably from an AmeriCorps supervisor, supporting your application, and evidence of having completed one year of service and received the full \$4,725 education award.

MPA TRIBAL GOVERNANCE AWARD

Up to ten awards of \$1,500 each to applicants in the Tribal Governance concentration.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration will be given to the applicant's potential to use their education and experience to benefit tribal or indigenous communities.
- Secondary consideration is financial need.

Required:

- Submit a separate one (1) page letter of application summarizing your educational goals. This letter must state how you will use your education and experience to benefit tribal or indigenous communities. Please state in your application if you have received or expect to receive educational funding from tribal governments or other sources that will be used to support your completion of the MPA degree. Address the letter to the Selection Committee and submit it with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER

Up to twelve one quarter tuition waivers divided among several applicants who are Washington residents.

Criteria:

- Preference given to students based on the strength of MPA application and/or demonstration of high potential within the program.
- Financial need also a consideration.

NON-RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER

Awarded to applicants who are out-of-state residents.

Criteria:

- Preference given to students based on the strength of MPA application and/or demonstration of high potential within the program.
- Financial need also a consideration.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Approximately \$4,300 (total) will be distributed among one or two applicants. Applicants who are awarded Graduate Assistantships will work with the program staff to complete program-related projects. Graduate Assistantships are paid at an hourly rate and this pay is subject to taxes.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration based on qualifications for duties, defined by the academic performance and/or work experience of the applicant.
- Secondary consideration given to financial need.

Required:

- Submit a resume of qualifications and work experience with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

WORK/STUDY

Work/Study funds come from the U.S. Department of Education, the State of Washington or The Evergreen State College. Work/Study funds can be used for on campus jobs or off-campus jobs with not-for-profit entities, including federal, state and local government agencies.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to financial need.
- Secondary consideration given to the applicant's stated interest in working on campus or at an appropriate off-campus agency.

Required:

- Submit a resume of qualifications and work experience with your completed "MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards."

The Evergreen State College
MPA Application Form for Financial Assistance Awards
 2008-2009

Name	Evergreen ID or Social Security Number									
Mailing Address										
Daytime Contact Phone (Home or Cell)	E-mail Address									
Month 2008-2009 FAFSA was submitted	<input type="checkbox"/> New admit to program <input type="checkbox"/> Current or continuing student in program <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal concentration									
Do you intend to enroll full-time (8 credits or more per quarter) or part-time (at least 4 credits but less than 8 credits per quarter)? <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Fall 2008</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> full-time</td> <td style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> part-time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winter 2009</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> full-time</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> part-time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spring 2009</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> full-time</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> part-time</td> </tr> </table>		Fall 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time	Winter 2009	<input type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time	Spring 2009	<input type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time
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Please check all awards for which you are applying. Other than tuition waivers, all of these awards require a separate letter of intent. See individual award descriptions for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Foundation Graduate Award <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Endowed Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Resident Tuition Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Tuition Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> John Walker Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps Education Award <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Fuller Graduate Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Alumni Association Graduate Award <input type="checkbox"/> MPA Tribal Governance Award Only check the following if you are interested in hourly paid positions. Please attach a resume. <input type="checkbox"/> Work-Study <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Assistantship										
Compose and attach letter(s) of application that address your qualifications for the awards for which you are applying. Include supplemental materials such as a resume or letter of recommendation as required by the criteria stated for each award. Unless stated, you do not need to include supplemental materials.										
(Optional) Do you have any special financial need considerations that might not be reflected in the FAFSA? Please attach a statement giving details.										

Please submit this application & all required materials **by May 1, 2008** to: The Evergreen State College; MPA Program; c/o Randee Gibbons; Lab 1, Room 3024; 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW; Olympia, WA 98505; Attn: Financial Aid Applications. For more information call 360-867-6554 or email gibbonsr@evergreen.edu

Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible to receive aid, you must be offered admission or currently enrolled in the program AND a FAFSA must be received by the college for all financial assistance for which financial need is a primary or secondary consideration.