



Applicants must pay a non-refundable fee of \$85.00 for each application to the University of Washington Graduate School. Payment is made online through the application portal, using a MasterCard or Visa credit/debit card.

There are two processes for applicants who are unable to pay:

1. [Fee waivers through the Graduate School](#)
2. Fee prepayment by the School of Social Work for eligible students

Applicants must determine their eligibility for a Graduate School fee waiver BEFORE applying for a School of Social Work (SSW) fee prepayment.

Applicants must submit all forms and documents no later than 7 days before the application deadline. This must be done PRIOR to paying the fee and submitting the application. If you pay the fee, it cannot be reimbursed.

Request process

1. Review the [UW Graduate School's Fee Waiver Policy](#) and determine if you meet the eligibility criteria. The Graduate School offers fee waivers on the basis of financial need, as well as for McNair Scholars and PPIA Fellows. If eligible, please follow that process and DO NOT apply for a SSW fee waiver.

Once you have determined that you DO NOT meet the Grad School's eligibility criteria:

2. Review the School of Social Work's MSW Application Fee Prepayment Eligibility Requirements (below). If you are a participant of a program *not* listed whose mission aligns with our access and equity goals, you may request a fee prepayment by including program details in the Application Form.
3. If eligible, complete the [Application Fee Prepayment Request Form](#). The completed form must be received no later than 7 business days prior to your MSW Program's application deadline.

4. Requests will be reviewed and verified for satisfactory evidence. You will be contacted with a decision within 6 business days. If your request is approved, the program will submit payment on your behalf.
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MSW Application Fee Prepayment Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant is NOT eligible for The Graduate School's [application fee waiver](#)
2. Documented participation in one of the following programs:
 - Alumni and graduating students from [Minority Serving Institutions](#) (Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI), Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions (ANNH), Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI), and/or a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI).)
 - AmeriCorps
 - Peace Corps
 - Gates Millennium Scholars
 - Veterans: *You are eligible if you are/were an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a national guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service, under either the Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. code, in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, OR has received an honorable discharge.*
 - Participation in a qualified event with a valid eligibility code
 - Applicant is/was a participant (beneficiary) in a program not listed above whose mission aligns with our access and equity goals (subject to approval on a case-by-case basis). The program should be aimed at promoting access to higher education for traditionally underrepresented/economically disadvantaged populations and development of skills/leadership of these groups in a field associated with social work (e.g. public service, leadership, etc.).
3. Complete submission of the [Application Fee Prepayment Request Form](#) no later than 7 days prior to your MSW Program application deadline.