

The Evergreen State College
MPA Financial Assistance Awards Application Form (FAAAF) 2012-2013

Name Evergreen ID (preferred) or Social Security Number
 Address Email
 City State Zip Code Daytime Contact Phone

Date 2012-13 FAFSA was submitted

Do you intend to enroll FULL-time (8 credits or more) or PART-time (at least 4 credits but less than 8 credits per quarter)?

Fall 2012 ☐ Full-time ☒ Part-time
 Winter 2013 ☒ Full-time ☐ Part-time
 Spring 2013 ☒ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Student Status:

☐ New admit to the MPA Program
☒ Current or continuing student

Indicate your Cohort:

☐ Tribal Cohort
☒ General Cohort

Please check the box of each award you are applying for:

☒ Evergreen Alumni Association Graduate Award ☐ Work-Study Graduate Assistant Award
☐ Graduate Endowed Fellowship Award ☒ AmeriCorps Education Award
☐ John Walker Scholarship ☐ Hearst Native American Scholarship
☐ Soule Family Fellowship ☐ Judge Fuller Graduate Fellowship

To submit your application materials, you have three options:

- 1) Complete, print, sign and scan your FAAAF and attach it to ONE email along with your letter of intent, resume, and letters of recommendation (if required).
- 2) Complete, print, sign and send your FAAAF via regular mail along with all required components.
- 3) Complete, print, sign and deliver in-person to Jan Hays in Lab 1 Room 3019.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Please note that faxed materials will NOT be accepted.

Application must be received by March 1, 2012 by 5pm.

Send your application to:

The EvergreenState College
 MPA Program c/o Jan Hays, MPA Office Assistant
 Lab 1 Room 3019
 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW
 Olympia, WA 98505

Email your application to:

Jan Hays, MPA Office Assistant
 haysj@evergreen.edu

☒ I declare that the information I have provided in my application is true, complete and correct. If I receive scholarships or financial assistance awards, I will fulfill my obligations as a student in the MPA Program to the best of my ability.

Signature and Date



For questions about the MPA FAAAF or the award process contact:

Erin Genia, Assistant Director for the MPA-Tribal Governance concentration at (360)867-6202 or, geniaee@evergreen.edu

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January 30, 2012

Office of Enrollment Services/UG Scholarships
TESC Library 1245
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW
Olympia, WA 98505

Dear MPA FA Selection Committee,

Thank you for your consideration for the following financial aid opportunities.

EVERGREEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRADUATE AWARD

I have long admired and appreciated the uniqueness of The Evergreen State College and I was thrilled to learn that TESC offered the program I was interested in. The MPA program is designed for students to really learn instead of churn out the right answers to multiple choice questions and think broadly about a variety of complicated issues. This community centered approach is one that I greatly respect and it creates a healthier learning atmosphere. I believe that the health and well-being of any society is tied in with the ability of its members to work together to tackle challenges. The TESC MPA program hones the necessary skills to make this happen.

I am personally committed to create a safe, just and equitable community wherever my studies and career take me. My current passions are social justice, family violence eradication, sustainability and the environment. In my position at the YWCA Pierce County which offers shelter and resources for people escaping intimate partner violence, I have come to see that family violence is a major public health issue. It tears at the very fabric of our communities and creates cycles of violence that wreak havoc on generation after generation.

I believe that TESC's MPA program will give me the real world tools to be able to make a difference and that is why I chose it over any other.

AMERICORPS EDUCATION AWARD

I look back on my experience with AmeriCorps with enormous gratitude. I had no idea what I was getting myself into at the time. Right after I got my Bachelors in Sociology I took time to backpack through Europe and Latin America. Seeing the diversity of human existence and of human struggles opened my eyes and all I knew was that I wanted to do something meaningful with my life when I returned home. The true gift of my experience with AmeriCorps was the focus and direction that it spurred. The hands-on job experience, team building training, direct service to under-served populations and access to sharp, caring mentors was exactly what I needed to jump start my career in the public service field. The experience also gave me the tools to utilize all different kinds of resources, especially volunteers.

Volunteerism enriches the individual volunteer, the recipient of their time and efforts, and the spirit of the community. I am now the Volunteer and Resource Coordinator at the YWCA Pierce County. I love my job; I get to connect the people that want to help with the people that need it. It is very fulfilling personally and professionally to witness the kindness and generosity of individuals every day. It is because of this spirit of giving that my organization is able to serve the amount of clients that it does. Part of my responsibility is to encourage and manage this process and I consider it an honor.

AmeriCorps inspired me to seek more knowledge and gave me the courage to follow my dream of getting my Masters Degree. Whenever I got nervous about the cost, I remembered my Education Award and how hard I worked to earn it. The typical incentive of a higher paying job after graduating with a Masters degree is not as strong for someone pursuing a career in the non-profit sector. That is why the Education Award and the opportunity that you offer through this award make such a huge difference to those of us that want to create positive change in the world but in a personally economically savvy way. I appreciate that The Evergreen State College acknowledges and encourages its students to give their time but more so in that they have 'put their money where their mouth is' so to speak. It is easy to say you support something; it is much harder to make money flow to that support.

Thank you for practicing what you 'preach' and for the opportunity to apply for the AmeriCorps Award and The Evergreen Alumni Association Graduate Award.

Sincerely,



Caitlin White

Student # A00124321

Caitlin S. White

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Education:

- 2013 M.P.A, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA (in progress)
- 2006 B.A. Sociology (cum laude), Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA
- 2005 Spanish Language Immersion, Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2003 Associate of Arts, Shoreline Community College, Shoreline, WA
- 2002 Graduate (cum laude), Inglemoor Senior High School, Kenmore, WA

Professional Experience:

Volunteer and Resource Coordinator, YWCA Pierce County, 2010 – Current

- ▲ Develop, promote, and maintain a wide range of volunteer and in-kind giving opportunities
- ▲ Solicit non-cash donations from community corporations, organizations and businesses
- ▲ Engage the public with our mission through presentations and attending events
- ▲ Coordinate and manage holiday donation programs for YWCA clients by soliciting and distributing holiday donations for over 100 families.

Environmental Stewardship Program Coordinator, WSU King County Extension, Renton, WA, 2009

- Experience using Evaluation-based Program Design
- Planned and co-lead a five week Youth Environmental Leadership Institute with ten at-risk youth
- Built partnerships with key organizations, stakeholders and volunteers
- Supported diverse 4-H youth development opportunities including waste reduction, robotics, recycling, outdoor adventure education, gardening and other environmental stewardship focused activities

AmeriCorps Member, King County Housing Authority, Tukwila, WA, 2008-2009

- Provided direct service to the under-served and diverse residents of KCHA properties
- Planned, facilitated and evaluated three 4-H Youth Gardening workshops
- Facilitated Challenge/Outdoor Adventure Education to youth and adults

English as a Foreign Language Volunteer Instructor, Bridge Linguattec, Costa Rica, 2007

- Facilitated language lessons for classes of up to fifty Costa Rican English language learners

Program Assistant, CWU's Center for Student Empowerment, Ellensburg, WA, 2004-2005

- Published news articles on issues surrounding under-served and diverse populations
- Recruited, trained, managed and retained over forty volunteers
- Raised over \$2,500.00 for a local domestic violence shelter
- Served as a Non-traditional student, Gender Issues and Violence Prevention Outreach Liaison

Certifications and Special Training:

- 30 Hour Domestic Violence Victim's Service Training
- Evaluation-based Program Design
- The Power of Process: Facilitation for Change in Challenging Times
- 4-H Experiential Learning: Using the Do, Reflect, Apply Method for Positive Youth Development
- Portable Challenge/Outdoor Adventure Education
- Building Successful Learning Communities
- Grant Writing
- Conflict Management
- Volunteer Recruitment: A Strength Based Approach
- Microsoft Office Suite
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
- CPR/First Aid/AED

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01/27/2012

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Please find below is the certification of service you requested. The largest of AmeriCorps programs, AmeriCorps*State and National provides funds to local and national organizations and agencies committed to using national service to address critical community needs, including:

- Tutoring and mentoring disadvantaged youth
- Fighting illiteracy
- Improving health services
- Building affordable housing
- Teaching computer skills
- Cleaning parks and streams
- Managing or operating after-school programs
- Helping communities respond to disasters
- Building organizational capacity

AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency created to connect Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation.

This is to certify that Caitlin S. White served as an AmeriCorps ★ State and National program member for the term of service indicated below:

Dates of Service: 09/01/2008 to 07/15/2009
State: WA
Program: WA State Employment Security Department

If this office can be of any further service to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at: 1-800-942-2677 or E-mail: questions@americorps.org.

Sincerely,

Lois Nembhard
Acting National Director, AmeriCorps ★ State and National



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King County Housing Authority AmeriCorps

600 Andover Park West

Tukwila, WA 98188

206.573.1354

December 22, 2009

The Evergreen State College
Office of Admissions
2700 Evergreen Parkway NW
Olympia, WA 98505

Dear Members of the Admissions Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write this reference letter for Caitlin White. Caitlin served as a member of our AmeriCorps team during the 2008-2009 term of service and was assigned to the WSU Extension 4-H program as a Community Outreach Specialist. Even though she successfully completed her term of service she has continued her association with our program providing special project development assistance for our Youth Recycling Education program.

Caitlin is a natural leader, open, outgoing and able to bring people together with humor and common sense. This position had several challenges, including an almost total lack of direction from her service site. Fortunately Caitlin is a remarkably capable individual with impressive organizational skills, great warmth and an amazing sense of humor. She was a tremendous asset to the team, using her skills and talent to insure that projects were accomplished with flair and success.

I believe that Caitlin can accomplish anything she sets her mind to. She works hard, is compassionate and not afraid to ask the necessary questions. She is intelligent, funny and curious...An unbeatable combination.

I would be pleased to talk with you about Caitlin if you require additional information. I can be reached at 206.574.1354 or by email at patp@kcha.org

Sincerely,

Patricia Porter
AmeriCorps Project Director

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