



MASTER of PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS
2011-2012



SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS by **Monday, April 11, 2011** 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

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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 2011-12 academic year. The MPA program makes a significant 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).

Instructions for the MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Process

- ❑ **By Tuesday, March 15, 2011** complete and submit the 2011-12 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) **online**. You can begin completing the 2011-12 after January 1, 2011. 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.

Note that “financial need” is determined by Evergreen’s Financial Aid Office after receipt and processing of the FAFSA. Submission of the FAFSA is necessary to qualify for all federal student loans, all Evergreen Need Grants (grants distributed by the Financial Aid Office to a very limited number of students with the highest need) and all MPA financial assistance for which financial need is either a primary or secondary consideration (see award descriptions, under “Criteria”). To receive consideration for MPA need-based financial aid, **the FAFSA must be submitted by March 15, 2011.**

Students who submit the FAFSA by March 15th will have their file reviewed in the first awarding cycle by the Financial Aid Office and will receive priority consideration for Evergreen Need Grants.

The FAFSA **may** be submitted after March 15th, but financial aid eligibility after March 15th is much more likely to be limited to federal student loans.

Note that using estimated 2010 tax information is acceptable to complete your FAFSA.

- ❑ **By Monday, April 11, 2011**, complete and submit to the MPA Office a **printed** copy of: (1) the one page “MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form” (MPA FAAAF – it’s the last page of this packet) **and** (2) all materials required for the specific awards for which you are applying: a letter of intent addressing the criteria of the awards, 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 April 11, 2011*** (see complete address on page 1 and on MPA FAAAF). *Emailed and faxed materials are **not** accepted.*
- ❑ The MPA priority application deadline for Fall 2011 is **February 15, 2011**. Note that aid is only awarded to applicants who 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.

Note that tuition and fees for 2011-2012 are subject to change by the Washington State Legislature.

Notification of awards begins **after April 26, 2011.**

For questions about the MPA financial aid award application or award process, please contact: Randee Gibbons, Assistant MPA Director, at gibbonsr@evergreen.edu or (360) 867-6554.

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

For questions about the MPA program or 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 – Jerry Peltier: peltierg@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, plus any additional materials as needed for specific awards. 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 **non-financial need** criteria (financial need is determined by Evergreen's Financial Aid Office after receipt and processing of the FAFSA.) The Letter of Intent should not exceed three (3) pages. Address the Letter of Intent to the "MPA FA Selection Committee. Then, put an "X" in the box next to each award as listed on the one page "MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form" (MPA FAAF).*

AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARD – FAFSA is NOT required as financial need is NOT considered

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 – letter of recommendation + additional information needed: 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.

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
- Using FAFSA info, secondary consideration will be given to financial need

GRADUATE ENDOWED FELLOWSHIP

Approximately \$2,400 will be distributed among several applicants.

Criteria:

- Using FAFSA info, primary consideration given to financial need.
- Secondary consideration given to students who demonstrate a commitment to continued intellectual and professional development.

HEARST NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP -- FAFSA is NOT required as financial need is NOT considered

Approximately \$14,000 will be distributed to one or more applicants. First priority is given to Native American students in Evergreen's MIT (Master's in Teaching) or MEd (Master's of Education) programs. After funds are allocated to eligible MIT and MEd students, Native American students in other Evergreen graduate programs (MPA and MES) will be considered for any remaining funds.

Criteria --

- Primary consideration given to Native American students with a documented commitment to a Native American community and the education of Native American youth.
- Secondary consideration given to Native American students with a documented commitment to a Native American community.

Special requirement – additional information needed: Students **must** have a tribal affiliation to be eligible to apply. In your Letter of Intent, please state your tribal affiliation, as defined according to the federal standard below:

- **American Indian or Alaska Native**
 - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
 - There are more than 500 federally recognized and non-recognized tribes residing in the continental U.S. This category refers to the following groups:
 - American Indians
 - Aleuts
 - Alaska Eskimos (Inuits)

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.
- Using FAFSA info, secondary consideration will be given to financial need

JUDGE FULLER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP -- FAFSA is NOT required as financial need is NOT considered

Approximately \$1,300 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.

MPA TRIBAL GOVERNANCE AWARD

Approximately \$1,000 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.
- Using FAFSA info, secondary consideration will be given to financial need

Special requirement – additional information needed: 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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No Letter of Intent is required to be considered for the following awards. To apply for any of these awards, just put an “X” in the box next to the award as listed on the one page “MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form” (MPA FAAAF).

EVERGREEN FOUNDATION GRADUATE AWARD

Approximately \$8,000 will be distributed among several applicants.

Criteria:

- Using FAFSA info, primary consideration given to financial need.

TUITION WAIVER – WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENT

Funds from twelve one quarter tuition waivers will be divided among several applicants who are Washington residents. To maximize our funds, each award is likely to amount to less than one quarter of tuition.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to students based on the strength of MPA application or demonstration of high potential within the program.
- Using FAFSA info, secondary consideration will be given to financial need.

TUITION WAIVER – NON-RESIDENT

Awarded to applicants who are out-of-state residents. To maximize our funds, each award is likely to amount to less than one quarter of tuition.

Criteria:

- Primary consideration given to students based on the strength of MPA application or demonstration of high potential within the program.
- Using FAFSA info, secondary consideration will be 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:

- Using FAFSA info, primary consideration given to financial need.

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MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form (MPA FAAAF) 2011-2012

Name	Evergreen ID (preferred) or Social Security Number									
Mailing Address										
Daytime Contact Phone	E-mail Address									
Month 2011-2012 FAFSA was submitted	<input type="checkbox"/> New admit to program <input type="checkbox"/> Current or continuing student in program <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal cohort <input type="checkbox"/> General cohort									
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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"/> AmeriCorps Education Award <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Alumni Association Graduate Award <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen Foundation Graduate Award <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Endowed Fellowship Award <input type="checkbox"/> Hearst Native American Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> John Walker Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Fuller Graduate Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> MPA Tribal Governance Award <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Waiver, Non-Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Waiver, Washington State Resident </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>										

Please print, complete and submit a hard/printed copy of this application & all required materials **by Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5pm** 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 be 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.