



### Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes Scholarship in Labor Studies

Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes were two inspiring Filipino American leaders of the Seattle labor movement. Advocates for racial equity and solidarity in the workplace, they were killed in 1980 for their opposition to the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines.



### Frank Jenkins, Jr. Fellowship in Labor Studies

Frank Jenkins Jr. was the grandson of a runaway slave, the first son of a Buffalo Soldier and a native Filipina, and a member of the first known Filipino family in the Puget Sound region. A lifelong civil rights and union rights activist, Jenkins was one of the first African American leaders within the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.



### Kennedy Drayton Scholarship in Labor Studies

Ian Kennedy and Michele Drayton, both former officials and rank and file members of Seattle's International Longshore and Warehouse union (ILWU) Local 52 created the Kennedy and Drayton Scholarship in Labor Studies in 2018 to advance their deeply held commitment to education and organized labor.



Scan this QR code to start your scholarship application!

## One Application Required to be Considered for Multiple Awards Deadline to Apply: Monday, May 4, 2026

### WHO SHOULD APPLY

Scholarships are awarded yearly to entering first-year, transfer students, current undergraduate students or graduate students at the University of Washington who are committed to the principles of justice, equality and diversity and have demonstrated financial need. Students with an interest in labor studies or a family background in labor and social justice are encouraged to apply.

To receive some awards, students must demonstrate financial need according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Low-income, non-citizen students unable to file a FAFSA due to immigration status may instead complete the free Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA). More information can be found at [www.washington.edu/students/osfa](http://www.washington.edu/students/osfa). Those who do not meet FAFSA requirements will still be considered for scholarships offered by the Bridges Center.

### HOW TO APPLY

To apply, a student should prepare the following materials:

1. **Essay responses.** Please prepare written answers to the following questions.
  - a. Tell us about any labor, social justice, or racial justice issues that you are passionate about and why these issues matter to you. Please share your history of involvement with these issues, which may include but is not limited to personal experience, advocacy, or research. If relevant, highlight issues related to waterfront industries or organized labor. *Please limit your response to 800 words or less.*
  - b. How will funding from the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies support the goals you have for your education at the University of Washington? How do you plan to engage with the labor movement during your studies here? How will the fellowship prepare you for what you want to accomplish upon completion of your degree? Again, if relevant, highlight issues relevant to waterfront industries or organized labor. *Please limit your response to 400 words or less.*
  - c. How do you see yourself advancing the legacy of Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes? *Please limit response to 400 words or less.*
2. **A brief letter of support from a teacher or community member.**
3. **A high school or college transcript** (whichever is most recent). Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
4. **Up to date contact information**, including e-mail, mailing addresses, and phone number.
5. **Optional:** You may also submit additional documents demonstrating your commitment to labor or Labor Studies, such as a resume or curriculum vitae.

For more information, including award acceptance terms, visit [labor.uw.edu](http://labor.uw.edu)

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