

SAF Annual Proposal Form

Question 1. * (Indicates a required field)

Proposing Group

(i.e. Career Services, Sustainability Club, Campus Events Board, etc.)

Question 2. *

Department/Organization

(i.e. Recreation and Wellness, First Year Pre-Major Programs, Student Engagement and Activities, School of Business, etc.)

Question 3. *

Contact Person

This person will be the sole point of contact for any questions or additional information requests from the SAF Committee regarding your proposal.

Question 4. *

Contact Email

This person will be the sole point of contact for any questions or additional information requests from the SAF Committee regarding your proposal.

Please include a regularly checked email as the SAF Committee contacts groups primarily through email.

Question 5. *

Contact Phone

Please include the phone number of the contact person. This person will be the sole point of contact for any questions or additional information requests from the SAF Committee regarding your proposal.

425-595-7727

Question 6. *

Faculty/Staff Member

Please discuss your request with a staff or faculty member (i.e. Student Affairs Staff or faculty adviser) before submitting your request and include the name and title (i.e. John Smith, Club Adviser) of that individual. **IMPORTANT: This person will also be listed as the budget owner.**

Margarita Naumchik

Question 7. *

Faculty/Staff Member Email

Please provide the email of the faculty or staff member you discussed your request with. **Please ensure the faculty or staff member understands they will be the budget owner and responsible for managing a SAF allocation.**

naumchik@uw.edu

Question 8. *

Executive Summary of Your Proposal

Please provide a concise overview of the program, activity, or service for which you seek funding. How does your proposal support the 21C initiatives?

Please reference the University of Washington Bothell's 21st Century Initiatives at the following website and, if and where appropriate, please refer to the applicable initiatives:

<http://www.uwb.edu/21stcentury>

Executive Summary

The Childcare Assistance program is a financial need based program that will support University of Washington Bothell (UWB) students with the high cost of childcare in the state of Washington. The program will increase the possibilities of a higher education to nontraditional students who have different needs and priorities. By providing a childcare assistance program, SAF will increase growth, resourcefulness, diversity, student centeredness, community, innovation and sustainability at the UWB campus. The program

reflects the 21st century initiative and Student Activities Fee bylaws through the following ways:

Growth: UWB is the fourth fastest-growing public university in the nation. Enrollment levels have almost doubled within six years. The student population went from 2,429 to 4,587 students enrolled within that period of time. For parenting students, childcare assistance is a main factor towards their decision of which University to attend. Parenting students decide to either go to community colleges that provide childcare assistance support or the UW Seattle campus for that reason. According to The Student Activities Fee (SAF) committee of The University of Washington Seattle Campus, SAF “provides resources and financial support to students with children to reduce the 2nd primary barrier to attaining a higher education.”¹

- **SAF in UW Seattle:** In a report by Brian Davis, SAF in Seattle assists with 98.8% of the financial childcare support for students at their campus. Diana Herman the Parent Resource Coordinator of the UW Seattle Campus informed us of the \$1,400,000 received from SAF last year towards their childcare assistance program.
- **SAF in UW Tacoma:** Brian Mcquay who works for student engagement and was a member of the Tacoma SAF committee 2015 year, stated that SAF funded \$75,000 towards fulfilling the need of 50 - 60 students last year. UW Tacoma is a slightly smaller campus than UWB and yet they understand the needs of their parenting students, therefore they support them.
- **SAF in UWB:** In 2015 at UWB SAF charged students \$89 per quarter (based on winter 2016)² for services that parenting students cannot even use and provided 0 funds towards childcare. Parenting students have been paying SAF since 2012 without being able to fully benefit from the resources available or the option of being provided the financial assistance to make their education experience easier. After last year’s SAF request, UWB SAF was able to grant \$105,000 for a pilot program. The program has showed growth and possibility for parenting students, it must continue to grow and be implemented to show continued support from SAF to parenting students.

Both Seattle and Tacoma campuses get state funds towards childcare because their SAF financially contributes towards students cost of childcare. If UWB SAF continues to contribute towards childcare, the state would support funds for our schools students’ childcare costs too.

¹ <https://depts.washington.edu/safcom/programs/childcare-assistance-program-2/>

² <http://opb.washington.edu/content/quarterly-tuition-and-fees>

If SAF continues to launch a similar childcare assistance program growth will be only one of the enhancements it will bring to the UWB campus. SAF can become the great support that The Parent Union at UWB is strongly looking for.

Resourcefulness: At the moment, UWB provides a writing center, quantitative center, advising, career center, library and more! However, parenting students cannot have equal access to these resources due to the lack of childcare assistance. With the Childcare assistance program students will not only benefit from using the resources in place that enhance their education and academic achievement, but it will also allow them time to benefit from the resources that offer extracurricular activities. This includes time for relaxation and relief of anxiety through use of the gym, the game area in the ARC building and club involvement on campus.

Diversity: UW Bothell is one of the most diverse public universities in the state of Washington. Part of the Diversity action plan of 2015 includes finding childcare solutions³. Therefore SAF would not only be supporting the 21st Century campus initiatives and SAF bylaws section 5 number 6⁴ but it would also be supporting the diversity action plan. Diversity means inclusiveness of all, without excluding non-traditional student's age, gender, religion, ethnic background or family status. Parenting students bring perspective into UWB classrooms, through their experience, responsibility and commitment. Without a proper Childcare Assistance program parenting students are not being equally represented at our campus. This leads them to forcefully drop their classes or take longer to graduate, going against part of the inclusiveness of the diversity action plan.

Student Centeredness: Higher education is targeted towards students and their retention in school! The Childcare Assistance program is targeted towards students as well and their retention at UWB. SAF is funded from the students and it is only fair that SAF use this money towards all students including parenting students, especially if it is a need for their academic achievement.

Community: One thing that our campus seeks on improving is community. The Childcare assistance program would allow parenting students to be able to build a more sense of community. By providing assistance, students could afford to spend more time on campus. In a broader sense, if our campus provided more assistance towards childcare needs UWB would be making a statement to the community of the city of Bothell that everyone at our campus is welcome including children! Children's future school choice depends on the importance we give them now.

³ <http://www.uwb.edu/diversity/action-plan>

⁴ <http://www.uwb.edu/studentaffairs/safc/safbylaws>

Innovation: A childcare Assistance program will promote innovation by the fact that parenting students will have more time to connect with faculty. If UWB promotes supporting parenting students, the community will learn of this initiative and will want to create partnerships with the school on making education possible to all type of students. One of those partnerships could be with local organizations like YMCA or in the case of UW Tacoma who partnered with the Tacoma Children’s Museum. Encouraging parenting students to higher education by providing them the tools in this case financial assistance, will bring new innovative teaching methods for faculty such as more web based programs or classes.

Sustainability: According to the American planning association childcare is a main reason for making sustainable choices in many communities⁵. Working parents are always looking for childcare that is affordable, convenient and trustworthy. If SAF agreed to the Childcare Assistance initiative UWB parenting students could afford to pay for good quality childcare and also be sustainable by not driving as much and using public transit since it would be more convenient.

The Childcare Assistance program is the perfect initiative for SAF to take to expand the 21st century initiative. It not only reflects the initiative, but it is in accordance with the SAF bylaws section 5 number 6 which states that we can request funds specifically for “cost of childcare for children of currently enrolled UW Bothell students who are participating in UW Bothell programs held on the UW Bothell campus”⁶. This financial need based program will support UWB students with the high cost of childcare. The program will increase the possibilities of a higher education to nontraditional parenting students who have different needs and priorities. By providing a childcare assistance program, SAF will increase growth, resourcefulness, diversity, student centeredness, community, innovation and sustainability at the UWB campus. The program reflects the 21st century initiative and Student Activities Fee bylaws.

Question 9. *

Need for this Program/Service

⁵ <https://www.planning.org/research/family/briefingpapers/childcare.htm>

⁶ <http://www.uwb.edu/studentaffairs/safc/safbylaws>

In 200 words or less, please do the following:

- Describe the need for this program or service. Explicitly describe how does this program directly and indirectly benefit our community campus?
- If possible, include any data that might support your proposal (i.e. surveys indicating a need for your initiative).
- If you have tracked the success of this program or service in the past, please provide that information here.

- **Need for this program/Service**

- According to Margarita Naumchik at the UWB financial aid office. They performed a survey in 2014 to 385 students who claimed dependents on their FAFSA application. Out of those 385, 105 students responded to the survey. According to Naumchik 45% responded that they did not have childcare due to the costs and lack of funding. This makes it extremely hard on students and their immediate families to have to juggle work and school schedules in order for there to always be someone caring for the children and the parenting student to barely attend classes. In December of 2015 The Parent Union conducted another survey and 192 students responded and claimed dependents.
- Naumchik states that the CCAP had been in place since 2005 until funding was cut in 2012. During that time the financial aid office had been able to support over 100 students. For many of this students including The Parent Union who is advocating for more childcare support, 40% in childcare assistance can mean a difference between attending UW Bothell or not. For parenting students it's based on the choices of attending fulltime and receiving financial assistance for UWB tuition or part time since they can't afford childcare therefore they do not receive financial assistance for UWB tuition.

*For more information please see attached survey results, also please stay tuned to the results of a feasibility assessment that will be conducted by a contractor charged by the childcare advisory committee at UW Bothell (CAC).

Question 10. *

New Request or Previously Funded

Has this request been funded in the past? If yes, please indicate what part of the proposal was previously funded by SAF and what is a request for new allocations.

The entire program was launched as a pilot financial assistance program for the 2016/2017 school year.

Question 11. *

Estimate number of students that will benefit from your proposed program/service.

In 200 words or less, please do the following:

- Indicate the benefits of your proposed program for students.
- Estimate how many currently enrolled students will likely benefit from your proposed service or program.
- Estimate the number of any other individuals (and indicate their affiliation) that might benefit from this service or program.

- **Benefits towards students**
- Some of the benefits include:
- School retention, equal access to all the campus resources, less stressful time and more time to concentrate on school performance, less student loans. More gender equality towards education, meeting the 21st century initiative. Meeting the SAF bylaws, and meeting the Diversity action plan.
- According to Naumchik's survey from the financial aid office, 385 Students could potentially benefit from the program depending on the funds allocated by SAF, however we have requested funds for only 98% of 105 students who reported high need.
- We are also hoping that the program will benefit students a lot more because we will expand the funds to benefit all parenting students instead of only those with financial need.

Question 12. *

How do you plan to assess the program or service?

How do you plan to track the effects of this program or service?

For example, how would you track how the event/program/service went? How would you track how successful it was and what you could change in the future?

At the Seattle Campus the allocation of funds towards students is decided and administered by The Parent Resource Center Coordinator Diana Herman. However, SAF created policies to administer how the funds are distributed. Therefore this idea is suitable for the SAF committee in the Bothell campus if desired.

If not, the financial aid office would be more than happy to continue to take upon the responsibility. This is the way they would accomplish it according to an agreement between the SAF committee of 2016/2017, The Parent Union officer Ruth Medina Godina and Margarita Naumchik with the financial aid office:

Applicants for the CCAP fund must meet the following conditions:

- Be a matriculated UW Bothell student
- Enroll in a minimum of 9+ credits for undergrad, 8+ credits for graduate

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress above a 2.0
- Must be the legal custodial parent of the child, and the child must reside more than 50% time with the student-parent
- The child care provider must be licensed by the state of Washington.
- The child care provider is not related to the student-parent by blood or marriage

- All parenting students who meet the above qualifications are encouraged to apply to the program with priority given to students who have financial need as determined by the FAFSA application requirements.
- It is not necessary to apply to FAFSA.
- You don't have to be a U.S. Citizen to apply to the childcare assistance program.
- The funds will be distributed as needed per quarter the entire academic year, including summer quarter.

Funding levels are based on age range. The chart below outlines the funding class for each age range. Priority funding will be considered for the Infant to preschool level and aid will be disbursed on a first come first serve basis until the funds are completely allocated during fall, winter, spring and summer quarters (with priority given to low income qualifying students children).

- Infant and Preschool (Birth - start of 1st grade)
 - 40%, not to exceed an award of \$1,250/qtr. Per child
- After school care (1st grade - 12 years)
 - 20%, not to exceed an award of \$720/qtr. Per child

Part of the assessment will be a complete application: the application form, a copy of child care costs, and a copy of the child care provider license. The verification will be receipts of the costs paid to the child care and the student is making satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

According to childcare aware of Washington, cost of childcare in the state is at \$12,332.00/year⁷ and it gets even harder for a single parent. Therefore \$1,250/quarter per child is a small portion of support towards our students, but a significant portion that can help retain them in school. The high cost of childcare is one reason that explains the \$ amount requested in this proposal.

Question 13.

⁷ <http://www.childcarenet.org/about-us/data/2014-parents-and-the-high-cost-of-child-care-report>

Additional Information

If needed, please include any other information you feel is relevant to your request. (There is no character limit on this field.)

Additional information

The Childcare assistance program would only re-initiate a program that has been in place before. We would only be looking into being in accordance to the SAF bylaws, which are to support parenting students remain in attendance at UWB and have equal access to the resources available at our campus, and increase their academic performance and graduation rates for our campus.

According to the Student Activities Fee (SAF) bylaws Section 5.A. Operating expenditures may be proposed in support of bona fide school-related, student led, curricular or extracurricular functions, activities or programs participated in by UWB students in the furtherance of their education⁸. It is not just the parenting students but female students who are being oppressed in the furtherance of their education because of the lack of a childcare assistance service at UWB. Women are mainly the ones taking care of the children at home, therefore it is even more difficult for them to attain higher education. According to the Office on women's health, US Department of Health and Human Services If you decide that you want to be a mother, doctors recommend that you bare children in your twenties since it is the best time for a women to have children⁹. If you have them before, you are too young, too immature to care for a child, but if you go over thirty then you are risking yourself and your baby to child birth complications. Graduating High School Girls should be able to go to school knowing that no matter what they will still be welcomed at a higher education institution. Women should not have to choose to wait until they complete graduate school when thirty to be able to have a family when it would be risking a baby to be born with complications or her own health for wanting to have a family.

According to a study conducted by College-Pages Brenda states that the average age of a college student has risen from the traditional eighteen to a thirty six¹⁰. Therefore, universities should start to accommodate the needs of such age group of students. Many colleges have already taken this initiative by providing this service. Some of those schools are; Edmonds

⁸ <http://www.uwb.edu/studentaffairs/safc/safbylaws>

⁹ <http://www.womenshealth.gov/pregnancy/before-you-get-pregnant/trying-to-conceive.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.college-pages.com/average-age-of-college-student-on-the-rise/1601/>

community college, North Seattle Community College, Everett community college and many more just in our area. UWB should not be the exception.

As stated before the Childcare Assistance program is the perfect initiative for SAF to take in order to expand the 21st century initiative. It not only reflects the initiative, but it is in accordance with the SAF bylaws section 5 number 6 which states that we can request funds specifically for “cost of childcare for children of currently enrolled UW Bothell students who are participating in UW Bothell programs held on the UW Bothell campus”¹¹. This financial need based program will support UWB students with the high cost of childcare. The program will increase the possibilities of a higher education to nontraditional parenting students who have different needs and priorities. By providing a childcare assistance program, SAF will increase growth, resourcefulness, diversity, student centeredness, community, innovation and sustainability at the UWB campus. The program reflects the 21st century initiative and Student Activities Fee bylaws.

Question 14.

Salary/Wages

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below. Benefits will be calculated on the spreadsheet accordingly. Please detail the number of positions, hours per week/salary, salary, etc. If there are differences or distinctions in positions, please explain. Please show your math; for example: (1 student working X# hours per week at \$X per hour for X weeks).

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Question 15.

Programming/Events

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below.

Please put total dollar amount of programming/events in the bottom of this box. Please include in this box costs relating to security, honorarium, hospitality, and contracted costs, etc. Please put total dollar amount of programming/events in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

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Question 16.

¹¹ <http://www.uwb.edu/studentaffairs/safc/safbylaws>

Facilities Rentals/Set-Ups

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below.

If you require facilities rentals/set-ups, please indicate it here. Take into account custodial fees and clean up. If you need assistance with estimated costs, please speak to a staff/faculty member. Please put total dollar amount of facilities in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

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Question 17.

Printing & Photocopying

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below.

Please put total dollar amount of printing/photocopying in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

\$200.00/quarter for Spring, fall, winter and summer quarter of printing marketing materials. This funds will be shared between the financial aid office and The Parent Union to market the program quarterly.

Question 18.

Office Supplies

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below.

Please put total dollar amount of office supplies in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

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Question 19.

Food/Refreshments

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail.

Please review the food policy/food form for the University policies before submitting your request at the following link:

[http://www.uwb.edu/getattachment/food/food-approval-form-and-cover-\(1\).pdf](http://www.uwb.edu/getattachment/food/food-approval-form-and-cover-(1).pdf)

Please put total dollar amount of food refreshments in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

Question 20.

Equipment Rentals/Purchase

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below. Include information on the purpose/need for this equipment as it relates to your program or service.

Please put the total dollar amount of equipment rentals/purchase in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

Question 21.

Transportation

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below (indicate in state/out of state, as well as type of transportation). Please note that flight bookings are done through the University. Please provide justification for out of state travel. Please put total dollar amount of transportation in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

Question 22.

Meals and Lodging for Travel

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below. Please insure that you are in compliance with applicable per diem rates for meals. The rates are available at them following link: <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287>

Please note that hotel bookings are typically done through the University.

Please put the total dollar amount of meals and lodging in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

Question 23.

Operations

Describe the funds you are requesting in detail below.

Please put the total dollar amount of telecommunications, business cards, computer purchases, equipment, new hire packages, etc. in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

Phone lines should be calculated at \$10 per line per month.

<https://itconnect.uw.edu/service/campus-telephone-services/>

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Question 24.

Other

Please include any other expenses that don't fall under any of the above categories in detail. Please distinguish between "training" and "professional development" dollars here. Please put the total dollar amount of other in the bottom of this box and on the spreadsheet.

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Question 25. *

Total Amount Requested

Please list your total amount requested, please make sure all line items are on the spreadsheet. Enter the total from the spreadsheet here. These numbers should match line item for line item.

\$300,000 *Please note that The Parent Union is willing to reword the \$ amount requested in this proposal since any funds provided are beneficial and crucial for parenting students.

Question 26. *

Terms and Conditions

By submitting this application, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions below:

- I have read and agree with the terms and conditions of the SAF Bylaws: <http://www.uwb.edu/studentaffairs/safc/safbylaws>
- I understand that once submitted, adjustments cannot be made to the total amount requested above.

- I understand that hearings will be held between 8:00am and 11:00am, tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2017 and Friday, February 10, 2017. Someone from my group will be available to attend a brief hearing scheduled during that time frame.