

# THE EVERGREEN FUND

## IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023

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### EVERGREEN BY THE NUMBERS FALL 2023

Enrolled students	2,332
Average age	29 yrs
WA Resident	86%
First-Generation	18%
Students of color	36%
Low-income	34%

Evergreen is positioned better than ever to thrive—thanks to you. You create positive change in the lives of students. Even with dreams of an Evergreen education, many students face daunting financial challenges. Your support transforms their aspirations into reality. Through the Evergreen Fund, the cornerstone of The Evergreen State College Foundation, you help fiercely ambitious Greeners overcome obstacles, achieve their educational goals and contribute towards a better society. We are **forever grateful** for your partnership.

Through June 30, 2024, all gifts to The Evergreen Fund support the Forever Green campaign.

**ForeverGREEN**  
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# Evergreen Tacoma Fund

The Evergreen Tacoma Fund supports scholarships and the strategic needs of the Evergreen Tacoma campus to ensure students from any background can pursue their college goals.



59% more funds awarded in FY23 than in FY19\*.

### EVERGREEN TACOMA FUND FY23 IMPACT

# of scholarships awarded	13
Value awarded	\$25,382

\*Results compared to FY19, the year before the campaign started.

## THE POWER OF AN EVERGREEN TACOMA EDUCATION

Founded through the dedication of Dr. Maxine Mimms and in response to the dearth of accessible higher education in the Tacoma area, The Evergreen State College Tacoma campus sits as a beacon of intellectual growth and community engagement in Tacoma's historic Hilltop neighborhood.

Founded in 1982, Evergreen Tacoma has welcomed students from various cultural, social, and demographic backgrounds and fostered an environment where different perspectives are celebrated. Students are challenged to explore a wide array of subjects and think critically to solve real-world

challenges. Students and faculty alike are actively involved in community initiatives that work to improve issues in Tacoma and beyond.

**Thanks to donors like you, the Tacoma campus continues to thrive and grow, and Tacoma students also benefit from The Evergreen Fund and the Evergreen Scholarship Fund.** In FY23, Evergreen Tacoma launched an Early Childhood Education program to meet demand in Washington State.



With your support, 4 out of 5 Tacoma students earn their degrees—two-thirds within the first two years<sup>1</sup>.

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# Evergreen Scholarship Fund

When you give to the Evergreen Scholarship Fund, you foster the joy of learning and propel students towards their degrees. The Evergreen Scholarship Fund provides renewable awards that increase typically from \$2,000 for first-year students to \$3,000 for seniors.

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EVERGREEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND FY23 IMPACT	
# of scholarships awarded	202
Value awarded	\$457,460
# of scholarships created through Forever Green*	110

\*Results compared to FY19, the year before the campaign started.

## HOW SCHOLARSHIPS CHANGE LIVES

Evergreen's fiercely ambitious students come ready to learn and create positive change in the world. They come here at pivotal moments of growth. Whether right out of high school or right out of the military, they are ready to chart their own pathways for the future. Their goals and dreams fuel their passion for learning.

However, financial hardships can be a roadblock along this journey. Many students find themselves in the difficult position of choosing between their education or meeting the basic needs of themselves or their families. About 34% of Evergreen's current student body identify as low-income and 20% are the first in their families to go to college. The support you provide through the Evergreen Foundation Scholarship and the Art of Giving eliminate this choice for many students.

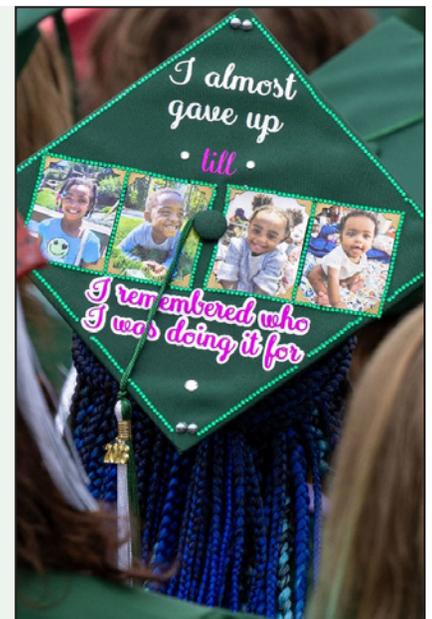
Evergreen Foundation Scholarships provide financial security allowing students to focus on their learning. These scholarships create access for those who would otherwise face financial barriers and hardships and gives them the opportunity to learn, climb, and contribute to our shared democracy.

With the help of Evergreen Foundation Scholarships, students leave ready for law school, tribal leadership, social entrepreneurship, public service, science, and the arts. They leave ready to create positive change and bring new ideas into the world. And, thanks to donors like you, they succeed.

"My deepest thank you to everyone who made this scholarship available to me, I hope to pass it on one day."  
— MH, class of 2024

"The scholarship money helps remove the barrier of working to support myself and allows me to focus on community projects and education opportunities. Right now, I am in the Agroecology & Community Gardens class which I am really enjoying because it aligns with what I want to do in the future."  
— JLM, class of 2026

"At Evergreen, surrounding myself with a community of like-minded learners has helped me a lot and kept me inspired throughout this year."  
— DS, class of 2026



“Receiving scholarships motivates me to put my full effort and intent into my education. I feel confident that I am at an amazing school that will challenge me to be my best self and prepare me to go out into the world. ”

— RM, class of 2027

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# Student Emergency Fund

The Student Emergency Fund was founded in 2015 by Evergreen parents and distributes micro-grants to students facing urgent expenses that stand in the way of their studies. Thanks to the Emergency Fund and Evergreen Fund donors, students don't have to make the choice between continuing their education and tending to life's unexpected emergencies.

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124% more funds disbursed in FY23 than in FY19\*.

\*Results compared to FY19, the year before the campaign started.

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND FY23 IMPACT	
# micro-grants awarded	154
Value disbursed	\$78,640
Average grant size	\$510



**EMILY KOHRING,  
MPA CLASS OF 2023**  
EVERGREEN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP &  
STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND RECIPIENT

Emily wanted to earn her Master of Public Administration (MPA) at Evergreen so she could expand her breadth of knowledge and serve as an advocate in her community.

Emily earned her bachelor's in public health from the University of Washington. When applying for master's programs, she considered a few institutions before deciding to attend

“There is no way that I would have been able to make that life transition while being in school without the help I received.”

Evergreen Tacoma. At Evergreen Tacoma, Emily had the chance to use her own life experiences in her courses. “It was truly a hands-on experience that molds students. Because the content of the classes comes from what each student contributes,” says Emily.

Being a mom and going to school while working full-time gave Emily a fear of accumulating debt during her master's studies. Her advisors were quick to share information on financial resources, resulting in Emily receiving the Evergreen Graduate Scholarship, which is also bolstered by donors to The Evergreen Fund. **With support from Evergreen Financial Aid and the generosity of donors like you, Emily was surprised and grateful to find her first year in the MPA program covered without taking on the added stress of student loan debt.**

### OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Then in March of 2022, Emily hit what could have been a roadblock along her journey. She had an unexpected change in housing and had to make a last-minute move. Facing new apartment move-in costs, she was worried

she would have to stop school because of the cost-of-living increase and child-care. That's when Emily learned about the Student Emergency Fund. **Thanks to the Fund, Emily was able to pay for childcare and successfully complete her classes.**

With hard work and unyielding dedication, Emily graduated from The Evergreen State College in 2023 with a Master of Public Administration—a successful milestone that makes her smile grow even wider as she speaks about it.

Today, Emily works at Green River College in the advising center where she mentors prospective students. She sits on the Washington Low-Income Housing Alliance and wants to continue to serve as a rent stabilization advocate to ensure families have safe, affordable, and comfortable places to live.

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## Special Initiatives

### NEW RETURNING GREENERS SCHOLARSHIP

During the Forever Green Campaign, you established a new initiative, called the Returning Greeners Scholarship. This fund supports students who had to leave or stop attending school and gives them a chance to return to Evergreen and revive their college goals.

RETURNING GREENERS SCHOLARSHIP FY23 IMPACT	
# of scholarships awarded	40
Value awarded	\$25,000

Unrestricted gifts ensure The Evergreen State College Foundation can stay nimble and responsive to critical demands on campus and within our community. You can feel good knowing that your investments go where they are needed most.

### 20<sup>TH</sup> LATINX YOUTH SUMMIT

Your donations helped host the 20th annual Latinx Youth Summit. This day-long event immersed students from Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Grays Harbor counties in workshops and speaker panels about college education and career and personal growth opportunities.



500 high school students and their families attended the 2023 Summit.

## Student Research & Learning

Your support enables students to take part in summer undergraduate research and capstone projects. Capstone projects guide students through applied research and data analysis. The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) allows students to collaborate closely with faculty as junior researchers. These opportunities enrich their academic experiences and provide invaluable career-related skills and growth.

RESEARCH & LEARNING FY23 IMPACT	
# of SURF fellows supported	10*
SURF & Capstone funds provided	\$20,000

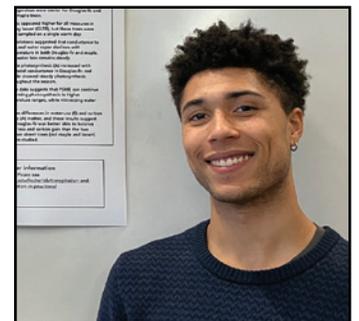
\*SURF is supported by the Foundation and the Academic Operating Budget.

### SETH TOWNSEND, CLASS OF 2025 SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

Seth came to Evergreen from the Chicago suburbs excited to study botany on a campus surrounded by temperate rainforest. Ask Seth about his passions, and he will tell you about his love for forestry, healthy ecosystems, and a sustainable future. “I found Evergreen while looking for schools in the Pacific Northwest. I’ve known this region to be famous for its political acts of community engagement and beautiful ecology, which I’ve always been attracted to,” says Seth.

During the summer of 2023, Seth received a 12-week SURF fellowship to collect research samples in the field alongside his faculty advisor, Dylan Fischer, as part of a collaborative

project shared by the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Dept. of Ecology, Evergreen, and WSU. The team is investigating how tree species use water and affect water cycles in temperate rainforests. Seth studied trees with sap flow probes and measured water stress in Douglas firs and maples. His findings show that trees face increased stressors in urban environments but can still fair well as long as water conditions remain stable. **Thanks to donors like you, Seth will be credited as co-author on two scientific publications, which will help him excel towards his career goals.** Following graduation, Seth plans to pursue a Master of Environmental Studies (MES) at Evergreen to advance his career goal of becoming an ethnobotanist.



Seth Townsend, SURF 2023 recipient.

