



MASTER of PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS
2009-2010



SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS by 5/1/09 to:

The Evergreen State College
Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program
c/o Jan Hays, MPA Office Assistant
Lab 1, Room 3019
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW
Olympia, WA 98505

The Master of Public Administration Program makes available tuition wavers, scholarships, fellowships, work-study and other aid to persons admitted to the MPA program. This packet describes financial opportunities available for the 2009-10 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 Financial Assistance Awards Application Process Instructions

- ❑ Complete and submit the 2009-10 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1, 2009. **Priority deadline is March 15, 2009.** Follow the instructions listed on the “Financial Aid for Graduate Students” page of the Evergreen Financial Aid website: http://www.evergreen.edu/financialaid/graduate_finaid.htm (in the link there is an underscore “_” between “graduate” and “finaid”) Note that Evergreen’s Title IV school code is 008155.
- ❑ Complete the Evergreen Financial Aid Data Sheet and submit it to Evergreen’s Financial Aid Office. As above, follow the instructions listed on the “Financial Aid for Graduate Students” page of the Evergreen Financial Aid website: http://www.evergreen.edu/financialaid/graduate_finaid.htm (in the link there is an underscore “_” between “graduate” and “finaid”)

Note that “financial need” is determined by Evergreen's Financial Aid Office after receipt and processing of the FAFSA. 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, and **your application cannot be considered in the MPA Financial Aid award process until your FAFSA 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, 2009.

As stated above, **Evergreen's priority FAFSA deadline is March 15, 2009.** 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 2008 tax information is acceptable.

- ❑ Complete and submit the one page “MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form” (MPA FAAAF) **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 on the following pages for details. **Submitting the MPA FAAAF plus just one letter of intent is sufficient to apply for most awards** – see award descriptions for exceptions. A printed copy of the MPA FAAAF plus all required materials to the MPA Program must be received **by May 1, 2009** (see complete address on page 1 and on MPA FAAAF). Emailed and faxed materials are **not** accepted.
- ❑ If you have not already done so, **apply for admission** to the MPA program. You will not be awarded aid until you are offered admission to the college.

Preference for MPA financial assistance awards will be given to applicants who will be: (1) enrolled full-time (at least 8 Evergreen graduate credits per quarter) and (2) enrolled in 1st or 2nd year MPA core courses.

May 1, 2009 is the deadline for all application materials to be on file in Evergreen’s Financial Aid Office and to submit the MPA FAAAF 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 2009-2010 are subject to change by the Washington State Legislature. Notification of awards begins **after June 1, 2009**.

For questions about the MPA financial aid award application or award process, please contact: Maggie McCarty, Assistant MPA Director-Tribal, at mccartym@evergreen.edu or (360) 867-6202.

For questions about the FAFSA or student loans, please contact the Evergreen Financial Aid Office at (360) 867-6205.

For questions about the MPA admission process, contact the Assistant MPA Director for the applicable concentration: Public/Non-Profit Admin & Public Policy concentrations -- Randee Gibbons: gibbonsr@evergreen.edu or (360) 867-6554; Tribal concentration -- Maggie McCarty: mccartym@evergreen.edu or (360) 867-6202.

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 these instructions.

Description of MPA Financial Assistance Awards

Submit just one (1) Letter of Intent to apply for any or all of the awards listed below. In your Letter of Intent mention the name of each award for which you are applying and demonstrate how you meet each award's specific criteria. The Letter of Intent should not exceed three (3) pages. Address the Letter of Intent to the Selection Committee:

GRADUATE ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP

Approximately \$6,500 will be 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.

EVERGREEN FOUNDATION GRADUATE AWARDS

Funds will be distributed among several applicants (total available funds to be determined by the Evergreen Foundation by the end of April 2009).

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to financial need.

JOHN WALKER FELLOWSHIP

An award of \$400 is 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.

JUDGE FULLER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP -- FAFSA is NOT required

Approximately \$1,400 will be 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.

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.

Special requirement:

- In addition to the Letter of Intent, 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 AmeriCorps education award (in 2007-08 = \$4,725).

MPA TRIBAL GOVERNANCE AWARD

Approximately \$2,500 will be distributed to one or more 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.

Special requirement:

- Please also state in your Letter of Intent 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.

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The following award requires a separate Letter of Intent not to exceed (2) pages which mentions the name of the award and demonstrates how you meet the award's specific criteria. Address the letter to the Evergreen Alumni Association Graduate Award Selection Committee:

EVERGREEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRADUATE AWARD

An award of \$1,000 will be awarded to one applicant.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to commitment to chosen field of study and reasons for selecting Evergreen for graduate study
- Secondary consideration given to financial need.

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No Letter of Intent is required to be considered for the following awards.

WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER

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

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to students based on the strength of MPA application and/or demonstration of high potential within the program.
- Secondary consideration given to financial need.

NON-RESIDENT TUITION WAIVER

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

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to students based on the strength of MPA application and/or demonstration of high potential within the program.
- Secondary consideration given to financial need.

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 and eligible non-profit organizations. **Work/Study awardees are responsible for finding their own work/study positions.**

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to financial need.

The Evergreen State College

MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form

2009-2010

Name	Evergreen ID or Social Security Number									
Mailing Address										
Daytime Contact Phone	E-mail Address									
Month 2009-2010 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%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Fall 2009</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 2010</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> full-time</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> part-time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spring 2010</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> full-time</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> part-time</td> </tr> </table>		Fall 2009	<input type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time	Winter 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time	Spring 2010	<input type="checkbox"/> full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> part-time
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Please put an "X" in the box next to each award for which you are applying. Attach all required supplementary materials as required -- see individual award descriptions for more information. <div style="list-style-type: none; padding-left: 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Endowed Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Foundation Graduate Award <input type="checkbox"/> John Walker Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Fuller Graduate Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> AmeriCorps Education Award <input type="checkbox"/> MPA Tribal Governance Award <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Alumni Association Graduate Award <input type="checkbox"/> Washington State Resident Tuition Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Tuition Waiver </div> <p>Only check the following if you are interested in an hourly paid position.</p> <div style="list-style-type: none; padding-left: 0;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Work-Study </div>										
(Optional) Do you have any special financial need considerations that might not be reflected in the FAFSA? Please attach a statement describing your circumstances and why they are not addressed by or reflected in the FAFSA.										

Please print, complete and submit a copy of this application & all required materials **by May 1, 2009** to: The Evergreen State College; MPA Program; c/o Jan Hays, MPA Office Assistant; Lab 1, Room 3019; 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW; Olympia, WA 98505; Attn: Financial Aid Applications. *Please note that faxed and emailed materials will not be accepted.*

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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.