



The Eyak Foundation

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2008 - 2009 Scholarship Application

Introduction: The Eyak Foundation provides opportunities for financial aid to eligible and qualified students who are planning on taking or are already taking courses of study to prepare for careers or to upgrade skills for career opportunities beyond high school. The Foundation's "APPLICATION GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES" outline eligibility, descriptions, and qualifications for the scholarship program. See guideline pages 6-7 for further information. Consistent with the philosophy of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, P.L. 92-203 (ANCSA), the primary goal and objective of The Eyak Foundation is to provide support for the education and cultural needs of Alaska Natives and descendants of Alaska Natives, particularly those Alaska Natives and descendants of Alaska Natives who are shareholders of The Eyak Corporation. Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be eligible for one of the five (5) \$1,000 scholarships;

1. Prove financial need
2. Have a high school diploma or equivalent
3. Be a Native shareholder of The Eyak Corporation or a lineal descendant of a Native shareholder
4. Be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university; vocational education school; or continuing education program and if applicable have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA during a college career
5. A complete application must be postmarked or delivered in person, no later than June 9, 2008, in order to be considered for an award for the following school year. Applications postmarked after that date will be disqualified. Incomplete applications will not be considered. No exceptions
6. **Application Package:** The materials listed below must be submitted on or before the appropriate deadline in order for your application to receive full consideration. See guideline pages 6-7 for more details.

- ___ 1. Application, completed, signed and dated
- ___ 2. Proof of lineal descendant of a Native shareholder
- ___ 3. Two (2) letters of recommendation
- ___ 4. Copy of official grade transcripts or certificates of completion
- ___ 5. Copy of High School diploma or equivalent
- ___ 6. Typed personal history and education goal statement
- ___ 7. Proof of acceptance from College/University/Vocational School
- ___ 8. Course descriptions

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PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____
(First, Last, M.I.)

Permanent Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ email address _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Address of School _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

ELIGIBILITY

I certify that I am: Eyak Corporation Native Shareholder Shareholder lineal descendant

I am a lineal descendent of this Eyak Corporation Shareholder:

Relationship: Parent Grandparent Great-Grandparent Other

THE APPLICANT/STUDENT CERTIFIES THAT

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the data in this application packet is true and correct. I understand that this application does not commit The Eyak Foundation to award a scholarship, or to pay any costs incurred in the submission of an application. I also understand that The Eyak Foundation reserves the right to reject any or all scholarship applications without discussion.

Applicant/Student Signature I certify that the above named applicant/student is a Native shareholder of The Eyak Corporation. If the applicant is not a Native shareholder because she/he was born after 1971, please certify the applicant's parent(s) or grandparent(s) as shareholders.

Name of applicant, or parent(s), or grandparent(s) who are Eyak Corporation shareholders

Signature

EDUCATION PLANS

Please indicate the college/university/vocational/school you plan to attend:

Name of School: _____

Financial Aid Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Please indicate your academic status for the term that you are applying for funding:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate
 Certificate Other: _____

Academic Degree Goal:

2 Year Associate 4 Year Bachelors Masters Doctorate Certificate
 Other _____

Date of expected graduation/completion: _____

I have requested that my grade transcript(s) or certificates(s) of completion for the most recently completed semester/term/session be sent to The Eyak Foundation as soon as they are available.

Yes No, but I will do immediately!
Cumulative GPA: _____

Field of study _____
Major/Minor

Date of expected graduation/completion: _____

My school's calendar is based on: 5 Semesters 5 Quarters 5 Other: _____

Please indicate the length of the program/term/course for which you are applying for funding:

Date semester/term/course begins: ____/____/____

Date semester/term/course ends: ____/____/____

High School diploma received: (attach copy of diploma)

Name of School: _____ Date Graduated (or expect to) _____

PERSONAL HISTORY AND EDUCATION GOAL STATEMENT

(This must be submitted to complete your application)

Prepare a typed "Personal History and Education Goal Statement" on a separate sheet of paper. Describe your education and career goals. Explain your reasons for these goals. Your statement is important and evaluated carefully by The Eyak Foundation Board of Directors. The quality of your response is significant in the consideration of your application for funding.

BUDGET FORECAST

- Budget period** **Fall Term** **Winter Term** **Spring Term** **Summer Term** **Other**

COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION BUDGET IN ITS ENTIRETY

EXPENSES	AMOUNT	SOURCES OF FUNDS	AMOUNT
Direct Academic Costs		Personal Resources for Schooling	
Tuition \$ _____		Personal contribution to course costs	\$ _____
Student Fees \$ _____		Parents contribution to course costs	\$ _____
Books & Supplies \$ _____			
Room and Meal Costs		Academic Financial Aid	
Room/Rent \$ _____		Scholarships \$ _____	
Food \$ _____		State/Federal Student loans \$ _____	
Personal Expenses \$ _____			
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____		TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS \$ _____	

LIST ALL OTHER FINANCIAL AID (loans, scholarships, grants, and fellowships) **YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:**

DATE APPLIED	ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT RECEIVED/APPROVED
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

INFRACTION PROVISION

Except in cases of special circumstances, should the eligibility and selection criteria not be maintained by the scholarship recipient, a person will be ineligible to apply to The Eyak Foundation for the next two (2) award periods from the date of the determination made by The Eyak Foundation Board of Directors. Further, no additional funds will be advanced in the current semester in which the student is enrolled. To the extent possible, all unused funds will be recovered from the postsecondary institution and returned to The Eyak Foundation. Additionally, in the event an applicant or scholarship recipient is delinquent in submitting reports and/or grade transcripts (or certificate of completion) to the Foundation as required by the conditions of the scholarship program, absent special circumstances, future applications submitted by the applicant/recipient will be withheld until the delinquency is cured.

STATEMENT OF CORRECTNESS, UNDERSTANDING AND AUTHORIZATION

- 1. Application Information.** To the best of my knowledge and belief, I attest that the data contained in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that this application does not commit The Eyak Foundation to award an education scholarship to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application. I also understand that the action taken by the Board of Directors is final.
- 2. Use of Funds.** I understand that the proceeds of the education scholarship, if approved, will be used to further my education in the certificate or degree program where I am enrolled as approved by The Eyak Foundation.
- 3. Unused Award.** I understand that the full amount or any portion thereof is to be refunded to The Eyak Foundation if, for any reason, I am unable to use the award for which I am selected.
- 4. Certificate of completion, Grade transcripts.** I understand that immediately upon completion of the semester, term, seminar/conference, or internship, I must submit a copy of my grade transcripts, certificate(s) of completion to The Eyak Foundation to verify completion of the courses of study during the semester or term for which the award was made.
- 5. Submission of Application.** I understand that it is my responsibility - Not that of The Eyak Foundation - to obtain the necessary application materials from The Eyak Foundation and submit the completed application on or before June 9, 2008 to receive full consideration for a scholarship.

I have read and understand the above "Statement of Correctness, Understanding and Authorization" and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the award, if approved.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

An applicant must submit the following documents to The Eyak Foundation to receive full consideration:

1. Application. The Eyak Foundation "Scholarship Application" completed, signed and dated.
2. Proof of Eligibility if a lineal descendant of a Native Eyak Corporation shareholder.
3. Letters of Reference. Two (2) letters of reference for applicants. The letters can be from current or former teachers, employers or others who know of you past experience and potential to succeed in you chosen career (no relatives, please). The references letters must be signed, dated, and include the reference's contact information. Reference letters must be dated within two years of receipt of application deadline date.
4. Grade Transcripts and/or Certificates of Completion. A copy of your official grade transcripts and/or certificate/s of completion for the most recent schooling that you have had.
5. Statement of Purpose. Give a specific and typed detailed response on a separate sheet of paper.
 - New Applicants - describe your personal history, a summary of accomplishments, and a description of your education and career goals. Explain how your degree program fits with your education and career plans.
 - Repeat Applicants - Update your education and career goals (this is very important)! To what extent are your moving toward your goals? Or what new information do you have about your career and education goals?
6. Letter of Acceptance. Scholarship applicants must submit a copy of their letter of acceptance into an associates, bachelors, or graduate degree program.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

DEADLINE All applications with accompanying materials must be received by The Eyak Foundation on or before the deadline of June 9, 2008 to receive full consideration.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS The Foundation disburses award checks directly to the university or school that administers the funds on behalf of the student.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) Scholarship applicants should maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to qualify for a scholarship.

REGISTRATION Scholarship applicants must be: Enrolled or accepted for admittance at an accredited or authorized college or university; vocational education school; or continuing education program

1. classified as a full-time student; and
2. declared in a two-year or four-year undergraduate degree program or a graduate degree program.

AWARD USES A scholarship award is only for tuition, university fees, books, and course-required supplies.

SELECTION CRITERIA The final review and scoring of scholarship applications will be done by The Eyak Foundation Board of Directors. The applications will be reviewed using uniform review criteria. The applications are then scored, ranked, and awarded by The Eyak Foundation Board of Directors.

When available funds are not sufficient to make scholarship awards to all applicants, selections will generally start with those who show the highest financial need and continue down the list as far as possible; however, the Foundation's Board of Directors will also consider the GPA's, Statement of Purpose, and letters of recommendation of applicants as a basis for deciding whether or not a scholarship should be awarded.

Please submit completed application, *including attachments*, to:

**The Eyak Foundation
P.O. Box 340
Cordova, Alaska 99574**

**Application must be postmarked or delivered in person by 5:00 pm, June 9, 2008.
Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.**