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The Foundation publishes the Education Resources Handbook to provide education and career planning information for The Foundation’s beneficiaries as well as for others who are interested in pursuing a successful career after high school.

The handbook contains valuable information to assist in preparing to attend a post-secondary education program including financial aid, internship, fellowship, and training opportunities. In addition, there are reference materials about other educational support services at the post-secondary level.

As we enter 2021, we begin our 39th year of serving our people. We know that attending school or training during a pandemic has been difficult. Your perseverance and dedication to your educational pursuits is amazing. The CIRI Foundation wishes you well on your learning journey. We are here to assist you along the path you take to fulfill your educational dreams.

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Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA)  
Alaska Native Scholarship Programs

With the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) in 1971, Alaska Native communities were organized into several unique entities – many of whom provide scholarship and grant assistance for post-secondary education. Depending on your own family history, you may be eligible for scholarship and grant assistance from one or more of these entities.

It is important to understand the basic structure of these entities and their relationship to each other. Here is a brief description of these entities and how they are related:

**Regional Corporations (The regional “for-profit” entities.)** In general, these entities are the large, regional corporations that were created following the passage of ANCSA in 1971. Alaska Natives who were alive in 1971 had the opportunity to enroll as an individual shareholder into a regional corporation. These individuals are generally considered “Original Enrollees”. These regional corporate entities manage the resources of the region to the benefit of the shareholders. Many regional corporations have created separate foundations or organizations to provide scholarships and grants for post-secondary education.

- Examples: Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC); Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC); Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI); Doyon, Ltd.

**Regional Associations (The regional “non-profit” entities.)** Since 1971, most of the regional corporations have created separate non-profit entities that are focused on meeting the social service needs for the Alaska Native shareholders of the region. The focus areas for the non-profit entities often include services to meet the health, social service, educational, and housing needs of shareholders. In many regions, more than one non-profit entity was created by the regional corporation to meet these needs. It is important remember that these are separate from the regional corporations, but there is a direct relationship between the entities. Many regional associations provide scholarship and grant assistance.

- Examples: Arctic Slope Native Association (ASNA); Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA); Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC); Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC).

**Regional Education Foundations** Many regional corporations created separate non-profit foundations or organizations to provide scholarships and grants for post-secondary education. These entities have specific eligibility requirements and application deadlines. Eligibility requirements may connect to shareholder status or the relationship of an applicant to an original enrollee of the regional corporation.

- Examples: Arctic Education Foundation; BBNC Education Foundation; The CIRI Foundation; Doyon Foundation.

**Village/Tribal Corporations** – In 1971 through the passage of ANCSA, over 270 Alaska Native village corporations were created. Many Alaska Natives alive in 1971 enrolled in a village corporation in addition to a regional corporation. The village corporations manage the resources of the village to benefit shareholders. There may be many different village corporations within a single regional corporation.

- Examples: Ukpeagvik Inupiat, Corporation (Utqiaġvik); Choggiung. Ltd (Dillingham); Eklutna, Inc. (Eklutna); and Hungwitchin Corporation (Eagle).

**Traditional/IRA Councils** – The Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes several unique Alaska Native tribal councils established through the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934. The Traditional IRA Councils were created to establish local, self-governance on a tribal basis.

- Examples: Native Village of Barrow (Barrow); Curyung Tribal Council (Dillingham); Native Village of Eklutna (Eklutna); and Native Village of Eagle (Eagle).
Planning for Success

Attending college is a big decision. There are many factors to consider and choices to be made. Planning for success takes time. You should ask several questions when developing an educational plan. The Education Resources Handbook is designed to help you find the answers.

- Why is attending college or taking post-secondary courses of study worth the effort?
- Which type of school is right for me?
- What do I want to study?
- Where do I find out about funding for school?
- What types of financial aid are available for schooling?
- What other resources are available in planning for post-secondary courses of study or employment?

I: Education Pays

Students often ask, “Is it worth attending college or taking post-secondary courses of study?” In response, consider the following points:

- Higher education degree increases earning potential and job opportunities. In fact, it has been said that based upon lifetime earnings, a person who graduates from college earns more than 60% than those who have only a high school diploma.
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the fastest growing jobs will be those requiring high levels of education and skill.
- People with a higher education are less likely to be unemployed than those without one.
- A person who attends college or a trade school develops a particular skill or talent, and their ability to think critically and analytically improves.
- Provides an expanded understanding of the world and its people, thus enhancing a person’s character.
- Provides a greater sense of accomplishment, enhances self-esteem, and contributes to personal self-fulfillment.

The United States Department of Labor provides additional facts and figures in the Occupational Outlook Handbook. The Handbook provides information about different jobs, required training and education, earnings, expected job prospects, job description and working conditions. The Handbook also provides job search tips, links to information about the job market in each State, and more. Visit their website at www.bls.gov/ooh.
II: Which School is Right for Me?

Choosing the “right” school may be the most important decision in the planning process, and there are several factors to consider when making it. We recommend that you consider talking with people whose opinion you respect during this process.

The National Center for Educational Statistics is a great tool for locating and comparing schools online at www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/. The center provides various statistics for students to utilize in determining which school to go to and the steps one should consider prior to attending college. Students can build a list of schools with side-by-side comparisons, tips on preparing for post-secondary education, and how to prepare for education beyond high school.

Types of Post-Secondary Institutions

Post-secondary education institutions may be classified in the following ways:

- **Public Institutions**
  Public schools and colleges are funded primarily by state and/or local governments.

- **Private Institutions**
  Private institutions are privately funded by organizations, individual bequests, and student fees. Generally, tuition is higher at a private school or college than at a public institution.

- **Community Colleges**
  Community colleges, also known as junior colleges, offer certificate and two-year degree programs. Some offer programs that train for special skills such as dental technology, practical nursing, or diesel mechanics. Many also offer “transfer” programs for those who want to go on to a four-year degree college or university.

- **State College and Universities**
  Every state has its own four-year institutions, many of which offer advanced programs in business, health, sciences, and law. The schools range widely in size and in type of programs offered. Consult the school’s catalogue for more details. The state, tuition, fees, and donors fund these schools.

- **Tribal Colleges and Universities**
  Provides access to post-secondary education, accredited degrees, and vocational training for both Indian and non-Indian students. Most are located on or near Indian reservations. Culture and tradition are a part of the curricula. For a list of Tribal Colleges, see pages 49-50.

- **Private Junior Colleges**
  Junior colleges are funded by private contributions and tuition fees. They do not admit everyone who applies. Programs are usually two-year “transfer” type programs.

- **Vocational Training Institutions**
  Privately owned or state run training institutions that offer post-secondary training at varying levels. May offer certificates or degrees. Credits may or may not be transferable. These schools are funded by the state, tuition fees, and donors.

- **Private, For-Profit Colleges/Universities**
  Educational institutions operated by private, profit-seeking businesses. They may offer flexible courses and schedules that are appealing to adult learners and working students. Students enrolled in for-profit colleges who transfer to non-profit colleges should be sure that their credits will transfer from one school to another, as many do not transfer.

- **Online Programs**
  Online programs are often structured as self-paced courses and may allow working students to complete coursework on a more convenient schedule. Online programs may open educational access to individuals living in remote areas that lack access to traditional brick-and-mortar schools. They may be available through traditional non-profit colleges and universities as well as for-profit institutions.
Selection Criteria

Evaluate which school or schools may be suitable to your educational goals by considering the following criteria:

- What is the total cost of tuition, supplies, other required fees, and books?
- Does the school offer the academic program or classes that will (a) prepare you for a career and (b) satisfy your learning interests? Does the school provide adequate student support services – academic counseling, tutoring, close teacher-student interaction, work experience, extra-curricular activities (sports, drama, music, etc.)?
- Is the size of the school (and class size) suitable to your preferences?
- Are the courses of high quality? Will they adequately prepare you for the field? Will the credits transfer to other institutions? Is the curriculum up-to-date?
- Is the location of the school satisfactory?
- What is the school’s graduation rate? What is the school’s dropout rate?
- What measures are taken to ensure the safety of the students?
- Is there campus housing and meal programs? What does it cost?
- What is the school’s atmosphere regarding a diverse student body?
- To what extent does the school offer student financial aid?
- Does the school have a placement service for its graduating students? If so, how does it assist the student in finding employment?
- Is the institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education?
- Is the school authorized to operate? The authorizing agency in Alaska is the Alaska Commission on Post-secondary Education.

III: Which Program of Study is Right for Me?

Students enrolling in a post-secondary education program have to make important decisions regarding their ultimate educational and career goals. There are a number of degree program options to consider when thinking about your future career and your personal commitment to your own education. When making a decision to pursue a specific degree program, you should consider your own unique situation and assess your personal level of interest, available funding for your education and the time required to complete the coursework. Your future career goals may also give direction to what degree(s) you should pursue.

- Career Diploma/Certificate: In general, approximately 2-9 months to complete.
- Vocational Training Program: Approximately 2-18 months to complete.
- Associate Degree: 2-year degree program.
- Bachelor’s Degree: 4-year degree program, although some institutions may allow you to have it done in less time.
- Master’s Degree: 1-3 year degree program after earning a Bachelor’s Degree.
- Doctoral Degree: 7-9 year degree program after earning a Bachelor’s Degree.

IV: What Do I Need to Do?

For prospective students, the following steps will provide an idea of the timeline and steps required to plan for attending college.

The important and consistent fact is that it takes TIME to prepare to enroll in a degree program in college, in occupational training, or in selected courses of study. Below is an example of a planning cycle for anyone who wants to make the most of the opportunities in preparation for attending college.

Note: Keep an eye out for college preparation and scholarship programs that are offered based on participation in junior high and high school programs. Review High School Education and Scholarship Programs in this handbook.
What to Do and When to Do It

March – June
- If you are in high school, talk to school counselors and parents about the financial aid required for your college experience and consider taking an SAT II Subject Test.
- Create a free Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) portfolio and use it to explore career options, colleges, programs of study, and ways to pay for college. Visit here: www.acpe.alaska.gov/PLANNING/AKCIS

Summer
- Consider doing volunteer work, internships, or getting a job. If you are a high school student, consider taking summer school courses to boost your GPA or to get ahead in your studies.
- Consider taking a course to prepare for the SAT.

September - December
- Attend college fairs, open houses, and programs about college admissions. Get a “feel” for the different colleges and take tours, if possible.
- Identify the criteria important for you in selecting which school to attend (ex. Is the availability of certain clubs or programs a must-have?). Gather specific information (catalogues) about colleges of interest to you and the availability of financial aid.
- Review your grades with a guidance counselor to get an idea of how selective your college choices may be.
- If you are in high school, obtain leadership experience by joining clubs or taking part in school activities.

February – May
- If you are in high school, register for the spring SAT 1 or ACT.
- Make campus visits and interview the faculty, admissions staff, and students. Attend college fairs.
- Request college application forms from colleges you are interested in.
- Take the SAT II Subject Test.
- If you are interested, request ROTC program or U.S. military academy applications.

September – October
- Research deadlines for scholarships, grants, admissions applications, and financial aid. Create a calendar to make sure you apply on time.
- Submit applications.
- If you are in high school, get test schedules for SAT, SAT II, ACT, and I. Note deadlines and dates.
- Prepare personal essays, resumes, and request teacher recommendations for your personal portfolio.
- Complete/submit early decision and early action applications. Most deadlines for these are November 1st. Keep copies of your applications.
- Narrow list of potential colleges and discuss your options with parents and guidance counselors.

November – December
- Research financial aid that you may be eligible for.
- Complete/submit college applications for regular deadlines.
- Get/submit major financial aid application forms.
- Complete/Submit financial aid forms such as the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

January
- Complete/Submit state aid application. State of Alaska loans take 2-3 months to be processed.
- Contact your high school guidance office and potential post-secondary institutions to identify any special scholarships/grants that you may be eligible for.
- Contact Tribal and Alaska Native non-profit organizations to find out whether you may be eligible and request applications. Search other Native American/American Indian scholarships that you may be eligible to apply for.

March – May
- Receive acceptance/rejection letters from schools you have applied to, and discuss your options with guidance counselors and parents.
- Make a decision on which school to attend.
- Send acceptance letter to the school that you plan to attend by the school’s deadline.
- Submit your scholarship application to The CIRI Foundation and/or other sources of financial aid funding.
- Take the Advanced Placement (AP) Tests.
- Request/send final official transcripts to the school you plan to attend.

June – August
- Attend freshmen orientation camp/sessions.
- Make payments by deadlines.
- **Begin school!**
V: What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid, in its simplest definition, is financial assistance intended to aid students in reaching their educational goals. This assistance may come in a variety of forms such as grants, scholarships, work-study, and loan programs.

Types of Financial Aid

Financial aid is defined as scholarships, grants, loans and work-study that provides money for a student to attend college or obtain technical skills training. There are six types of financial aid a student may be eligible to apply for.

1. **Grants**
   "Gifts" of money that do not have to be paid back.

2. **Scholarships**
   Grants of money to students based upon the particular eligibility requirements of the scholarship program.
   Scholarship programs may be based primarily upon academic achievement, financial need, or both.

3. **Tuition Waivers**
   The tuition requirement is "forgiven" by the institution; the student does not have to pay any or only a portion of the tuition cost.

4. **Work-Study Programs**
   Provides the student the opportunity to work and earn money for schooling. Available through most colleges.

5. **Special Discounts**
   The school may offer special discounts based on criteria determined by the school.

6. **Loans**
   Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest by the student. The federal and state governments have student loan programs as well as lending institutions such as banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations.

VI: Financial Plan for School

The following are items students will need to know when calculating the cost to attend college.

1. **Cost of Attending**
   This includes tuition, required fees, books, supplies, on-campus housing, and on-campus meal plans (if living away from home).

2. **Expected Family Contribution**
   This is the amount of funds the student will have to pay for the cost of attending the school including student’s personal contribution and parents’ contribution. **This figure comes from the FAFSA.**

3. **Financial Need**
   This is the difference between the Cost of Attending School and the Expected Family Contribution.

Cost of Attendance at School

The cost to attend college or other post-secondary education schools is made up of several expenses for which student financial aid may be available. They include the following:

1. **Direct Education Costs:** Tuition, fees for registration, parking, lab requirements, books, and supplies.

2. **Indirect Education Costs:** Room rent, meals, personal expenses, transportation, etc.

3. **Special Costs:** Child care and ongoing medical expenses.

Through continued collaboration and development, we can successfully work together for the betterment of the Alaska Native and broader community during these rapidly changing economic times.
Suggested procedure to aid students in preparing a financial plan for college:

1. Determine where you will attend college.
2. Determine the cost of attendance for the college.
3. Determine the total funding resources available from you, the student, and/or your parents.
4. Identify funding resource opportunities to offset your financial need.
5. Obtain and complete applications for student federal financial aid, scholarships, and grants. Consider applying for work-study. Then, ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, consider applying for a student loan from the federal and/or state programs or private lenders such as banks, credit unions, or savings and loan associations.
6. Keep a copy of all of your applications for your files and send the completed application for processing by the funding agency or organization.
7. Contact the funding source/s about the status of your application/s.
8. Report the outcome of your financial aid to the school through the financial aid office in order to keep your education expense account current. Keep track of all the funding assistance you receive.
9. Consider vacation-time employment or other temporary work to build up personal earnings/savings for the next term of schooling.
10. Keep personal records of your financial aid awards. The 1986 Federal Income Tax Law categorizes the amount of scholarship awards used for the cost of room and meals as taxable income which must be reported by the student on his/her income tax forms filed with the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). Visit www.irs.gov for more information.
11. Investigate education tax credits for which you may be qualified for on your annual IRS income tax form.

Formula for Financial Need

Financial “Need” is calculated as: Cost of Attendance - Expected Family Contribution = Financial “Need”.

The Financial “Need” must be solved by the identification of additional resources from grants, scholarships, work-study, and loan programs in order to pay for the cost of attending college. A sample budget format is shown in the chart below. Students may want to follow it in order to calculate educational cost of attendance, expected family contribution and financial need.

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<td>Total Sources of Grants</td>
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**AMOUNT NEEDED**
(Total Expenses - Total Sources)

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VII: Where Do I Find Out About Funding?

There are several ways in which students can find out about financial aid to attend college or to take post-secondary courses of study. Check on all of them!

- National Educational Opportunity and TRIO Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education: in Alaska, contact TRIO Student Support Services, 2545 Providence Drive, Sally Monserud Hall 112, Anchorage, AK. Call (907) 786-1380 or visit: uaa.alaska.edu/students/trio-programs/
- Contact the nearest college student-counseling or financial aid office to find the Center nearest to you.
- High school student guidance counselor or counseling centers at your school.
- Financial aid office of the school or college where you are interested in attending.
- Grants and loans from a state higher education agency (see pages 12-13 for Alaska).
- Many Native organizations and foundations, such as The CIRI Foundation, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., and tribal governments, have scholarships and/or grants.
- Go to the public library, look in the reference section on college financial aid or ask a librarian.
- Many companies and labor unions have scholarship programs for their employees, family members, or other students with financial need- check on those you and your family is affiliated with.
- Other foundations, religious organizations, fraternities or sororities, and clubs such as YMCA, American Legion, 4-H, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, churches, etc..
- Organizations in your career field, such as: American Bar Association, American Medical Association, and National Educators Association.
- Look for products related to your career field. As an example, a healthcare professional may be eligible for opportunities with The Tylenol Future Care Scholarship program www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship.
- Search online using keywords. Searches can include many words or phrases. Be as specific as you can. Some examples include:
  o Alaska Native financial aid
  o Alaska Native American Indian scholarship grant
  o Alaska Native American Indian scholarship grant education
  o Alaska Native (specific tribe) scholarship
  o Alaska Native scholarship grant (career field)
  o Free database financial aid 2021
  o Free scholarship grant database

Education Information & Scholarship Databases

In addition to the aforementioned methods of finding out about financial aid, here are some websites that may help you learn more about funding your education, find additional opportunities, or getting help with the transition to college.

Alaska Native Student Network
fb.me/ANStudentNetwork
Visit the Alaska Native Student Network on Facebook, a portal created on behalf of the ANCSA Education Consortium to provide a place for Alaska Native students and prospective students to start networking and share one another's experiences.

Bureau of Indian Education
www.bie.edu
Guide provides links to scholarship programs for American Indian and Alaska Native students in higher education. Amounts, deadlines, and eligibility requirements vary- check websites for details.
Chegg
[www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com) and [www.chegg.com/scholarships](http://www.chegg.com/scholarships)
Chegg has discounted textbooks, tutors, and study tools available for students in addition to connecting applicants with online scholarship opportunities.

The Chronicle of Higher Education
[www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com)
News and job information for college and university faculty members, administrators, and students is available online or in print.

College Choices for Adults
[www.collegechoicesforadults.org](http://www.collegechoicesforadults.org)
Blog provides information online and competency-based program to assist with determining whether the program will match professional and personal goals.

COLLEGEdata
[www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)
Choose, prepare, apply, and pay for college with advice and tools from CollegeData. After registering you have access to all CollegeData features and tools, including College Match, Scholarship Finder, College Net Cost Calculator, and Data Locker.

Degreed.com
[www.degreed.com](http://www.degreed.com)
Provides tools to track learning across multiple platforms and maximize skills that are necessary for completing one's education and finding work.

Educational Testing Service
[www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)
ETS's mission is to advance quality and equity in education for all people worldwide through large-scale standardized testing. ETS also sells study guides for standardized tests like the GRE, PRAXIS, and TOEFL.

FAFSA
[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)
Electronically submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All students interested in financial aid for college should complete this form. Completion requires tax information or estimates from the prior-prior tax year (two years ago). The FAFSA can be completed in October for the following fall semester.

FinAid! & FastWeb
[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
Comprehensive site dedicated to providing guidance on financial aid to students and parents; including a scholarship search database with over 1.5 million opportunities.

GoCollege
[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)
GoCollege is one of the oldest and most trusted online resources to guide students on how to finance and succeed in college. Includes information on types of colleges, admissions tips, and guides to figuring out how to pay for school.

Good Call
[www.goodcall.com/scholarships](http://www.goodcall.com/scholarships)
Provides college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, and families; also includes a searchable scholarship database with filters for application difficulty, deadline, and competitiveness.

Kaplan, Inc.
[www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)
Provides test preparation materials and programs for a wide variety of standardized tests.

KnowHow2GO
[knowhow2go.acenet.edu](http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu)
User friendly site helps students prepare for college beginning in middle school, provides information about college, how to apply to a school and pay for it.

Mapping Your Future
[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)
Provides college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services for students, families, and schools. Materials are from credit counseling organization Money Management International.

The Princeton Review
[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
Provides test preparation materials and programs for a wide variety of standardized tests, plus a college search database to help students research schools.

QuestBridge
[www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org)
Connects high-achieving, low-income students with admission and full scholarships to 38 partner colleges, and offers several scholarship and scholar programs.

Scholarships.com
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
An online database where you can browse available scholarships according to unique features, such as scholarships aimed at diversity or by major or program.

U.S. Department of Education
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)
Find funding opportunities, financial aid information, plus research and statistics on U.S. education.

University of Alaska Anchorage
[uaa.alaska.edu/students/financial-aid/scholarships/](http://www.aa.alaska.edu/students/financial-aid/scholarships/)
Lists various scholarship information and links to the websites. Includes tips for writing personal profile scholarship essays.

USNews.com
[www.usnews.com/education](http://www.usnews.com/education)
Provides information about America’s best colleges of the current year, as well as tools and articles to help prepare for college.
VIII: Student Loan & Grant Programs

Student loans should be taken out with care because they are one form of debt that cannot be discharged through bankruptcy proceedings. However, with planning, student loans are investment in your future and can be used to make higher education possible. Work with your school’s financial aid office to understand all loan terms and conditions.

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE)
acpesecure.alaska.gov
ACPE provides low-cost student and family education loan programs in addition to an education grant. All of these programs were formerly listed as “AlaskaAdvantage.” ACPE updates programs annually—deadlines vary. Check website for current information.

- **Alaska Advantage Education Grant**
  A need based grant for qualifying Alaska residents pursuing undergraduate study at participating post-secondary institutions in Alaska. Must complete FAFSA prior to June 30.

- **Alaska Advantage Loan Programs**
  A.W. "Winn" Brindle Memorial Education Loan
  A loan for full-time graduate or undergraduate students pursuing education in a fisheries related field. Forgiveness provisions may apply.

- **Alaska Family Education Loan**
  An education loan for family members assisting students with the costs of an eligible collegiate or vocational program.

- **Alaska Supplemental Education Loan**
  A low cost education loan for students attending a participating collegiate or vocational school at least half-time in Alaska, or for Alaska residents attending outside Alaska.

- **Alaska Teacher Education Loan**
  A loan for Alaska high school graduates (or GED) interested in pursuing a teaching career in rural communities. Forgiveness provisions may apply. Only available to nominations submitted by rural school districts.

- **Michael Murphy Education Loan**
  A loan for students pursuing undergraduate study in a law-enforcement field.

Professional Student Exchange Program

- Eligible applicants must be enrolled at an eligible institution in one of the following fields of study: dentistry, occupational therapy, optometry, physician assistant, podiatry, pharmacy, physical therapy.

With the loan program, the student pays resident tuition and the students’ home state pays an additional support fee to the institution. Alaska students are individually responsible for paying tuition and the support fee. ACPE finances the support fee costs in the form of a PSEP loan, which the student must repay upon completion of the program of study.

U.S. Department of Education Direct Loans
www.studentaid.gov
Direct Loans are low-interest loans for students and parents to help pay for the cost of student’s education after high school. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education, rather than a bank or other financial institution. The Direct Loan program offers subsidized, unsubsidized, PLUS, and consolidation loans. Apply by completing FAFSA.

WWAMI Medical Education Program
Ph: (907) 786-4789
Alaska Program: uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami/
Washington Program: education.uwmedicine.org
The WWAMI Program (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) provides access to medical school for residents of these states. Admission as a first year medical student by the University of Washington School of Medicine is a pre-requisite. Alaska WWAMI students pay resident tuition at the University of Washington School of Medicine for all four years of the program. Students apply to University of Washington School of Medicine; upon admission, Alaska’s WWAMI students complete their 1st year of medical school at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Remember to check with your university’s financial aid department for any scholarships that they may offer, and check with the department of your major for additional, more specific, opportunities. Check often—new opportunities may be added throughout the year!
IX: Federal Student Aid

Federal Student Aid Programs
Financial aid packages likely include funds from federal student aid programs such as: Federal Pell Grants, U.S. Department of Education Direct Loans, Campus-Based Programs, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work Study, and the Perkins Loans. These programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Education for students attending post-secondary schools. Important Note: Not all schools participate in all federal student aid programs. Check with the school’s financial aid office to ensure the school participates in the federal program(s) if applying for aid.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Ph: (800)433-3243 | TTY (800) 730-8913
FAFSA Form: studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
Federal Student Aid Help: studentaid.gov/help-center/
To apply for financial aid from federal-based education grant programs, students must complete an application form called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A student may apply online at the U.S. Department of Education website. Students can obtain a FAFSA application form from their school or from the Federal Student Aid Information Center. The FAFSA application is also used to determine a student’s eligibility for federal student grants, work-study aid, and loans. The application is also used to determine eligibility for most state and some private aid.

Tax Credits
IRS Tax Benefits for Education: irs.gov/newsroom/tax-benefits-for-education-information-center
There are two education tax credits available, the Lifetime Learning Credit and the American Opportunity Credit. The credits are based on education expenses paid for the student, student’s spouse, or dependents. During any particular year, students can only claim one of the credits. The amount of the credit is determined by the amount paid for “qualified tuition and related expenses” for each student and the amount of the student’s modified adjusted gross income (modified AGI).

State/School Programs
The school’s financial aid office is the best place to begin searching for free information. The financial aid administrator can provide information about student aid available from the state, the school itself, and other sources. The school is required to provide information about their financial aid procedures and deadlines, plus how and when awards are disbursed by the school. Be sure to read and understand the school’s and the financial aid provider’s satisfactory academic progress policy and keep copies of the enrollment agreement, the school’s catalog, and all financial aid documents (especially loan documents) received.

Free information about federal, state, school, and private student aid is available at the local library’s reference section (usually listed under “student aid” or “financial aid”). Student aid information may also be available from foundations, religious organizations, community organizations, and civic groups, as well as organizations related to the educational or professional field of interest, such as the American Medical Association or American Bar Association. Students can also check with their parents’ employers or unions to see if they award scholarships.

Alaska Native Federal Organizations

The federal government has several programs that are available to citizens and permanent residents of the United States as well as scholarship and grant programs for Alaska Natives and other Native Americans offered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)
3601 C. St., STE 1100, Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 271-1536 | (800) 645-8465 | F: (907) 271-3678
www.bia.gov
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) scholarship and education grant programs are funded by federal funds and may be available through the Alaska Native non-profit organizations. Students are eligible to apply through the village tribal council in Alaska where they are a member or a descendant of a member. If the organization does not manage a federally funded BIA scholarship and education grant program, contact the BIE in Anchorage for a list of Higher Education Contractors in Alaska to find out which organization to apply with.
X: Undergraduate Scholarship Programs and Alaska Native Education Foundations

There are student financial aid programs and special opportunities available throughout Alaska specifically for Alaska Native students. The programs may or may not have an Alaska or regional residency requirement. Eligibility may depend upon the student’s tribal membership or relationship as a Native enrollee/descendant or shareholder of a Regional, Village Corporation or Tribal Council formed as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

You must request the scholarship and grant guidelines and application forms directly from the organization to determine whether you are eligible to apply. This handbook contains many resources with contact information; however, you should contact any organizations that you are affiliated with to see if there are additional scholarships that you can apply for.

Note: Check with the village corporations and village tribes in all the regions you are associated with for additional funding opportunities available to you.

I would like to help create a culture of learning and establish preventative care guidelines in the rural areas. Education is key to making positive changes in the world. My education is part of the key to be able to unlock barriers to provide basic education to the next generation of our people.
The CIRI Foundation

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) is a private foundation established in 1982 by the ANCSA Corporation Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) Board of Directors. The mission of The CIRI Foundation is to promote individual self-development and economic self-sufficiency through education and maintain pride in culture and heritage among Alaska Natives who are original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region Inc., their descendants, and Alaska Native shareholders of CIRI.

The major goal of TCF is to encourage the education and career development of the Foundation’s Alaska Native beneficiaries through post-secondary scholarships and grants, as well as research and other education projects. Eligible Scholarship and Grant applicants may now apply via the Foundation’s online Scholarship and Grant Application portal located at www.thecirifoundation.org.

A second goal is to perpetuate and enhance the heritage of Cook Inlet region’s Alaska Native people through programs that foster appreciation and understanding by the general public. As part of its mission, TCF strives to support continued living traditions through selected heritage publications and media productions that enhance appreciation and understanding of Alaska Native cultures among all people.

The CIRI Foundation has been supporting the educational dreams of our people since 1982. In that time, The CIRI Foundation, with its partners, has contributed more than $38 million for the Alaska Native beneficiaries of CIRI to participate in post-secondary education. More than $3.7 million has been granted through TCF Education and Heritage Project Grant programs toward other non-profit and tribal organization projects that further the goals of the Foundation by serving our people, Alaska Natives, and Alaskans.

Private sector contributions are the primary source of funds for the programs and administration of the Foundation. The major source of private sector funds is derived from earnings from the Foundation's several endowments, of which CIRI is the primary contributor.

Please contact The CIRI Foundation or visit the Foundation’s website at www.thecirifoundation.org for additional information about the Foundation’s programs and publications. Eligible applicants may also apply online via the Foundation’s online Scholarship and Grant Application located at www.thecirifoundation.org.
The CIRI Foundation Programs Eligibility Summary

The CIRI Foundation Scholarship, Fellowship, Grant, and Internship Programs
Eligible applicants are original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) and the direct lineal descendants of original enrollees of CIRI who are either natural or legally adopted children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee as provided in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971; funding is available for Alaska Native, voting shareholders of CIRI that are not original enrollees or direct lineal descendant through TCF’s Raven Fund.

Village Scholarship and Education Grant Programs
TCF administers non-BIA funds toward post-secondary education to Alaska Native original enrollees and their direct lineal descendants of Eklutna, Inc. and Salamatof Native Association, Inc. (including spouses for SNAI only) as well as for original enrollees of Ninilchik Native Association Inc., their direct lineal descendants, and Alaska Native NNAI shareholders.

Education and Heritage Project Grant Programs
Project Grant funding is available to support projects that affect and/or involve Alaska Native beneficiaries of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. and further the Education and/or Heritage goals of The CIRI Foundation. Project Grants may be made to non-profit organizations, tribal organizations, and individuals sponsored by a non-profit organization who are Alaska Native original enrollees to Cook Inlet Region, Inc. or their direct lineal descendants.

The CIRI Foundation Scholarship & Education Programs

The CIRI Foundation - New address as of June 6, 2019
*3201 C Street, STE 506 Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382 F: (907) 793-3585
www.thecirifoundation.org | tcf@thecirifoundation.org

*During the COVID-19 pandemic, TCF staff will be working remotely

The following is a listing of the programs administered by The CIRI Foundation. Contact TCF to request additional information and guidelines or visit TCF’s website at www.thecirifoundation.org.

*All TCF scholarship and grant programs are subject to available funding*

TCF General Scholarship Program
Available to original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants of original enrollees of CIRI. Must have a high school diploma or GED. The CIRI Foundation determines award classification. Students will need to only submit one application by the prescribed deadline listed below.

• General Scholarship Must have a high school diploma or GED and be accepted or enrolled full-time or part-time in a 2-year or 4-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. Students must apply online and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Up to $6,000 per academic year for full-time enrollment and up to $5,500 per academic year for part-time enrollment. Deadline: June 1.

• Mid-Year General Scholarship Award For eligible scholarship applicants beginning Winter/Spring term. Provides funding to support one (1) semester/term. Students must apply online and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Up to $3,000 per term for full-time enrollment and up to $2,750 per term for part-time enrollment. Deadline: December 1.

• Achievement Annual Scholarship Competitive merit scholarship for applicants with minimum 3.0 GPA for consideration. Accepted and enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program. Up to $8,000 for one academic year. Deadline: June 1.

• Excellence Annual Scholarship Competitive merit scholarship for outstanding academic and community service experience. Minimum 3.5 GPA for consideration. Accepted and enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program. Up to $10,000 for one academic year. Deadline: June 1.

• Special Excellence Annual Scholarship Competitive merit scholarship for exceptional academic experience and outstanding community service. Minimum 3.7 GPA. Accepted or enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. Preference is given to the fields of business, education, math, sciences, health services, and engineering. Up to $20,000 for one academic year. Deadline: June 1.

Designated Endowments and Named Funds Awards
The CIRI Foundation manages several designated endowments and named funds. These funds were established by community members to celebrate individuals and recognize specific accomplishments. Eligible applicants are original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants of original enrollees of CIRI.

For designated and named funds awards: Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED and be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 2-year or 4-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. Minimum 2.5 GPA unless otherwise specified (many awards have specific GPA requirements). The CIRI Foundation determines award classification.
Note: Higher award annual scholarships are only available for consideration at the June 1 deadline. Students need to submit only one application by the prescribed deadline to apply for these, The CIRI Foundation Scholarship and Grant Application. Visit The CIRI Foundation website for additional information.

- Cap Lathrop Endowment Scholarship (separate paper application required)
- Susie Qimmigak Bevins Scholarship Fund
- Margaret L. Brown Scholarship Fund
- Penny Carty Scholarship Fund
- John N. Colberg Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Roy M. Huhndorf Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Peter Kalifornsky Memorial Endowment Fund
- Howard Keck/Westmin Ltd. Endowment Scholarship Fund
- Carl H. Marrs Scholarship Fund
- Kirby Matson Memorial Endowment Scholarship Fund
- George Miller, Jr. Management Leadership Endowment Fellowship
- Jason Moore Scholarship Fund
- William D. Phillips Scholarship Fund

**TCF Vocational Training Grant Program**

Available to original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants of original enrollees of CIRI. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Must be accepted or enrolled part- or full-time in a post-secondary education (degree-seeking or vocational training), but do not meet the required minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA requirement and have not attended school in more than 5 years. To qualify an applicant must: be a CIRI original enrollee or direct lineal descendant, have a high school diploma or GED, be enrolled in an accredited institution, and show a strong commitment to higher education and meeting TCF’s requirements in the future. Deadlines: March 31, June 1, June 30, September 30, and December 1.

**Jump Start Awards**

Available to direct lineal descendants of CIRI original enrollees who are concurrently enrolled as a high school student enrolled or accepted into a recognized or accredited “Running Start” college, training program, or other similar authorized post-secondary education course of study that allows students to concurrently and simultaneously earn high school and post-secondary credits. Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher. Paper applications become available online approximately 30 days before the deadline. Award: up to $2000 per calendar year. Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 1.

**Restart Awards**

One term of funding

This award is designed for applicants who are pursuing post-secondary education (degree-seeking or vocational training), but do not meet the required minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA requirement and have not attended school in more than 5 years. To qualify an applicant must: be a CIRI original enrollee or direct lineal descendant, have a high school diploma or GED, be enrolled in an accredited institution, and show a strong commitment to higher education and meeting TCF’s requirements in the future. Deadlines: March 31, June 1, June 30, September 30, and December 1.

**Kick Start Award**

One term of funding

If you are a first-time, post-secondary applicant to The CIRI Foundation and do not have a high school cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, then you may be considered for a Kick Start Award. This is a one-time award and subject to available funds. Available to original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants of original enrollees of CIRI. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and be accepted or enrolled in a degree-seeking, vocational training, or certificate program. Up to $2,000 for one (1) educational term as defined by TCF. Deadlines: March 31, June 1, June 30, September 30, and December 1.

**Raven Fund Award (Paper Application)**

Provides limited funding to CIRI, Alaska Native, voting shareholders *who are not original enrollees or their direct lineal descendants*. The Raven Fund offers general scholarships and vocational training grants to qualified applicants. Up to $6000 per academic year for full-time enrollment and $5,500 for part-time enrollment (degree-seeking). Up to $5,500 per calendar year for vocational training. If interested, request an application from TCF. Deadlines: March 31, June 1, June 30, September 30, and December 1.

**Fellowship Grant Programs**

Available to original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants. Must be at least 18 years of age; should have a high school diploma or GED. Min. 2.5 GPA. Up to $250 during a calendar year. Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 1.

- **Cultural Heritage Fellowship** Provided to encourage applicants in performing and transmitting the visual, literary, and performing arts of Alaska Natives. Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in a seminar or conference approved by The CIRI Foundation.

- **General Fellowship** Provided for approved non-credit workshops, seminars and preparatory/study courses that broaden an applicant’s understanding and appreciation of education, society, and directly relate to the improvement of the applicant’s employment skills.

**Internship Program (Paper Application)**

The purpose of the Internship Program is to partner with employers to assist eligible applicants with supervised on-the-job training that will provide practical work experience consistent with career preparation. Available to original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants. Also available to CIRI Alaska Native, voting shareholders who are not CIRI original enrollees or their direct lineal descendants through the Raven Fund. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Should be enrolled or recently completed an accredited two-year degree program, four-year degree program, graduate degree program, or technical skills training program at an accredited or otherwise approved post-secondary institution. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Contact TCF for application and deadline information.

**Village Scholarship and Grant Programs**

The CIRI Foundation administers non-BIA funds towards post-secondary education to Alaska Native original enrollees and their direct lineal descendants of Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. (NNAI) and Salamatof Native Association Inc. (SNAI). Applicants may be considered for awards from both TCF General Endowment and the village funds. All Village Scholarship and Grant programs are subject to available funding.
Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. (NNAI) Scholarship and Grant Program
Merit-based scholarships available for original enrollees of NNAI, their direct lineal descendants, and Alaska Native NNAI shareholders. Must be accepted or enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program or technical skills training program. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Deadlines: June 1 and December 1 for scholarships, and June 30 for grants. 
Note NNAI eligibility requirements were updated in 2017– contact TCF or NNAI for more information.

Salamatof Native Association, Inc. (SNAI) Scholarship Program
Established in 1992 by the Salamatof Native Association, Inc. to offer merit scholarships to original enrollees of SNAI, their direct lineal descendants, and spouses. Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program or technical skills training program. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Deadlines: June 1, December 1.

Tribal Councils and Associations of the Cook Inlet Region
Several tribal governments and regional associations located within Cook Inlet Region administer federal Native American higher education scholarship and education grant programs for eligible and qualified Alaska Native members. Tribal councils and associations are also a resource for culturally relevant and unique opportunities.

Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
9255 N. Glenn Highway, Chickaloon, AK 99645
Ph: (907) 745-0749 | F: (907) 745-0709
www.chickaloon-nsn.gov

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (CITC) Scholarships
Administered by: The CIRI Foundation
www.thecirifoundation.org | tcf@thecirifoundation.org
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382
Provides scholarship funding to eligible Alaska Native CIRI shareholders and direct lineal descendants who meet the program eligibility and program requirements. Deadlines: June 1 and December 1.

- Tribal Higher Education Scholarship
  Administered by: The CIRI Foundation
  Provides scholarship awards to pursue a higher education at an accredited college, university, or training facility. Deadlines: June 1, December 1.

- Alyeska Match Scholarship
  Administered by: The CIRI Foundation
  Offers matching financial aid to eligible applicants that are receiving other CITC funds to attend college in fields specified by Alyeska (see page 26). Deadlines: June 1, December 1.

- Mellen Shea Scholarship
  Administered by: The CIRI Foundation
  Provides scholarship awards to applicants pursuing undergraduate or graduate degree in education. Must be attending a school in the University of Alaska system or Alaska Pacific University, residing in Anchorage, AK and committed to becoming a teacher in Alaska, preferably in Anchorage, AK. Deadlines: June 1, December 1.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (CITC) Vocational Training and Career Development
3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508
Ph: (907) 793-3600 | (877) 985-5900 | www.citci.org
Provides vocational training funding and other services to eligible Alaska Natives who meet the program eligibility and program requirements.

- Alaska’s People Career Development Center is open to all Alaska Natives living in the Anchorage area as a walk-in resource for those seeking employment and training opportunities.

- Tribal Training Grant
  Alaska Natives and American Indians residing within the Cook Inlet region may apply. Program offers funding to eligible students pursuing short-term certification or vocational training for job enhancement and/or employability at an accredited training facility. Deadline: Open.
  Note: CITC itself provides only vocational training grant funding opportunities. For degree-seeking students, CITC’s funding is administered through The CIRI Foundation.

Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program
Scholarships Administered by:
The CIRI Foundation
3201 C Street, STE 506 Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382
www.thecirifoundation.org | tcf@thecirifoundation.org

Grants Administered by:
Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. (CITC)
3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508
Ph: (907) 793-3600 | (877) 985-5900 | www.citci.org

Eklutna Inc.
16515 Centerfield Drive, Suite 201
Eagle River, AK 99577 | Ph: (907) 696-2828
www.eklutnainc.com
Offers unique and flexible programs that address potentials from early childhood development, general educational development (GED), career advancement, cultural/fellowship grants, and vocational or post-secondary education opportunities. Eligible applicants are original enrollees of Eklutna Inc. and their lineal descendants. Contact Eklutna Inc. for more information on early childhood and GED support. Degree-seeking scholarships administered by The CIRI Foundation. Other funding administered by Cook Inlet Tribal Council.
Kenaitze Indian Tribe
35105 K-B Drive, STE A, Soldotna, AK 99669
Ph: (907) 335-7606 | F: (907) 283-3052
www.kenaitze.org
The Education and Career Development program supports the traditional Kahtnuht’ana Dena’ina value of education – passing down cultural knowledge and traditions and supporting formal education. Scholarships are open only to tribal members; job training is available for unemployed and underemployed Alaska Native and American Indian applicants. Up to $4000 per academic year.

Knik Tribal Council
951 E. Bogard Rd., STE 101, Wasilla, AK 99654
Ph: (907) 373-7991 | F: (907) 373-2161
www.kniktribe.org
Job Placement and Training Program assists tribal members in developing a career and training plan. Employment and Training will assists as well in referrals to appropriate resources in the community.

Native Village of Eklutna
26339 Eklutna Village Rd., Chugiak, AK 99567
Ph: (907) 688-6020 | F: (907) 688-6021
www.eklutna-nsn.gov | nve@eklutna-nsn.gov

Native Village of Tyonek
B Street, Tyonek, AK 99682
Ph: (907) 583-2201 | F: (907) 583-2442

Ninilchik Native Association, Inc.
15700 Sterling Hwy, Ninilchik, AK 99639
Ph: (907) 567-3866 | www.nnai.net | nnai@nnai.net
Provides scholarship funding to eligible Alaska Native shareholders and direct lineal descendants of Ninilchik Native Association. Min. 2.5 GPA required. Deadlines: Scholarships June 1 and December 1; Grants June 30. Funding is administered through The CIRI Foundation online application.

Ninilchik Traditional Council
P.O. Box 39070, Ninilchik, AK 99639
Ph: (907) 567-3313 | F: (907) 567-3308
www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov
Provides scholarships to tribal members graduating Ninilchik High School (one special scholarship per year), and scholarships to those attending an accredited educational institute. Adult vocational training is also available for Alaska Natives living within Ninilchik tribal boundaries.

Salamatof Native Association, Inc.
Administered by: The CIRI Foundation
www.thecirifoundation.org | tcf@thecirifoundation.org
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382
Provides scholarship funding to eligible Alaska Native shareholders and direct lineal descendants of Salamatof Native Association. Min. 2.5 GPA required. Deadlines: June 1 and December 1. Funding is administered through The CIRI Foundation online application (see page 18).

Seldovia Native Association Foundation
P.O. Box L, Seldovia, AK 99663
Ph: (907) 234-7625 | (800) 478-7898
snai.com/sna-foundation | snai@snai.com
Provides scholarships to full-time students enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate program that are SNAI shareholders or descendants. Awards based GPA, min. of 2.0 for scholarships.

Seldovia Village Tribe
Drawer L, Seldovia, AK 99663
Ph: (907) 234-7898 | F: (907) 234-7865
www.svt.org | svt@svt.org

Tyonek Native Corporation/Tebughna Foundation
1689 C Street, STE. 120, Anchorage, AK 99501
Ph: (907) 646-3115 | tebughnafoundation.com
info@tebughnafoundation.com

- **General Semester Scholarships**: for students who are taking 2-year or 4-year college classes, either enrolled part-time or full-time. GPA minimum of 2.0, funding amount varies with GPA. Scholarships are awarded by semester. See website for deadline.

- **Vocational/Technical Training**: Vocational Grants are for students who are enrolled in a vocational or technical training. Visit website for award amounts. Applications are due 30 days before start date.

I will remain persistent and will keep working hard until I reach all of my education, career, and life goals. I firmly believe I will meet my goals and succeed in this career field because of my education.
**Ahtna Region**

**The Ahtna Foundation (TAF)**

703 W. Tudor Rd., STE 102, Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 646-1929 | (800) 232-4882 | F: (907) 646-1949
www.thealeutfoundation.org | taf@thealeutfoundation.org

Provides scholarships to Ahtna Native original enrollees and their descendants of The Ahtna Corporation and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Restitution Trust. The Ahtna Foundation has a variety of scholarships to serve a spectrum of student needs. Whether you’re a returning student or a young high school graduate, postsecondary educational opportunities are within your reach. TAF issues scholarships in the following categories:

- **Honors** Enrolled full-time with a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- **Exceptional** Enrolled full-time with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- **Achievement** Enrolled full-time with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **Merit** Enrolled full-time with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- **Part-Time** Enrolled in at least 3 credit hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- **Graduate** Enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and be admitted into a graduate program.
- **Working Full-Time** Enrolled in at least a minimum of 9 credit hours, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and provide a letter from their employer stating the student is working more than 30 hours per week. (This student will be considered a full-time student).
- **Advanced College Credits** Enrolled in high school taking college courses and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students will need to apply each semester for this scholarship.

**Aleut Region**

**The Aleut Foundation (TAF)**

110 W. 38th, Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Ph: (907) 868-8250 | F: (907) 868-8285
www.aleutfoundation.org | scholarship@aleuta.net

The Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship (WCMS) Program funds Ahtna shareholding in the memorial scholarship to assist in meeting their educational goals. Funding for the Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship is provided by Ahtna, Incorporated. The priority of the WCMS is to help support direct educational expenses including tuition, student registration fees, course required books/supplies, and other school-related expenses.

**Arctic Slope Region**

**Arctic Education Foundation**

P.O. Box 129, Utqiagvik (Barrow), AK 99723
Ph: (907) 852-8633 | (800) 770-2772
F: (907) 339-7471 | www.arcticed.com
arcticed@asrc.com

Eligible applicants must be an original shareholder or a direct lineal descendant of an original shareholder of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Applicant must be accepted in an accredited U.S. college, university, technical or vocational training school. High school graduate or GED. Scholarship applications must be received on or before applicable dates: Aug. 1, Dec. 1, March 1, May 1.

- **AEF Programs** 4-year college programs are eligible for up to $6750 per semester or $4500 per quarter. Applicants enrolled in 2-year or less programs are eligible for up to $5750 per semester or $3833 per quarter. Applicants pursuing vocational/technical programs less than four months are eligible for $4500 per calendar year.

- **Competitive Awards** Award is based on merit. Applicant must have demonstrated leadership qualities throughout high school or college/training. Annual deadline is June 30th. See arcticed.com/Programs

**Bering Straits Region**

**Beringia Settlement Trust (BST) scholarship**

3301 C St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Ph: (907) 563-3788 | (800) 478-5079
F: (907) 563-2742
www.beringstraits.com | www.my-cache.org
shdevelopment@bsnc.net

To be considered for a Beringia Settlement Trust Scholarship, applicants must apply online at www.my-cache.org. Only complete applications will be considered. Eligible applicants must be an original shareholder of Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) or a direct lineal descendant of an original BSNC shareholder. Scholarships are competitive, needs- and merit-based, and depend on availability of funds. Amounts and criteria are subject to change. For questions about programs or eligibility, please contact BSNC’s Shareholder Development Department at shdevelopment@bsnc.net.
• **College/University** – Award up to $2,000 per semester for undergraduate programs and up to $3,000 per semester for graduate programs. Applicants must apply each semester and award amounts are based on full-time/part-time status and grade-point average (GPA). Applicants must demonstrate a financial need. College/university applicants must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university program pursuing an associate, bachelor, graduate, or doctoral degree. A high school diploma or GED certificate are required, and applicants must maintain a 2.5 GPA each term.

• **Vocational Training** – Award up to $2,000. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited or recognized certificate or other training program. A high school diploma or GED certificate are required, and applicants must demonstrate a financial need.

• **Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship** - Students do not apply separately for this scholarship. Award up to $500. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Scholarship award is for the fall semester only and one scholarship award is given each year. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited educational institution or vocational school and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.

• **Tim Towarak Memorial Scholarship** - Students do not apply separately for this scholarship. $10,000 award. One scholarship award is given each year. Candidates are professional career-track students with a passion for advocating for, or serving, Alaska Native people. Preference for the scholarship award will be given to students who are Alaska residents. Applicants must be a college or university junior, senior or graduate student, be enrolled full-time, and maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.

**Kawerak, Inc.**
PO Box 948, Nome, AK 99762
Ph: (907) 443-5231 | (844) 943-5231
[www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) | [contact@kawerak.org](mailto:contact@kawerak.org)

Provides training grants and college scholarships to tribal members enrolled to a tribe located within the Bering Strait Region (Tribal members of Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community must apply to their local IRA Council). Provides semester or quarterly scholarships to tribal enrollees accepted into a two-year or four-year degree program.

**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation**
2701 Gambell St., Suite 400 Anchorage, AK 99501
Ph: (907) 274-2248 | F: 274-2249 | [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com)

Available to Norton Sound Residents (see website for full list). Program offers scholarships to students enrolled full-time and part time (if you hold a full time job) at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. NSEDC is one of five organizations that provides an all-in-one application for students in the Norton Sound region. Through MyCache (Combined Application for College & Higher Education), students fill out one application that includes a few added questions unique for each scholarship.

• **General Scholarship** Awarded to eligible TKC shareholders admitted full-time or part-time into an accredited post-secondary or vocational training program. Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. Award is subject to available funding.

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**I am committed to my education. I will earn my degree through hard work and determination. I will do well and give back to the people and culture that have given me so much.**

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**Bristol Bay Region**

**BBNC Education Foundation**
111 West 16th Ave., STE 400, Anchorage, AK 99501
Ph: (907) 278-3602 | (800) 426-3602 | F: (907) 276-3924
[www.bbnc.net](http://www.bbnc.net) | [bbncf@bbnc.net](mailto:bbncf@bbnc.net)

Provides annual higher education scholarships to Bristol Bay Native Corporation shareholders enrolled in an accredited college or university. Applicant must have high school diploma or GED. Minimum 2.0 GPA for awards. BBNCF will be piloting a career-focused vocational education program in 2021. Please check their website for guidelines, eligibility and updates.

**Calista Region**

**Calista Education and Culture, Inc.**
5015 Business Park Blvd., STE 3000, Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 275-2800 | F: (907) 275-2936
[www.calistaeducation.org](http://www.calistaeducation.org) | [scholarships@calistacorp.com](mailto:scholarships@calistacorp.com)

Applicant must be a Calista Corporation voting shareholder or descendant (either natural born or legally adopted) of an original shareholder. Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Official transcripts from most recent trade, vocational, colleges or universities attended must be submitted or, official transcripts from graduating high school or, copy of GED if no college or university has been attended.

Scholarships are awarded on a fall and spring term basis in alignment with the application deadline. The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, and fees. The scholarship recipient must have a 2.0 or higher GPA, and maintain and satisfactorily complete a full-time or part-time status for the entire semester/quarter they received the scholarship. Deadlines June 30 for fall term and December 1 (official transcripts due by January 5) for spring term, online applications available.

**Kuskokwim Education Foundation**
4300 B St., STE 405, Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907)243-2944 | (800) 478-4275 | F: (907) 243-2984
[www.kuskokwim.com](http://www.kuskokwim.com) | [kef@kuskokwim.com](mailto:kef@kuskokwim.com)

Administers scholarships for eligible shareholders of The Kuskokwim Corporation who are accepted or enrolled in accredited post-secondary or vocational training programs. Applicants must be high school or GED graduates.

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• **Leo Morgan Memorial Scholarship** Applicants meeting general scholarship eligibility and demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 3.5 GPA or higher will be considered. Awarded annually, subject to available funding.

• **Palmetto Scholarship** Applicants meeting general scholarship eligibility and are enrolled in aerospace major or closely related field of study and have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher will be considered. Awarded annually, subject to available funding.

• **Mary Morgan Wolf Memorial Scholarship** Alaska Native students from the Middle Kuskokwim region applicants enrolled in health related field of study and have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher will be considered. Awarded annually, subject to available funding.

• **Glenn “Tiny” Fredericks Memorial Scholarship** Applicants meeting general scholarship eligibility and are enrolled in business related field of study and have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher will be considered. Awarded annually, subject to available funding.

• **Nick Mellick Memorial Scholarship** Applicants meeting general scholarship eligibility and are enrolled in business related field of study and have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher will be considered. Awarded annually, subject to available funding.

Donlin Gold Kuskokwim Education Foundation 4300 B St., STE 405, Anchorage, AK 99503 Ph: (907) 243-2944 | (800) 478-2171 | F: (907) 243-2984 www.kuskokwim.com | dgkef@kuskokwim.com The Donlin Gold Kuskokwim Education Foundation (DGKEF) promotes education and vocational training for TKC Shareholders interested in the mining industry, along with expanded opportunities for mining related and support industry training. Applicants must have attained high school diploma or GED. Minimum 2.0 GPA or higher. Awards subject to available funding.

**Chugach Region**

Chugach Heritage Foundation 3800 Centerpoint Dr., STE 1200, Anchorage, AK 99503 Ph: (907) 261-0400 | (800) 858-2768 | F: (907) 261-8896 www.chugachheritagefoundation.org scholarships@chugach.com Chugach Heritage Foundation offers six different scholarship programs to provide resources for Chugach Alaska Corporation original shareholders and registered lineal descendants pursuing higher education. You can find further scholarship details on the scholarship portal, scholarships.chugach.com.

• **CHF College Scholarship Program** Applicant must be accepted into an accredited program. Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 with a grade of "C" or better in all CHF funded coursework. Applicants enrolled at less than full-time status are awarded a prorated scholarship. Applicants are eligible for up to $5000 at the Freshman/Sophomore level, and up to $6300 at the Junior/Senior level per academic year. Deadlines are as follows:
  - Fall Semester Term – August 29th
  - Fall Quarter Term – September 30th
  - Winter Quarter/Spring Semester Term – December 31st
  - Spring Quarter Term – March 20th
  - Summer Term - May 15th

• **CHF Vocational Scholarship** Applicant must be registered in any recognized vocational/certificate/license-based training program. Up to $5,000 is available per calendar year. Students must apply before the program start date.

• **CHF Graduate Scholarship** Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited graduate level program. Students can receive up to $10,500 per academic year. This is a competitive scholarship. Annual Deadline of June 30th.

• **Barney Uhart Memorial Scholarship Program** Applicants must be entering their Junior or Senior years of their undergraduate program or be enrolled in a graduate program. Applicants who are awarded this scholarship will participate in a paid summer internship (two summer commitment) and will be eligible to receive up to $10,000 in additional CHF scholarship funding. Travel and lodging expenses will also be covered. This is a competitive scholarship. Annual Deadline of December 31st.

• **Discretionary Scholarship Program** Limited funding is available to assist with unique educational and cultural opportunities.

Chugach Alaska Corporation 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Anchorage, AK 99503 Ph: (907) 550-4150 | (907) 261-0386 | (800) 858-2768 www.chugach.com shareholderdevelopment@chugach.com Provides the following services to Chugach Alaska Corporation shareholders and descendants of shareholders:

• **Apprenticeship Program** Provides on-the-job training in a variety of specialized fields under the direct supervision of a designated supervisor full-time, for a period up to 1 year.

• **Internship Program** Provides resources to full or part-time students attending college to obtain their degree while gaining work experience. Inters work under the supervision of a manager of Chugach Alaska Corporation or one of its subsidiaries/business partners. Minimum 2.0 GPA. High school graduate or GED. Deadline is open.

• **Training Without Walls** A two-year leadership training program that meets three times a year for two-day training sessions. Hotel and airfare accommodations will be available to participants traveling outside of the Anchorage area.
• **Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP)**
  Provides awards for the use of starting or expanding a shareholder or descendant small business. SBAP funds may not be used for refinancing or an existing small business loan. No more than $5,000 will be awarded to any one shareholder or descendant owned business. SBAP awards are taxable and SBAP funds must be expended within one year of the SBAP award.

**Chugachmiut Tribal Organization**
1840 Bragaw St., STE 110, Anchorage, AK 99508
Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 478-4155
www.chugachmiut.org | info@chugachmiut.org

Provides awards to eligible participants. The scholarship seeks to ensure that individuals have the tools necessary to find steady and long-term employment through the provision of training and career development resources, referrals, apprenticeship and higher education information, and advocacy for Native hire. Deadlines: June 10 and December 10.

**Cook Inlet Region**

The CIRI Foundation
3201 C St., STE 506, Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382 | F: (907) 793-3585
www.thecirifoundation.org | tcf@thecirifoundation.org

The CIRI Foundation administers scholarships, grants, fellowships, and internships to qualified Alaska Native people of the Cook Inlet Region.

See the **CIRI Foundation** section on pages 15-18 and Tribal Councils and Associations of Cook Inlet on pages 18-19 in this handbook.

**Doyon Region**

Doyon Foundation
601 Bidwell, STE 101, Fairbanks, AK 99701
Ph: (907) 459-2049 | (888) 478-4755 | F: (907) 459-2065
www.doyonfoundation.com | scholarships@doyon.com

Provides scholarships to Doyon, Limited enrollees and children of original enrollees. Offers basic, vocational, and competitive scholarships to students in a wide range of fields. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED except for the advanced college credit award. Applicants must apply online.

• **Competitive and Basic Scholarship** Applicant must be accepted in an accredited college, university, technical, or vocational school. Enrolled in a program that is at least six weeks or 120 hours long. Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA for undergraduate students, 3.0 for graduate or master’s degree students or 3.25 for specialists or doctorate students. Competitive recipients must be attending school full-time. Competitive scholarships are up to $11,000 and are awarded once per year. Basic recipients can apply for part-time ($1,600) or full-time ($2,400) scholarships, and can apply three times per year. See website for deadlines.

• **Short Term Vocational Scholarship** Applicant must be enrolled in a course or program that is less than 120 hours and less than one year, may not be enrolled in degree program. Students may apply at any time throughout the year, may receive funding equal to the cost of the course not to exceed $3,000, and may receive funding once per year. Funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

• **Advanced College Credit Scholarship** Available to high school students enrolled in college courses as long as their school district does not pay for advanced placement classes. Students may apply year round for funding. Doyon Foundation will award the actual cost of the course or program, not to exceed $400, provided on a first come, first served basis.

**Koniag Region**

Koniag Education Foundation
4141 B St., #201, Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 562-9093 | (888) 562-9093 | F: (907) 562-9023
www.koniageducation.org | kef@koniageducation.org

Administers scholarships and various programs for eligible Alaska Native Koniag, Inc. shareholders and descendants of shareholders of Koniag, Inc. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled in accredited institutions of higher learning or vocational schools. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors, high school, or GED graduates.

• **General Scholarship:** Awarded to students pursuing a degree through an accredited educational institution. Minimum 2.5 GPA or equivalent. Award amounts vary based on budget and scoring of applications.

• **Career Development Scholarships** Awarded to individuals enrolled in non-degree programs such as licensing and certification trainings, workshops, or other career advancing programs. Up to $1,000. Apply at least three weeks prior to start of program. Deadline: Open and rolling.

• **Vocational Scholarships** Awarded to individuals interested in non-degree technical education and training. Up to $2,500. Apply at least four weeks in advance. Deadline: Open and rolling.

• **Koniag Angayuk Scholarship/Internship** Award allows the student to focus on their field of study and gain related work experience during a 6-10 week period during the summer. A 3.0 GPA is required, and the student must agree to intern in any one of Koniag’s subsidiaries during the summer a period of 6-10 weeks. Student will receive a stipend during their internship and funding is provided for travel and competitive scholarships to students in a wide range of fields. Applicants should have a high school diploma or GED except for the advanced college credit award. Applicants must apply online.
and lodging. Students who are awarded and continue to meet the obligations of the scholarship will receive an annual scholarship of $5,000 each year throughout the remainder of their current degree program. Must be Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in college.

- **Glenn Godfrey Sr. Memorial Scholarship**
  Awarded to one student per year with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. Must have ability to demonstrate continued community service or civic duty. Up to $5,000.

- **Larry Matfay Cultural Heritage Scholarship**
  Awarded to one student per year with a minimum 3.0 GPA or equivalent. Preference given to majors in Anthropology, History, Alaska Native, or American Indian Studies, or other disciplines with a course of study that involves research and study of Alutiiq culture. Up to $1,000.

- **Magnel Larsen Drabek Scholarship**
  Awarded to one student per year with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. Applicants must be majoring in arts, education, or cultural studies. Up to $2,000.

- **Brent Parsons Memorial Scholarship**
  Awarded to one student per year with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. Applicants must be majoring in Accounting or Business.

**Kodiak Area Native Association**
3449 Rezanof Dr. East, Kodiak, AK 99615
Ph: (907) 486-9800 | (800) 478-5721
[www.kanaweb.org](http://www.kanaweb.org)

Higher Education Scholarships are available to financially assist eligible Alaska Natives enrolled in the Koniag Region, enrolled members of Akhiok and Port Lions, to pursue education and training at accredited institutions.

**NANA Region**

**Aqqaluk Trust**
P.O. Box 509, Kotzebue, AK 99752
Ph: (907) 442-1607 | (866) 442-1607
[www.aqqaluktrust.com](http://www.aqqaluktrust.com) | aqqaluk.trust@aqqaluktrust.com

The Aqqaluk Trust awards scholarships to NANA shareholders, their descendants & dependents that are pursuing college and post-graduate degrees and post-secondary education. See website for scholarship deadlines. Vocational/Technical application and supporting documents must be completed before the first day of class.

**Maniilaq Association**
PO Box 43, Kotzebue, AK 99752
Ph: (907)442-7660 | (800) 478-3312
[www.manilaq.org](http://www.manilaq.org) | scholarships@manilaq.org

For Tribal members pursuing college degrees and in need of additional training the association administers the following programs: Paaraq Scholarship, Higher Education, Vocational Training, Workforce Investment Act, Childcare Assistance, Direct Employment, General Assistance, and James "Qigñak" Wells Endowment Scholarship. Check website for deadlines and award amounts.

**Sealaska Region**

**Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes**
3239 Hospital Dr., Juneau, AK 99801
Ph: (907) 463-7329 | (800) 344-1432 x7329
[www.ccthita-nsn.gov](http://www.ccthita-nsn.gov)

- The College Student Assistance (CSA) Program provides financial aid to tribally enrolled citizens within the compact service area who are attending, or plan to attend, an accredited college or university in the pursuit of education degree programs, specifically post-secondary education.
- The Alumni Scholarship Assistance Program (ASAP) provides annual scholarship awards to all tribally enrolled citizens regardless of service area, community affiliation, origination, residence, tribal impact or signatory status.

**Sealaska Heritage Institute**
105 S. Seward St., STE 201, Juneau, AK 99801
Ph: (907) 463-4844 | F: (907) 586-9293
[www.sealaskaheritage.org](http://www.sealaskaheritage.org) | scholarship@sealaska.com

Provides scholarships to Alaska Natives who are Sealaska shareholders and descendants of shareholders. Accepted into an accredited college/university or vocational/ technical school. Deadline: March 1.

I plan to continue to work hard and make the most of my time at school, so that I can be an effective voice for the next generation of Alaska Native people.
Additional Alaska Native, Native American, and Underrepresented Minority Scholarships

The following scholarships are for Alaska Native, American Indian/Native American, and/or underrepresented minority students studying a variety of disciplines. Some scholarships may have additional membership, major or other eligibility requirements. Contact each organization for further details and to verify application deadline(s).

Specific U.S. Tribal or Regional Affiliation

**American Indian Endowed Scholarship**
w washington.indiangaming.org/american-indian-endowed-scholarship
Provides financial assistance to American Indian undergraduate and graduate students with ties to Washington state. Funding is prioritized for upper division and graduate students intending to return and work with their tribe(s). Deadlines vary.

**Cherokee Nation, Office of Higher Education**
Tahlequah, OK | Ph: (918) 453-5000 | (800) 256-0671
www.cherokee.org | education@cherokee.org
Provides scholarships to enrolled members of the Cherokee Nation pursuing a higher education.

**Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma**
El Reno, OK | Ph: (800) 247-4612
www.cheyenneandarapahonso.gov
Available to enrolled Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal members who are either undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited 4-year or 2-year university.

**Dakota Indian Foundation Scholarship**
Chamberlain, SD | Ph: (605) 234-5472
www.dakotaindianfoundation.net
Provides funding for the educational advancement of Native American students with priority to those of Lakota, Dakota, and/or Nakota heritage. Students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior to be eligible and must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours. Scholarships are for approved courses of study at an accredited college, university or vocational school. 2.5 GPA requirement.

**Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc.**
Ohkay Owingeh, NM | Ph: (505) 747-1593
www.enipc.org
Provides funding to full-time undergraduate students who are tribally enrolled in either Picuris Pueblo, Pojoaque Pueblo or Tesuque Pueblo.

**Fort Peck Tribes**
Poplar, MT | Ph: (406) 768-2300
www.fortpecktribes.org | eddept@fortpecktribes.net
Available to Assiniboine and Sioux members of the Fort Peck tribes in Montana. Applicants must be undergraduates or vocational training.

**Hopi Tribal Grants and Scholarships**
Kykotsmovi, AZ | Ph: (928) 734-2275
www.hopieducationfund.org
Available to enrolled members of the Hopi Tribe. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED. Enrolled in regionally accredited college or university.

**Hualapai Tribal Scholarship**
Peach Springs, AZ | Ph: (928) 769-2200
hualapai-nsn.gov/services/education/education-program
Available to members of the Hualapai Tribe for undergraduate funding. Contact tribe for deadline and additional eligibility information.

**Northwest Indian Housing Association Scholarships**
www.nwiha.org | Ph: (306) 220-9212
Provides financial assistance to members of Indian tribes in the Pacific Northwest who are interested in attending college in any state.

**Northern Cheyenne Tribal Education Department**
Ph: (406) 477-6567 | www.cheyennenation.com
Available to enrolled members of the Northern Cheyenne tribe who are pursuing any undergraduate area of study at a postsecondary institution.

**Office of Navajo Nation**
Ph: (866) 223-6457 | www.onnsfa.org
Provides a variety of scholarships to enrolled members of the Navajo tribe that are undergraduate or graduate students at an accredited university may apply.

**United South & Eastern Tribes**
Nashville, TN | Ph: (615) 872-7417 | www.usetinc.org
Provides supplemental scholarships to Indian students in the USET service area and enrolled members of one of the twenty-five USET member Tribes.

**Washington Indian Gaming Association Scholarship**
Washington.indiangaming.org/scholarships
Provides financial assistance to members of Indian tribes in Washington who are interested in attending college or graduate school in Washington state.

I am so happy I decided to go back to school. It is so fulfilling to learn and grow.
American Indian College Fund
Denver, CO | Ph: (303) 426-8900 | (800) 776-3863
www.collegefund.org | info@collegefund.org
Provides scholarship support to each tribal college. Also administers several scholarship programs offered to American Indian students attending tribal colleges, state and private universities.

American Indian Fellowship in Business
www.ncaied.org/scholarships | scholarships@ncaied.org
Provides financial assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives working on a bachelor's or master's degree in business.

American Indian Science & Engineering Society
Albuquerque, NM | Ph: (505) 765-1052
www.aises.org | info@aises.org
AISES administers many programs, services and events for pre-college, undergraduate and graduate students designed to increase access to college & support their success in preparation for careers in STEM fields.

American Indian Services
Provo, UT | Ph: (801) 375-1777
www.americanindianservices.org
ais@americanindianservices.org
Provides scholarships to undergraduate students who are ¼ or more and part of a Northern Native American Indian. Minimum 2.25 GPA.

Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)
Oklahoma City, OK | Ph: (405) 946-7072 | www.aaip.org
Provides scholarships for medical and pre-med students to attend the annual AAIP workshops to Alaska Native or American Indian undergraduate or graduate students interested in the health field. Workshops are offered. Provides physicians, medical students, faculty, minority program staff, counselors, and other healthcare professionals a greater understanding of Western and Traditional Medicine. Additional scholarships and internships may be available.

Association on American Indian Affairs
Rockville, MD | Ph: (240) 314-7155
www.indian-affairs.org | general.aaia@indian-affairs.org
The Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarship. Recipients are awarded a scholarship twice per year until they graduate, as long as the student maintains a 2.5 GPA and status as a full-time student. The Association Scholarship focuses on students who wish to obtain a degree and will work to serve their communities and Indian Country as a whole.
ASU American Indian Student Support Services  
Browning, MT | Ph: (480) 965-8044 | aisss.asu.edu  
Provides higher education scholarships and vocational training grants information for students of Arizona State University.

Catching the Dream, Inc.  
Albuquerque, NM | Ph: (505) 262-2351  
www.catchingthedream.org  
Provides scholarships to students who are ¼ or more Alaska Native or American Indian and enrolled members of a U. S. tribe. Awards are for full-time students based on merit and demonstrated financial need.

Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars Scholarship  
www.csdiw.org/scholarships  
Open to Native American, certified tribal members with plans to work on a reservation. Must be an undergraduate junior or senior accepted to or already attending an accredited college/university, be carrying at least eight semester hours, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Must be US citizen and demonstrate financial need. Deadline: June 15.

Daughters of the American Revolution American Indian Scholarship  
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 628-1776  
dar.org/national-society/scholarships/american-indian  
Offers scholarship awards to help Native American college, university, and technical school students striving to get an education. Awards are judged on financial need and academic achievement.

Dr. Roe B. Lewis Memorial Scholarships  
www.swindianag.com/scholarship.html  
Provides financial assistance to American Indians studying in a field related to agriculture or natural resources.

Fog Woman Coffee Scholarship  
www.fogwomancoffee.com/scholarship.html  
This scholarship is open to all Alaska Natives with selection criteria including financial need, academic achievement, positive community impact, educational goals, and veteran status.

Fort Lewis College Foundation Scholarship  
Durango, CO | Ph: (877) 352-2656  
www.fortlewis.edu/tuition-aid/admissions@fortlewis.edu  
Fort Lewis College offers Native American Tuition Waivers and Tribal Scholarships to attend Fort Lewis College tuition free. The student will still be responsible for payment of the college fees, room, and board.

Helen Trueheart Cox Art Scholarship  
www.americanpenwomen.org/grants-and-scholarships/  
Provides financial assistance to Native American women interested in studying art for undergraduate or graduate work.

Indian Health Services (IHS)  
Rockville, MD | Ph: (301) 443-6197  
www.ihs.gov/scholarship  
Provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students that are Alaska Native or American Indian toward needed careers in healthcare. IHS currently funds three Health Career Scholarship Programs to train the professional health personnel necessary to staff IHS health programs serving the Indian people. Deadlines and annual award amounts vary.

Intertribal Timber Council (ITC)  
Portland, OR | Ph: (503) 282-4296  
www.itcnet.org  
The ITC Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program provides scholarships to Native American and Alaska Native students pursuing higher education in Natural Resources and related fields (e.g. science).

Joan Hamilton Memorial Scholarship at the American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska  
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 258-0044  
www.acluak.org/en/joan-hamilton-scholarship  
scholarship@acluak.org  
This scholarship offers up to $2,500 per academic year to fund college, graduate, and vocational studies with renewal awards available by reapplying. They invite applications from high school seniors or college and vocational students who wish to pursue a career related to the law, become advocates of Alaska Native rights, and defend the constitutional rights and civil liberties of the peoples of rural Alaska.

Miss Indian USA Scholarship Program  
www.indians.org/miss-indian-usa-program.html  
To recognize and reward the most distinguished and talented Indian women, sponsored by the American Indian Heritage Foundation in Washington D.C. each year. Native American women between the ages of 18 and 26 are eligible to enter this national contest.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation  
Tucson, AZ | Ph: (520) 901-8500  
www.udall.gov  
info@udall.gov  
Awards scholarships and honorable mention awards based on merit to sophomore and junior level college students. Available to students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment or to Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated a commitment to careers related to tribal public policy or Native health care.

Native American Journalists Association Scholarships  
Norman, OK | Ph: (405) 325-1649  
www.najanewsroom.com  
Provides financial assistance to student members of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) who are interested in a career in journalism or journalism education.
Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) at the George Washington University
Washington, D.C. | Ph: 202-994-2083
cipp.cps.gwu.edu/naplp-program

The Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) is a full scholarship for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students who want to take part in Semester in Washington Politics. It is open to undergraduate and graduate students, including those who have completed their undergraduate degree but have not yet enrolled in a graduate program. NAPLP is made possible by a generous grant from the AT&T Foundation.

Partnership with Native Americans
Addison, TX | Ph: (800) 416-8102
www.nativepartnership.org

PWNA provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate Native American students. The focus is on applicants who are most often in the middle range of the academic ranking but who have serious drive and a demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles. Deadlines and amounts vary. They also:

- Provide grants to post-secondary schools to equip students with pre-requisite "tools for learning" that they need and cannot afford.
- Provide grants and emergency funding to universities, tribal colleges, and other groups committed to American Indian education, retention and funding for Native American students.

Preparing Indigenous Teachers & Administrators for Alaska Schools at University of Alaska Southeast
Juneau, AK | Ph: (907) 796-6058
www.uas.alaska.edu/education

Preparing Indigenous Teachers & Administrators for Alaska Schools (PITAAS) at the University of Alaska Southeast is a mentor and teacher-training program to encourage and retain indigenous students. PITAAS provides scholarship funds for Alaska Native students who plan to teach in Alaska public schools after graduation. The program also supports those pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching and/or Graduate Certificate, Principle Endorsement, and M.Ed. students with mentorship and funding opportunities.

Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing at University of Alaska Anchorage
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 786-6978
uaa.alaska.edu/rrann

Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing (RRANN) provides financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to students currently enrolled in a nursing degree program through the University of Alaska Anchorage. Applicants must be Alaska residents. Preference is given to Alaska Native and American Indian students.

Schmidt Charitable Trust
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 786-7445
www.schmidttrustalaska.org
SchmidtTrustAlaska@gmail.com

The Edward and Anna Range Schmidt Charitable Trust offers grants and emergency financial assistance for Alaska Native students of Earth and Environmental Science (internship support, travel and/or expenses related to workshops and science fairs, support needed to secure employment in science-related fields or emergency needs). Rolling application deadlines.

Seattle Chapter of Association of Women in Science
www.seattleawis.org/award/scholarships

Provides financial assistance and work experience to Native American and women undergraduates from any state majoring in science mathematics, or engineering at colleges and universities in Washington.

Society for American Archaeology Native American Scholarships
Ph: (202) 789-8200 | www.saa.org | info@saa.org
An endowment established to foster a sense of shared purpose and positive interaction between archaeologists and Native Americans. Scholarships are open to all Native peoples.

Winners for Life Foundation Scholarship
www.wfffoundation.org

Provides financial assistance to Native American college students studying any field at any tribal college or university.

All Underrepresented Minorities

American Association of Women Dentists
Chicago, IL | Ph: (800) 920-2293
www.aawd.org | info@aawd.org
Provides scholarships to dental students who have shown academic distinction and demonstration of excellence in research.

American Association of University Women
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 785-7700
www.aauw.org | connect@aauw.org
Administers scholarships, fellowships, grants, and internship programs to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

American Dental Association, ADA Foundation
Chicago, IL | Ph: (312) 440-2500 | www.ada.org
The ADA Foundation funds scholarships for dental student, underrepresented minority dental students and allied dental students including dental hygiene, dental assisting and dental laboratory technology. Submission deadlines vary and application materials must be obtained from the applicant's school.

American Dental Hygienists Association
Chicago, IL | Ph: (312) 440-8900
www.adha.org | education@adha.net
Provides scholarships for dental students, underrepresented minority dental students and allied dental students. Including dental hygiene, dental assisting, and dental laboratory technology.
American Geosciences Institute
Alexandria, VA | Ph: (703) 379-2480
www.americangeosciences.org
 Provides scholarships to ethnic-minority students currently enrolled full-time at an accredited institution a geoscience program including the geoscience sub-disciplines of geology, geophysics, geochemistry, hydrology, physical oceanography, planetary geology, or earth-science education.

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 596-6200
www.aicpa.org | academics@aicpa.org
 Provides scholarships to minority students enrolled full-time as an undergraduate or graduate in an accounting program at an accredited 4-year institution.

American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships
Ph: (617) 227-2425 | www.ametsoc.org
 Provides award funding to minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Native American, Hispanic and African American students.

Association of National Advertisers Educational Foundation
www.aef.com
 Provides financial assistance to Native American and other diverse students who are working on an undergraduate degree in advertising.

American Nuclear Society Scholarship Program
www.ans.org/scholarships/
 Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other graduate students who are interested in preparing for a career in nuclear-related fields.

American Political Science Association
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 483-2512
www.apsanet.org | apsa@apsanet.org
 APSA provides scholarships, fellowships and a mentorship programs to aid minorities in the political science discipline. Deadlines, awards, and eligibility requirements vary. See website for additional details and find out if there is a local chapter available.

American Physical Therapy Association
www.apta.org
 Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority students who are interested in becoming a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant.

American Society of Landscape Architects
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 898-2444
www.asla.org/scholarships.aspx
 Provides financial assistance to upper-division students, especially Native Americans and other disadvantaged and underrepresented groups, who are working on a degree in landscape architecture.

Association for Women Geoscientists Scholarship
www.awg.org/awards
 Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority women who are interested in working on an undergraduate degree in the geosciences.

BDPA Education & Technology Foundation
College Park, MD | Ph: (313) 284-4968
www.betf.org | info@betf.org
 Provides financial assistance to students from underserved communities who are studying in the fields of computer science, mathematics, information technology, and related fields.

I believe that I am contributing to a positive Alaska Native community by showing that we can do anything we set our minds to.

Bill Bernbach Diversity Scholarship
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 682-2500 | (800) 676-9333
www.bernbachdiversityscholarship.com
bbscholarship@ddb.com
 The Bill Bernbach Diversity Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to creatively talented, culturally diverse students seeking an education in copywriting, art direction and design at designated colleges and portfolio schools.

Bill Dickey Golf Scholarships
Phoenix, AZ | Ph: (602) 258-7851
www.billdickey.org | info@billdickey.org
 Provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate students who are members of minority groups. Selection is based on academic achievement, personal recommendations, and participation in golf, school, community activities, and financial need.

Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarships
www.forever nursing.org
 Provides financial assistance to minority undergraduate and graduate students who wish to prepare for careers in nursing. Check website for details, including additional programs that may be eligible for scholarships.

Brown & Caldwell Minority Scholarship
Lakewood, CO | Ph: (800) 727-2224
www.brownandcaldwell.com | scholarships@brwncald.com
 Provides financial assistance minority students working on an undergraduate degree in an environmental science or engineering field. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and declared a major in civil, chemical, or environmental engineering or an environmental science (e.g., biology, ecology, geology, hydrogeology, industrial hygiene, toxicology).

Dwight Mosley Scholarships
White Plains, NY | Ph: (914) 696-7223
www.ustafoundation.com | foundation@usta.com
 Provides financial assistance for college to high school seniors from diverse ethnic backgrounds who have participated in an organized community tennis program.

Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting
Dayton, OH | Ph: (937) 424-3391
www.efwa.org | info@efwa.org
 Provides several different types of scholarships for female accounting students at both the undergraduate and graduate level.
Ethel Montgomery Scholarship Fund
www.foslam.org/scholarship
Provides financial assistance to students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in museum studies. Applicants must be enrolled in an Alaskan federally recognized tribe. All applications must be completed and emailed or postmarked before the deadline. See website for details.

Generation Google Scholarship
www.google.com/edu/scholarships
Generation Google Scholarship: Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minorities planning to work on a bachelor’s degree in a computer-related field.

Goldman Sachs Scholarship for Excellence
www.goldmansachs.com
Provides financial assistance and work experience to Native Americans and other underrepresented minority students preparing for a career in the financial services industry.

HECUA Scholarships for Social and Racial Justice
hecua.org/logistics/scholarships
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other students from targeted groups who are enrolled in programs or internships of the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA) at participating colleges and universities.

Horace & Susie Revels Cayton Scholarship
Seattle, WA | Ph: (206) 623-8632
www.prsapugetsound.org/Scholarships
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority upper-classmen from Washington State who are interested in preparing for a career in public relations.

Hyatt Hotels Fund for Minority Students
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 289-3180
www.ahlef.org/scholarships
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority students working on a degree or certificate in hotel management.

Industry Minority Scholarships
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (617) 227-2425
www.ametsoc.org | amsinfo@ametsoc.org
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other underrepresented minority students entering college to major in meteorology or an aspect of atmospheric sciences. See website for deadline.

The Lagrant Foundation
Los Angeles, CA | Ph: (323) 469-8680 x 240
www.lagrantfoundation.org
Provides undergraduate and graduate scholarships and support like mentorship to minority students in the fields of advertising, marketing, and public relations. Scholarship recipients also receive a trip to Detroit for career building activities.

Marcia Silverman Minority Student Award
www.prssa.prsa.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority college seniors who are interested in preparing for a career in public relations.

Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship
www.gfoa.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority upper division and graduate students who are preparing for a career in state and local government finance.

Minority Nurse Scholarship Program
www.minoritynurse.com
Scholarship money abounds for students pursuing undergraduate or graduate education in nursing. All awards have various criteria for recipients, which may include financial need, academic achievement and involvement in community service. In addition, some awards require the recipient to work in a specific location (often a medically underserved area) after graduation.

Minority Scholarship Awards for Chemical Engineering
www.aiche.org/community/awards
Provides financial assistance for the undergraduate study of chemical engineering to Native Americans and other underrepresented minority student members of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Minimum 3.0 GPA required.

Minority Scholarship in Classics & Archaeology
www.classicalstudies.org
Provide Native Americans and other minority under-graduates with summer training as preparation for advanced work in the classics or classical archaeology. This program includes a scholarship supported by the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation.

Moss Adams Foundation Scholarship
www.efwa.org/scholarships.php
Provides multiple scholarship opportunities to women working on an accounting degree at the undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels. Moss Adams also provides financial support through the Women in Transition program.

Mutual of Omaha Actuarial Scholarship
www.mutualofomaha.com
Provides financial assistance and work experience to Native Americans and other minority undergraduate students who are preparing for an actuarial career.

NASA Motivating Undergraduates in Science & Technology Scholarship Program
www.nasa.gov
Provides financial assistance to students who are working on an undergraduate degree in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. 3.0 GPA required.
National Association of Multicultural Engineering Program Advocates
West Lafayette, IN | Ph: (765) 400-0637
www.namepa.org | namepa@namepa.org
Offers both national and regional scholarships for students who have demonstrated potential and interest in pursuing an undergraduate degree in engineering. Minimum 2.7 GPA.

National Nurses United
Silver Spring, MD | Ph: (240) 235-2000
www.nationalnursesunited.org
Provides financial assistance to students from diverse ethnic backgrounds who are enrolled in an associate program in nursing in California.

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Partnership with Minority Serving Institutions
sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education
Provides financial assistance and research experience to students who are attending minority serving institutions and are majoring in scientific fields of interest to NOAA.

National Weather Association (NWA) Scholarships
Norman, OK | Ph: (405) 701-5167 | www.nwas.org
NWA has multiple scholarships and grants available for students working toward careers in meteorology and weather service fields- amounts vary. The David Sankey Minority Scholarship specifically provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in meteorology.

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
Oklahoma, OK | Ph: (405) 685-7969 | (800) 994-1929
www.ninety-nines.org
The 99’s promote fellowship through flight, provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women, and preserve the unique history of women in aviation.

Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship
www.wa.aajaseattle.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority students from Washington State who are interested in careers in journalism.

NSCA Minority Scholarships
www.nsca.com
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority students who are interested in working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree in strength training and conditioning.

PDEF Mickey Williams Minority Student Scholarship
www.snmmi.org
Provides financial support to Native American and other minority students working on an associate or bachelor’s degree in nuclear medicine technology.

Richard B. Fisher Scholarship
www.morganstanley.com
Provides financial assistance and work experience to members of underrepresented groups who are planning for a career in technology within the financial services industry.

Royce Osborn Minority Student Scholarships
foundation.asrt.org/what-we-do/scholarships/current-scholarships
Funded by an endowment from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, this scholarship provides financial assistance to minority students enrolled in entry-level radiologic sciences programs.

Scholarships for Minority Accounting Students
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 596-6200
aicpa.org/becomeacpa/scholarships.html
Provides financial assistance to minority students interested in studying accounting at the undergraduate or graduate school level.

Scotts Company Scholars Program
gcsaa.org/education/scholarships
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience to college students, particularly those from diverse backgrounds, who are preparing for a career in golf management.

Shell Incentive Fund Scholarships
shell.us/careers/students-and-graduates/scholarships.html
Provides financial assistance to minority students majoring in specified engineering (chemical, civil, electrical, geological, geophysical, mechanical or petroleum) and geoscience fields (geology, geophysics, or physics) at designated universities.

Society of Women Engineers
Chicago, IL | Ph: (312) 596-5223 | swe.org/scholarships
Provides scholarships to female undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate ABET/CSAB accredited engineering, computer science degree program, or in a computer science program at an ABET approved school. Provides international scholarships.

Snell & Wilmer LSAT Preparation
Phoenix, AZ | Ph: (602) 382-6654 | www.swlaw.com
Provides scholarships for LSAT registration fees and an LSAT preparation course with an approved course provider, including ACE, Kaplan, Princeton Review, Score It Up, and Test Masters.

Surety and Fidelity Industry Intern and Scholarship Program
www.thesuretyfoundation.org
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority undergraduates working on a degree in a field related to insurance.

Maine Better Transportation Association
Ph: (207) 622-0526 | www.mbtaonline.org
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other undergraduate and graduate minority students working on a degree in a field related to transportation.
General Scholarships

Aircraft Electronics Association
Lee’s Summit, MO | Ph: (816) 347-8400
www.aea.net/EducationalFoundation
Provides scholarships, training, and career resources to students seeking careers in the aircraft electronics and aviation maintenance industry.

Alaska Air Carriers Association
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 277-0071
www.alaskaaircarriers.org
Provides scholarships to full-time students enrolled at an accredited college or university, licensed flight school, or certified A&P program.

AmeriCorps Programs in Community Service
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 606-5000
www.nationalservice.gov
Provides full-time educational awards in return for work in community service by the Corporation for National & Community Service; see website.

Asian-American Journalists Association
San Francisco, CA | Ph: (415) 346-2051
www.aaja.org
Provides scholarships to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in pursuing careers in print, broadcast, or photojournalism.

Automotive Hall of Fame
Dearborn, MI | Ph: (313) 240-4000
www.automotivehalloffame.org/scholarships/
Provides scholarships to students interested in an automotive career and enrolled full time at an accredited college, university, or trade school. Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Bill Countryman Scholarship Program
Anchorage, AK | www.cu1.org/scholarship/
Each year, Credit Union 1 is proud to offer the Bill Countryman Scholarship program to qualified Alaska applicants.

California Association of Realtors Foundation
Los Angeles, CA | Ph: (213) 739-8200
car.org/difference/scholarships
Provides scholarships to graduates and undergraduates attending a California college or university, pursuing a degree in a real estate related field. Applicant must be a resident of California.

California Library Association
San Mateo, CA | Ph: (626) 204-4071
www.cla-net.org | info@cla-net.org
Provides scholarships to college seniors, college graduates and beginning library school students enrolled in library or information science schools in California.

California Student Aid Commission
Rancho Cordova, CA | Ph: (888) 224-7268
www.calgrants.org | studentsupport@csac.ca.gov
Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE), a loan forgiveness program, is available to college juniors and seniors majoring in Education are eligible to apply.

Colgate Professional
New York, NY | Ph: (800) 266-5428
colgateprofessional.com/students-faculty/scholarships-awards
Provides scholarships to students enrolled in dental programs. Visit the Colgate website to review a list of available awards and criteria.

Conference of Minority Transportation Officials
Alexandria, VA | Ph: (202) 506-2917
comtonational.org/programs/
A variety of scholarships are available to students who have a career interest in transportation and related fields (e.g. engineering). Applicants may be graduating high school seniors or college students.

Education Is Freedom (EIF)
Dallas, TX | Ph: (877) 642-6343
www.educationisfreedom.org
EIF exclusive national scholarship program provides college scholarships to high school seniors, college freshman and sophomores towards accredited college or university tuition and fees.

Elks National Foundation
Chicago, IL | Ph: (773) 755-4728
www.elks.org | scholarship@elks.org
Provides scholarship programs for undergraduate study, emergency educational grants, and medical school. The Most Valuable Student provides 4-year scholarships to 500 high school students each year, up to $50,000. Legacy awards are for children or grandchildren of members. Medical school scholarships are available to current or former recipients of Elk’s Foundation scholarships.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Gardena, CA | Ph: (310) 975-3700 | www.hsf.net
Provides awards to Latino students attending an accredited 4-year not-for-profit university or graduate school. Requires 3.0 GPA for high school students, 2.5 GPA requirement for current university students.

Institute of International Education
www.iie.org/gilman
Provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad. Applicants must apply to or have been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit at the home institution. Eligible for up to one year and at least four weeks. A limited number of Critical Need Language Supplements are available for students studying a critical need language. A list of eligible languages can be found on the Gilman website.
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship
Lansdowne, VA | Ph: (703) 723-8000 | www.jkcf.org
Provides funding for students who plan on transferring from a community college to finish their bachelor’s degree at a top four-year college in the United States. 3.5 GPA requirement.

Lincoln Community Foundation
Lincoln, NE | Ph: (402) 474-2345
lcf.org/impacting-community/student-scholarships
Administers scholarships with varying criteria for eligibility, available to students living in and outside of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mat-Su Health Foundation
Wasilla, AK | Ph: (907) 352-2863
www.healthymatsu.org
Mat-Su Health Foundation (MSHF) Awards scholarships and grants to residents of the Mat-Su Borough pursuing a health related career.

Mensa Education and Research Foundation
Arlington, TX | Ph: (817) 607-5577
www.mensafoundation.org | info@mensafoundation.org
Awards scholarships based on essays written by the applicants. Award amount varies. Additional opportunities are available to MENSA members, but membership is not required to apply. No minimum GPA.

Microsoft Corporation
careers.microsoft.com/students/us/en/usscholarshipprogram
Provides scholarships to students enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university in the United States, Canada, or Mexico in an undergraduate degree in computer science, computer engineering, or related technical discipline such as electrical engineering, math, or physics.

National Urban League
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 558-5300 | www.nul.org
Offers college scholarships to African American youth to attend post-secondary education institutions.

Navy League Scholarships
navyleague.org/programs/scholarships
Offers scholarships to military personnel and dependents of military personnel. There are several scholarships with varying amounts and requirements. Check website for details on each individual scholarship.

National Defense Transportation Association
Alexandria, VA | Ph: (703) 751-5011
ndtahq.com/about-us/education/
Provides scholarships to undergraduates pursuing a degree in Transportation, Business, Logistics, or Distribution. Applicant must also be a member or child of a member of NDTA.

National Society of Professional Engineers
Alexandria, VA | Ph: (703) 684-2800 | (888) 285-6773
www.nspe.org | education@nspe.org
NSPE administers scholarship programs for engineers in all disciplines. Students attending ABET-accredited schools and female students are eligible for additional opportunities. High school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students can apply.

National Space Club
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 574-0060
www.spaceclub.org | info@spaceclub.org
Provides scholarships to U.S. citizens enrolled in the junior year or higher at an accredited university and pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in science or engineering.

National Student Nurses Association
Brooklyn, NY | Ph: (718) 210-0705 | www.nsna.org
Available to U.S. citizens and students with an Alien Registration number currently enrolled in state-approved schools of nursing or pre-nursing in associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, generic doctorate, and generic master’s programs. Funds are only available for graduate study when it is for a first degree in nursing.

Oncology Nursing Society Foundation
Pittsburgh, PA | Ph: (866) 257-4667
www.onsfoundation.org
Provides scholarship and research grants to nurses and nursing students devoted to the care of individuals with cancer and to the specialty of oncology nursing.

Phi Delta Kappa International
Ph: (812) 339-1156 | (800) 766-1156 | www.pdkintl.org
Provides scholarships, fellowships and other awards to members of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK). PDK Educational Foundation awards scholarships to future educators and education graduate students.

PHCC Educational Foundation
Falls Church, VA | Ph: (800)533-7694
www.phccfoundation.org
Provides scholarships to apprentice and trade (vocational) students in plumbing or HVAC programs, and college students pursuing an industry-related degree.

Presbyterian Church USA
Louisville, KY | Ph: (800) 728-7228
www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/financialaid
Provides scholarships to students enrolled in a participating college related to the Presbyterian Church.

Public Policy and International Affairs Program
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (877) 774-2001
www.ppiaprogram.org
PPIA Fellowship & Junior Summer Institute is a series of educational developmental programs that span from the end of a student’s junior year in college to the completion of a master’s degree in public policy, public administration, and/or international affairs. Program provides full tuition to attend PPIA Junior Summer Institute, plus up a stipend and financial assistance toward graduate school tuition.

Public Relations Student Society of America
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 460-1474 | www.prssa.org
Provides scholarships to undergraduate students enrolled at a 4-year accredited institution pursuing a major in public relations, journalism, or communications. Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in public relations.
Radio Television Digital News Foundation
Scholarships
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 223-4007
www.rtdna.org
Provides several named scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending a university or college working toward a career in broadcast and electronic journalism. Must be sophomore standing or higher.

Salvadoran American Leadership Foundation
Los Angeles, CA | Ph: (213) 480-1052 | www.salef.org
Offers financial assistance and support to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Applicants must be of Central American or other Latino ethnicity, and demonstrate financial need and a history of community involvement.

Shape America Scholarships
Reston, VA | Ph. (800) 213-7193
www.shapeamerica.org
Provides scholarships to students who are majoring in the health, physical education, recreation, and dance fields.

Sociologists for Women in Society Scholarships
www.socwomen.org
Promoting research, teaching, and writings on topics relating to feminism and women. Different scholarships focus on different specialty areas, and all have varying criteria.

SPIE Scholarships in Optics and Photonics
Bellingham, WA | Ph: (360) 676-3290 | www.spie.org
Provides education and travel scholarships to student members of SPIE enrolled in an optics, photonics, imaging, or optoelectronics program or related discipline (e.g. physics) at an accredited school. High school students are eligible to receive a one-time, one-year complimentary membership.

I am inspired by the leadership around me at school and see how I can work within the Native community professionally while growing personally through my studies.
XI: High School Programs and Scholarships

Many scholarships and colleges ask about involvement. The following is a list of scholarships and programs available to high school students and graduating high school seniors. There are also many local opportunities for connecting with one’s community and culture—check out the Tribal, non-profit, and education organizations where you live to learn more.

Scholarships for High School Seniors

Alaska Community Foundation
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 334-6700 | www.alaskacf.org
Provides a variety of scholarships that graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply for, including the following specific opportunities.

- **Specific High School Scholarships**
  Provides awards toward educational expenses for graduating high school students from the following high schools:
  - Hoonah
  - Kenai Central
  - Ketchikan
  - Nikiski
  - Ninilchik
  - Seward
  - Sitka
  - West (Anch.)
  - Wrangell

- **Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage**
  Provides award toward educational expenses at a college or university to Alaska residents who are high school seniors or currently enrolled college students. Applicants must be members of the high school cross-country ski team during their junior and senior years and must have individual or family memberships in the NSAA.

Alaska Performance Scholarship Program
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (800) 441-2962 | (907) 465-2962
www.acpe.alaska.gov/financial-aid | ACPE@alaska.gov
The Alaska Performance Scholarship Program provides scholarships to Alaska residents who graduate from an Alaska high school on or after January 1, 2013, and who meet requirements. High school graduate includes graduates from public schools and private schools, and home school students who have taken the required courses. Students who hold GEDs are not eligible. Apply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than June 30. Check the website for potential date changes.

American Indian Graduate Center
Albuquerque, NM | Ph: (505) 881-4584 | (800) 628-1920
www.aigcs.org
AIGC provides scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native high school seniors as part of the All Native American High School Academic Team. Must be a member or descendant of a federally recognized tribe.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program
Atlanta, GA | Ph: (800) 306-2653
www.coca-colascholars.org
Provides scholarships to high school seniors in the U.S. planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution; minimum 3.0 GPA. Applicants must not be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola companies. Deadline: October 31.

ELKS Foundation- Most Valuable Student
www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm
Applicants must be current high school seniors and will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Have It Your Way Foundation, Inc.
Miami, FL | Ph: (507) 931-1682
www.burgerkingscholarship.com
Provides a one-time non-renewable scholarship award. An eligible applicant must be a current high school senior that will be enrolling full-time in the fall term of the scholarship year and must be employed part-time for at least 10 hours per week, demonstrate financial need and participation in community service and extracurricular activities. Minimum 2.5 GPA.

Jackie Robinson Foundation
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 290-8600
www.jackierobinson.org
Jackie Robinson Foundation Minority Scholarship program provides scholarships to high school seniors entering an accredited college or university as a freshman.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Evanston, IL | Ph: (847) 866-5100
www.nationalmerit.org
Available to United States citizens enrolled in high school. Award selections are based on information supplied by the student on the PSAT/NMSQT answer sheet to determine whether the individual meets requirements for participation in the programs.

Ron Brown Scholar Program
Charlottesville, VA | Ph: (434) 964-1588
www.ronbrown.org | info@ronbrown.org
Provides scholarships to African-American high school seniors seeking acceptance in a four-year accredited college or university in any academic discipline.

I am now a “life-long-learner” and will keep reaching for more, even after my degree.
High School Student Programs

ANSEP Univ. of Alaska Anchorage Summer Bridge
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 786-1860 | www.ansep.net
The Summer Bridge program is available to recent high school graduates interested in engineering and science fields who will be attending UAA in the fall. Participants live on campus for nine weeks before their first year at UAA. Students who successfully complete the program are awarded scholarship support.

Bank of America Student Leaders
about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/student-leaders.html
For high school juniors and seniors. An eight-week paid internship at a local non-profit/charitable organization, including one week spent attending a Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC (all expenses paid).

College Horizons
Pena Blanca, NM | Ph: (505) 401-3854
www.collegehorizons.org
College Horizons is a pre-college workshop for Alaska Native and Native American high school students giving students a five-day ‘crash course’ in preparing for college. Participants will be limited to 90 for each participating college site cohort. Must be current sophomores or juniors.

Doyon Foundation Advanced College Credit
Fairbanks, AK | Ph: (907) 459-2048
www.doyonfoundation.com | foundation@doyon.com
Advanced College Credit Scholarship provides scholarships to Doyon, Limited enrollees and their descendants. Advanced College Credit Scholarships are available to high school students enrolled in college courses not paid for by their school district. Students may apply year round for funding.

INSPIRE Native Teens Pre-College Program
Washington D.C. | Ph: 202-994-2083
www.inspire.naplp.gwu.edu | inspire@gwu.edu
The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is a full scholarship open to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students, including those with an anticipated spring graduation, to spend 3-weeks in the Hawaiian high school student who will not be graduating before summer on the George Washington University campus to learn about intergovernmental relations between tribal governments and the federal government. Must have sophomore, junior, or senior standing to apply.

The Junior Statesman Foundation
Burlingame, CA | Ph: (800) 334-5353 | www.jsa.org
Summer School Program provides students the opportunity to meet and question headline figures from government and politics such as the President, Cabinet, House and Senate leaders, Justices of the Supreme Court, journalists, and members of the diplomatic corps. High school student who will not be graduating before summer school are eligible to apply.

Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital
Sitka, AK | Ph: (907) 966-2411 | www.searhc.org
High School Student Health Occupations Program provides a one-week program in Sitka for Alaska Native high school students to experience different health care careers. Students shadow doctors, dentists, nurses, x-ray technicians, and other health professionals. Provides a travel stipend.

Patty Iron Cloud Native American Youth Initiative
Oklahoma City, OK | Ph: (405) 946-7072
www.aai.org/nnayi/
This is an intense academic enrichment and reinforcement program designed to better prepare American Indian / Alaska Native high school students to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in the health professions and/or biomedical research. AAI Native students and counselors to attend the program held each summer in Washington, D.C. Scholarship pays for lodging, most meals, and travel expenses.

QuestBridge
Palo Alto, CA | Ph: (650) 331-3280 | (888) 275-2054
www.questbridge.org
College Prep Scholarship provides high school juniors with a strong academic record awards that equip students with the knowledge necessary to compete for individualized college admissions counseling, invitations to QuestBridge College Admissions Conferences at Stanford and Yale, and all-expense-paid visits to top college campuses.

Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI)
Fairbanks, AK | Ph: (907) 474-5876
www.uaf.edu/rahi | uaf-rahi@alaska.edu
A six-week summer program for college-bound high school juniors and seniors from rural Alaska. Attend college courses and earn up to 11 university credits. Stay on a university campus and become immersed in the college lifestyle.

Summer Business Institute—Seattle University
seattletu.edu/business/centers-and-programs/summer-business-institute/
The Albers Summer Business Institute (SBI) offers high school juniors the opportunity to explore various aspects of university and dorm life. Learn first-hand the ropes of college life including classes taught by professors.

The CIRI Foundation Jump Start Award
Anchorage, AK | (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382
www.ciri.org
Available to direct lineal descendants of CIRI original enrollees who are concurrently enrolled as a high school student enrolled or accepted into a recognized or accredited “Running Start” college, training program, or other similar authorized post-secondary education course of study that allows students to concurrently and simultaneously earn high school and post-secondary credits. Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher. Paper applications become available online approximately 30 days before the deadline. Award: up to $2000 per calendar year. Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 1.
Alaska Natives and American Indians

**Accenture Graduate Fellowships**  
[www.accenture.com](http://www.accenture.com)  
Provides financial assistance to Native American students interested in working on a graduate or professional degree in fields related to engineering, high technology, or business.

**American Indian Graduate Center**  
Albuquerque, NM | Ph: (505) 881-4584 | (800) 628-1920  
[www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org)  
AIGC provides support to American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students. Additional opportunities available on their website, including those for STEM, Accounting, Veterinary and more.

**American Indian College Fund**  
[www.collegefund.org/students/scholarships](http://www.collegefund.org/students/scholarships)  
Provides financial assistance to Native American students who are working on a graduate degree in any field. Deadlines, eligibility, and awards vary with scholarships.

**American Indian Library Association Scholarship**  
[ailanet.org/awards/scholarships/](http://ailanet.org/awards/scholarships/)  
Provides financial assistance to American Indians interested in working on a master’s degree in library and/or information science.

**American Library Association**  
Chicago, IL | Ph: (312) 944-6780 | (800) 545-2433  
[wwwALA.org/awardsgrants](http://wwwALA.org/awardsgrants)  
ALA provides scholarships to graduate students enrolled in library and information studies from an ALA accredited program, or for a master’s degree in school library media program that meets the ALA curriculum guidelines for a National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredited unit.

**American Partnership with Native Americans**  
Addison, TX | Ph: (800) 416-8102  
[www.nativepartnership.org](http://www.nativepartnership.org)  
PWNA provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate Native American students. The focus is on applicants who are most often in the middle range of the academic ranking but who have serious drive and a demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles.

**Association on American Indian Affairs**  
Rockville, MD | Ph: (240) 314-7155  
[www.indian-affairs.org](http://www.indian-affairs.org)  
Offers scholarships to Native American graduate students. The requirements for and specifics of each scholarship may be different. Must be members of federally recognized tribes and at least ¼ Indian blood unless otherwise stated.

**Dartmouth Native American Programs**  
[www.students.dartmouth.edu/nap/](http://www.students.dartmouth.edu/nap/)  
In addition to Native American programming at the undergraduate level, Dartmouth provides graduate support for Native American and underserved minority students.

**Graduate Horizons**  
Pena Blanca, NM | Ph: (505) 401-3854  
[www.graduatehorizons.org](http://www.graduatehorizons.org)  
Graduate Horizons is a four-day crash-course for Native American college students, college graduates and master’s students in preparing for graduate school. Faculty, admissions officers and deans from a host of graduate and professional schools help students: select suitable programs to apply for a given career path; complete applications and write personal statements; become a test-prep ‘whiz kid’ on the GRE, GMAT, LSAT & MCAT; navigate the financial aid/scholarship process; explore special issues for Native students; and learn graduate school survival tips.

**John F. Kennedy School of Government Native American Public Service Fellowship**  
Cambridge MA | Ph: (617) 495-1100  
[www.ksg.harvard.edu](http://www.ksg.harvard.edu)  
Awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to matters of concern to Native American tribes, including tribal self-governance and policy. The Fellowship includes full tuition & possible stipend. The recipient is required to be employed in some form of public service directly benefiting Native Americans for a minimum of three years immediately following completion of the KSG degree.

**Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship for Female Graduate Geoscience Students**  
[www.americangeosciences.org/scholarships](http://www.americangeosciences.org/scholarships)  
This program is available for female students pursuing a Master’s or Doctoral degree at an accredited institution of higher education in a recognized geoscience program. Applications are considered on a merit-based process.

**Newberry Research Library**  
Chicago, IL | Ph: (312) 255-3666 | [www.newberry.org](http://www.newberry.org)  
Opportunities are available for postdoctoral scholars, PhD candidates, and graduate students. Both short-term (one to two month) and long-term (four to twelve month) fellowships are available. Preference for fellowships is given to those who have not held fellowships in the previous three years.

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I enjoy school tremendously and am learning so much. I am so glad that I took this opportunity.
Pathway to Science Scholarship Programs
www.pathwaystoscience.org
Provides financial assistance to Native American students interested in working on a graduate degree in science and health-based disciplines from dozens of different fields of study.

School for Advanced Research (SAR)
Santa Fe, NM | Ph: (505) 954-7200
www.sarweb.org | info@sarsf.org
Offers two residential fellowship programs for scholars. Resident Scholars awards six- and nine-month fellowships to scholars who have completed their research and analysis in the social sciences, humanities, and Native arts and who need time to reflect, debate, and write. Summer Scholars awards two-month fellowships to scholars in the social sciences, humanities, and Native arts to pursue research or writing projects.

Tribal Member Fellowship- UC, San Diego
grad.ucsd.edu/diversity/Incoming-fellowships/tribal-membership.html
Under the Tribal Membership Initiative, University of California (UC) San Diego's Office of Graduate Studies is increasing diversity by providing fellowships to incoming graduate students from Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian ancestry in master’s or PhD programs.

Washington American Indian Endowed Scholarship
readysetgrad.wa.gov/college/american-indian-endowed-scholarship
Provides financial assistance to American Indian graduate students in Washington. Selection is based on academic merit, financial need, and documented commitment to return service to the state’s American Indian community.

All Underrepresented Grad Students

Acoustical Society of America Minority Fellowship
www.acousticalsociety.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other underrepresented minorities who are working on a graduate degree involving acoustics.

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 596-6200
www.aicpa.org | academics@aicpa.org
Provides the scholarship programs for students enrolled full-time as an undergraduate or graduate in an accounting program at an accredited 4-year institution.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation Scholarship for Minority Students
www.ashfoundation.org/apply/#Scholarships
Provides financial assistance to graduate students in communication sciences and disorders programs.

ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships
www.acls.org/programs/scf
Provides research funding to doctoral candidates and fellowship opportunities to graduate students (especially Native Americans, other minorities, and women) in all disciplines of the humanities and the humanities-related social sciences who are ready to complete their doctoral dissertations.

American Musicological Society Fellowship
amsmusicology.org/page/fellowships
The American Musicological Society provides financial assistance to minority students who are working on a doctoral degree in the field of musicology with no restrictions on area of research.

American Planning Association
www.planning.org/scholarships/apa
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other underrepresented students enrolled in graduate degree programs at recognized planning schools.

ASA Minority Fellowship Program
www.asanet.org/funding/mfp.cfm

Bill Bernbach Diversity Scholarships
www.bernbachdiversityscholarship.com
Provides assistance to multicultural students interested in working on a graduate or undergraduate degree in advertising at an accredited school.

Consortium for Graduate Study in Management
www.cgsm.org
Provides financial assistance, fellowships, and work experience to underrepresented minority students interested in preparing for a management career in business.

Consuelo W. Gosnall Memorial Scholarships
www.naswfoundation.org/gosnell.asp
Provides financial assistance to Native American and Hispanic students interested in working on a master’s degree in social work.

Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowship
www.fhwa.dot.gov/ugp/index
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other graduate students working on a master’s or doctoral degree in transportation-related fields.

Francis M. Keville Memorial Scholarship
www.bsces.org/recognition/students
Provides financial assistance to minority and female graduate students working on a degree in construction management.

GEM MS & PhD Fellowship Programs
www.gemfellowship.org/gem-fellowship
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience to minority students interested in obtaining a master’s or PhD degree in science, math, and computer-related fields.

Holly A. Cornell Scholarship
awwa.org/Membership-Volunteering/Students-Young-Professionals/AWWA-Scholarships
Provides financial assistance to students in the field of water supply and treatment.

HUD Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program
www.oup.org
Provides funding to minority and other doctoral candidates interested in conducting dissertation research related to housing and urban development issues.
IBM PhD Fellowship Program
research.ibm.com/university/awards/fellowships.html
Provides funding and work experience to minority and other students working on a Ph.D. in a research area of broad interest to IBM.

Industry/Government Graduate Fellowships
ametsoc.org/index.cfm/ams/information-for/students/ams-scholarships-and-fellowships/
To encourage Native Americans and other underrepresented students entering their first year of graduate school to work on an advanced degree in the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences.

Isaac J. “Ike” Crumbly Minorities in Energy Grant
foundation.aapg.org/list-of-grants-in-aid-grants
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans, other minorities, and female students who are interested in conducting research related to earth science aspects of the petroleum industry.

Launching Leaders MBA Scholarship
www.jpmorgan.com
Provides financial assistance and work experience to Native American and other underrepresented minority students enrolled in an M.B.A. program.

Lionel C. Barrow Minority Doctoral Student Scholarship
scholarships.uncf.org/Program/Search
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minorities who are interested in working on a doctorate in mass communication.

Marriage & Family Therapy Master’s Student Scholarship
www.aamft.org
Provides financial assistance to Native American and minority students enrolled in master’s and post-degree training programs in marriage and family therapy.

Mihaylo College of Business and Economics
Fullerton, CA | Ph: (657) 278-4652 | (800) 433-3243
www.business.fullerton.edu
Provides awards to full-time graduate students at California State University, Fullerton. Available to residents of California. GPA requirements, other eligibility details, and deadlines vary.

National Physical Science Consortium Fellowship
www.stemfellowships.org
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience to underrepresented minorities and women interested in working on a Ph.D. in designated science and engineering fields.

National Science Foundation Graduate Research
nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201
Provides financial assistance to minority graduate students interested in working on a master’s or doctoral degree in fields supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Patrick D McJulien Minority Graduate Scholarship
www.aect.org
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority members of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) working on a graduate degree in the field of educational communications and technology.

PFATS-NFL Charities Minority Scholarships
www.pfats.com/about/minority-scholarship-program/
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority students working on a degree in athletic training.

Porter Physiology Development Awards
www.the-aps.org
Provides research funding to Native Americans and other minorities who are members of the American Physiological Society (APS) interested in working on a doctoral degree in physiology.

Ralph W. Shrader Diversity Scholarships
afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/scholarships/HBCU-scholarship
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other master’s degree students in fields related to communications and electronics.

Sandia Master’s Fellowship Program
www.sandia.gov/careers/fellowships.html
To enable minority students to obtain a master’s degree in engineering or computer science and work at Sandia National Laboratories. Participants receive a competitive salary while working at the laboratories on a full-time basis and a stipend while attending school. Must be prepared to obtain a master’s degree in 1 year.

Smithsonian Fellowship Opportunities
www.smithsonianofi.com
Provides funding to Native American and other minority graduate students interested in conducting research at the Smithsonian Institution.

Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship
www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/261
Provides funding to minority members of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) who are interested in conducting research for their doctoral dissertation.

Society of American Archivists Mosaic Scholarship
www.archivists.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other minority students who are working on a graduate degree in archival science.

My priorities are a commitment to pursue a field I genuinely love working in and to feel I am doing my best to serve the Alaska Native community.
SREB Doctoral Awards
www.sreb.org/types-awards
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority students who wish to work on a doctorate degree in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at designated universities in the southern states.

Wake Forest University Fellowship
www.business.wfu.edu
Free Master’s Program at Wake Forest for Minority students through the Corporate Fellowship Award. Fellows receive full tuition plus living expenses, personal mentoring from a high-level executive at a major corporation, and a Fellowship Practicum. Limited to U.S. citizens. Applicant must hold or be pursuing a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university majoring in the liberal arts, sciences, or engineering disciplines. Business minors are eligible to apply.

Open to all graduate students

Academy Foundation Student Scholarships
www.eatrightfoundation.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other graduate student members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

American Council of Learned Societies
acls.org/programs/comps/
The American Council of Learned Societies provides a variety of funding opportunities and grants for doctoral candidates interested in conducting dissertation research in the social sciences and humanities. Some funding dependent on Federal Title VIII appropriations.

American Institute of Physics
aip.org/aip/awards
American Institute of Physics (AIP) honors outstanding achievements in physics and raises public awareness of the contributions that physicists make to society. In addition to its awards program, AIP supports the profession with government fellowships and graduate scholarships and teaching awards.

Conference of Minority Transportation Officials
www.comtonational.org
A variety of scholarships are available to graduate students who have a career interest in transportation and related fields (e.g. engineering).

Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program
www.fosterscholars.noaa.gov
Provides financial assistance to graduate students, especially Native Americans, other minorities, and women, who are interested in working on a degree in fields related to marine sciences.

Intel Scholarship
Provides financial assistance to members of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) who are working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field of computer science or engineering, plus offers mentorship to increase diversity in these fields.

National Political Science Scholarships
www.apsanet.org
Scholarships for Graduate Study are awarded to members entering graduate school in political science in the upcoming academic year. Nominations must come from the chapter advisors, accompanied by an official application and supporting documents as specified in the program announcement.

National Science Foundation Funding Programs
www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund_type=2
Specialized information on programs (scholarships, fellowships, research fellowships) providing either direct (i.e., from NSF) or indirect (i.e., from an awardee institution) funding for students on the graduate level.

Phillips Fund Grants for Native American Research
www.amphilsoc.org/grants/phillips
Provides funding to graduate students and scholars interested in conducting research on North American Indian anthropological linguistics and ethnohistory.

Legal

Arent Fox Diversity Scholarships
www.arentfox.com/careers/diversity/diversity-scholarship
Provides financial assistance and work experience to other minority law students.

Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarships
www.bakerdonelson.com
Provides financial assistance to law students who are members of groups underrepresented at large law firms. See website for deadline.

Balfour Phi Delta Phi Minority Scholarship Program
phideltaphi.org/page/balfourminorityschol
To assist minority students who are members of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity.

Buckfire & Buckfire, Law School Diversity Scholarship
www.buckfirelaw.com
This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is attending an accredited law school and is a member of an ethnic or racial minority.

Crowell & Moring Diversity in the Legal Profession Scholarship
www.crowell.com/diversity/were-different
Provides assistance to members of racial and ethnic groups from any state who are underrepresented in the legal profession and attending law school in the District of Columbia.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship
www.dinsmore.com/diversity-scholarship-program/
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience to law students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession.

Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship
bannerwitcoff.com/diversity-inclusion
Provides financial assistance to law students who come from groups historically underrepresented in intellectual property law.
Dorsey & Whitney Diversity Fellowships
www.dorsey.com/diversity
Provides financial assistance for law school students from diverse backgrounds who are interested in working during the summer at offices of the sponsoring law firm. Deadlines are on a rolling basis.

DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarship
dri.org/dri-diversity-scholarship-program
Provides financial assistance to minority and female law students. 2nd or 3rd year law students.

With the education I will earn in college, I will be well equipped to return to Alaska to make an impact on the lives of my fellow Alaskans.

Finnegan Henderson Diversity Scholarship
www.finncaneg.com/careers/summerprogram/overview
Provides financial and work experience to underrepresented minority law students interested in a career in intellectual property law.

Fish & Richardson Diversity Fellowship Program
www.fr.com/about/diversity
Provides financial assistance for law school to students who will contribute to diversity in the legal profession.

Foley & Lardner Diversity Scholarship
www.foley.com/careers/lawstudents
Provides financial assistance and work experience to first-year law students who will contribute to diversity in the legal profession.

George A Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment
www.aallnet.org/education-training/scholarships/
Provides financial assistance to minority college seniors or college graduates who are interested in becoming law librarians.

George V Powell Diversity Scholarship
lanepowell.com/Our-Careers/Summer-Associates/George-V-Powell-Diversity-Scholarship
Provides financial assistance and work experience to law students who will contribute to the diversity of the legal community.

Goodwin Diversity Fellowship
www.goodwinlaw.com/careers/diversity-fellowships
Provides financial and work experience to minority students who are interested in public interest law.

Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson Diversity Fellowship
www.hcmp.com/diversity-fellowship
Provides financial assistance to law students who have a diverse background and life experiences.

Indian Legal Scholarship Program
www.nwiba.org/student-financial-aid/
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans from the Northwest who are interested in attending law school in the area or taking the bar exam.

King & Spalding Diversity Fellowship Program
www.kslaw.com/pages/law-students
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience at U.S. offices of the sponsoring law firm law students who will contribute to the diversity of the legal community.

Kirkland & Ellis LLP Diversity Fellowship Program
www.kirkland.com/content/2l-diversity-fellowship
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience at an office of Kirkland & Ellis to minority law students from any state. See website for deadline.

K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship
www.klgates.com
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience in Seattle to law students from any state who come from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds.

Latham & Watkins Diversity Scholars Program
www.lw.com/MandAScholarsProgram
Provides financial assistance and summer work experience at an office of Kirkland & Ellis to minority law students from any state. See website for deadline.

NNALSA Summer Internship Scholarship
www.nationalnalsa.org
The National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) along with the National Native American Bar Association offer funding opportunities for law students undertaking a summer legal clerkship with a tribe or a non-profit organization.

Richard D Hailey AAJ Law Student Scholarship
www.justice.org/community/caucuses/law-students
Provides financial assistance for law school to minority student members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).
Sidley Diversity & Inclusion Scholarship
www.sidley.com/en/diversitylanding
Provides financial assistance and work experience to law students who come from a diverse background.

Sidney B. Williams Jr. Intellectual Property Law Scholarships
aiplef.org/scholars/sidney-b-williams-jr-scholarships
Provides financial assistance to minority law school students who are interested in preparing for a career in intellectual property law.

Stoel Rives First-Year Diversity Fellowship
stoel.com/about-stoel-rives/careers/interns-summer-program
Provides financial assistance to law students who bring diversity to the profession and are interested in a summer associate position with Stoel Rives.

Thompson Hine Diversity Scholarship
thompsonhine.com/diversityscholarship
Provides financial assistance and work experience to minority law students from any state who have been accepted as a summer associate with the law firm of Thompson Hine.

Vinson & Elkins Diversity Fellowships
velaw.com/Who-We-Are/Diversity---Inclusion
Provides financial assistance to minority law students who are interested in working in a law firm setting. Open to students who are entering the second year at an ABA-accredited law school.

Washington Diversity Fellowships
americanbar.org/groups/family_law/awards-initiatives
Provides funding to students from underserved groups who are interested in pursuing law.

Winston & Strawn Diversity Scholarship Program
winston.com/en/who-we-are/firm-profile/diversity/index.html
Provides financial assistance to minority law students.

Medical, Dental, and Public Health

Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity
nia.nih.gov/research/grants-funding
Provides financial assistance to underrepresented doctoral candidates who wish to conduct research on aging.

AMA Foundation Minority Scholars Awards
www.ama-assn.org/about/awards
Provides financial assistance to Americans and other underrepresented minorities who are enrolled in medical school.

American Society of Radiologic Technologists
foundation.asrt.org/what-we-do/scholarships
Provides scholarships to help entry-level students and professionals pursuing education in an accredited radiologic science program.

ASCO Medical Student Rotation
asco.org/research-guidelines/grants-awards
Provides funding to minority medical students interested in a clinical research oncology rotation.

CDC Minority Internships & Fellowships
www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/internships.html
Provides opportunity for minority undergraduate through doctoral students to conduct research at Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) funded by the U.S. Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE).

Elizabeth & Sherman Asche Memorial Scholarship
www.indian-affairs.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans interested in working on a graduate degree in public health.

IHS Health Professions Scholarship Program
www.ihs.gov/scholarship
Provides funding to Native American and Alaska Native students enrolled in health professions and allied health professions programs. See website for eligible programs and full details, and to find local IHS support office.

Institute for Diversity and Health Equity Summer and Fall Enrichment Program
www.diversityconnection.org
These programs place diverse, graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in health care administration or related fields for paid internships within health care organizations.

Jeanne Spurlock Minority Medical Student Fellowships in Psychiatry and Substance Abuse, and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
aacap.org/AACAP/Awards/Medical_Students_Awards/Spurlock Research Fellowship.aspx
Provides funding to minority medical students who are interested in working with a child and adolescent psychiatrist during the summer or doing research on substance abuse.

Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Scholarship
Mary Ball Carrera Scholarship
www.nmfonline.org/programs/general-scholarships-awards
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other underrepresented minority medical students who demonstrate financial need.

Mental Health Dissertation Research Grant to Increase Diversity
www.nimh.nih.gov/funding/index.shtml
Provides research funds to Native American doctoral candidates and those from other underrepresented groups planning to prepare for a research career in a relevant area to mental health or mental disorders.

MLA/NLA Scholarship for Minority Scholars
mlanet.org/page/mla-scholarship-for-minority-students
Provides financial assistance to minority students interested in preparing for a career as a medical librarian.

NASP Minority Scholarship
www.nasponline.org
Provides financial assistance to minority graduate students who are members of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and enrolled in a school psychology program.
National Academy of Medicine Health Policy Fellowships and Leadership Programs
nam.edu/programs/health-policy-educational-programs-and-fellowships
Provides a variety of programs for students in health and policy related fields.

National Medical Fellowships, Inc.
www.nmfonline.org/about-our-scholarships-and-awards/general-scholarships-awards/
Provides need-based scholarship program to medical students with demonstrated financial need who are United States citizens from groups currently underrepresented in the medical field professions specifically Alaska Native, American Indian, African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian, and mainland Puerto Rican descent.

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
www.npaihb.org
NARCH fellowships support American Indian and Alaska Native students pursuing MPH degrees, other master’s degrees, PhD’s in social and biomedical sciences, MD’s, and other doctoral-level degrees. Successful candidates will receive monthly stipends to support their studies.

Pre-doctoral Fellowship in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
www.apa.org/pi/mfp/index
Provides financial assistance to minority doctoral students and those committed to providing mental health and substance abuse services to ethnic minority populations.

SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program and Clinical Research Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program
www.emfp.org
Provides financial assistance to minority nurses who are doctoral candidates interested in psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse issues that affect the lives of ethnic minority people.

Sherry R Arnstein Minority Student Scholarship
www.aacom.org
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other underrepresented minority students already enrolled in osteopathic medical school.

Society of Pediatric Psychology Diversity Research Grant
www.societyofpediatricpsychology.org
Provides funding to minority and other graduate student and post-doctorate members of the Society of Pediatric Psychology who are interested in conducting research on diversity aspects of pediatric psychology.

Transamerica Retirement Solutions- Leaders in Healthcare Scholarship
www.diversityconnection.org/scholarships
Provides awards to ethnically diverse first-and second-year graduate students pursuing degrees in healthcare administration or a comparable degree (MBA, MPH, MHA, MPA. MSN, or BSN). Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service and academic excellence.

Underrepresented Minority Dental Student Scholarship
www.adafoundation.org/en/how-to-apply
Provides financial assistance to Native Americans and other underrepresented minorities who wish to enter the field of dentistry.

Watson Midwives of Color Scholarship
midwife.org/foundation-scholarships-and-awards
Provides financial assistance for midwifery education to Native Americans and other students of color who belong to the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM).

William G. Anderson, D.O. Minority Scholarship
www.aof.org/grants-awards
Provides financial assistance to Native American and other minority students enrolled in colleges of Osteopathic medicine.

I want to be part of creating a healthy and positive Native community. I feel I can do that through earning my degree, being a role model for my children, and serving this community as an RN.
XIII: Internship Opportunities

Internships provide opportunities for students to gain on-the-job work experience within the student’s field of study. An internship may be paid, unpaid, or partially paid in the form of a stipend. Typically, internships are part-time during the university year, full-time in the summer, and often last 6-12 weeks. The following is a listing of important internships for Alaska Native and American Indian students.

**Alaska Conservation Foundation**
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 276-1917
www.alaskaconservation.org/community-resources/internships/
Administers a paid 12-week summer internship program for undergraduate and graduate students who plan a career in conservation, environment, justice, or closely related fields. Alaska Natives encouraged to apply.

**Alaska Legislative Internship Program**
Juneau, AK | Ph: (907) 796-6115
www.uas.alaska.edu/internprogram
Legislative Internship Program available to students attending UAA, UAF, UAS, APU, or University of Utah. Must be in a four-year degree program, have junior standing, or be at graduate level. All majors may apply who have completed one political science class and have not worked for pay with the AK legislature during the past two years. 30 hours per week minimum, Monday thru Friday during the legislative session. Student will earn 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credits for internship, a stipend, and students outside of Juneau will receive travel and relocation allowances.

**Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Internship**
Ph: (907) 563-2662 | www.anthc.org/internships
Provides limited scholarships and/or a 9-week paid summer internship, or other arranged IHS internship, for Alaska Native/American Indian students at all levels.

**Alyeska Pipeline Service Company**
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 787-8117
www.alyeska-pipe.com/employment
Alyeska Internship offers 12-week paid internships for college students attending an accredited university. Applicable majors include accounting, engineering, business, project management, safety, technology, natural science, environmental science, and audit. Internships are available in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Valdez, and at pump station locations.

**American Association of Advertising Agencies**
New York, NY | Ph: (212) 682-2500 | (800) 676-9333
www.aaaa.org
The 4A's Multicultural Advertising Intern Program (MAIP) helps jumpstart careers of African-American, Asian-American, Latino-American, Native-American, multiracial, and multicultural aspiring advertising professionals. Undergraduate and graduate students are selected for a 10-week paid summer internship at a 4A's member advertising agency.

**American Bar Association Diversity Clerkship Program**
www.americanbar.org
Provides summer work experience in business law to Native American and other student members of the American Bar Association (AABA) and its Section of Business Law who will help the section to fulfill its goal of promoting diversity.

**American Indian Science & Engineering Society**
Albuquerque, NM | Ph: (505) 765-1052
www.aises.org | info@aises.org
Provides merit-based scholarships and internship programs. 10-week internship program at various federal, tribal, and private organizations.

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**APA Minority Medical Student Summer Mentoring**
www.psychiatry.org
Provides funding to Native American and other minority medical students who are interested in working on a summer project with a psychiatrist mentor.

**Baker Hostetler Diversity Fellowship Program**
www.bakerlaw.com/diversityfellowshipprogram
Provides summer work experience to Native American and other minority law school students.

**Biomedical Research Training Program for Underrepresented Groups**
www.nhlbi.nih.gov/grants-and-training
Provides training in fundamental biomedical sciences and clinical research disciplines to Native Americans and other undergraduates, graduate students, and post-baccalaureates from underrepresented groups.

**Bullivant Houser Bailey Law Student Diversity Fellowship Program**
www.bullivant.com/diversity
Provides financial assistance and work experience to Native American and other law students who come from a minority or disadvantaged background.

**CDC Minority Internships & Fellowships**
www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/internships.html
Provides opportunity for minority undergraduate through doctoral students to conduct research at Prevention Research Centers (PRCs) funded by the U.S. Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE).

I wish to learn more of my culture and background in order to bring recognition and pride to our community.
Central Intelligence Agency Internship
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (800) 368-3886
www.cia.gov/careers
Provides an internship program for high school seniors planning to enroll in a 4- or 5-year college program and college freshman or sophomores enrolled in a 4- or 5-year college program. Applicants must maintain full-time college status during the school year. Applicants must work during summer breaks in metropolitan Washington, D.C. while in college. Interns receive an annual salary and up to $18,000 scholarship per academic year for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Minimum 18 years old by April 1 of high school senior year.

Challenge Alaska Therapeutic
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 344-7399
www.challengealaska.org
Recreation Internship provides adaptive sports, therapeutic recreation and education for people with disabilities. Each intern will have the opportunity to experience everything Challenge Alaska has to offer, with an emphasis in certain areas. Minimum 16-week internships are available summer and winter.

Chugach Alaska Corporation
3800 Centerpoint Dr., Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 550-4150 | (800) 858-2768
www.chugach-ak.com
Administers an internship program for Chugach Alaska Corporation shareholders and descendants of shareholders. Provides resources to full or part-time students attending college to obtain their degree while gaining work experience. Interns work under the supervision of a manager of Chugach Alaska Corporation or one of its subsidiaries/business partners. Minimum 2.0 GPA. High school graduate or GED.

The CIRI Foundation Internship Program
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 793-3575 | (800) 764-3382
www.thecirifoundation.org | tcf@thecirifoundation.org
The purpose of TCF’s Internship Program is to assist eligible applicants in obtaining supervised on-the-job training that will provide practical work experience consistent with career preparation. TCF supports eligible intern-hosting organizations with a reimbursement of up to 50% intern wages and employer payroll taxes. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited two-year, four-year, graduate, or technical skills training program, or a recent graduate. Minimum 2.5 GPA.

In addition, TCF usually offers a summer internship opportunity for students to work within TCF’s office. TCF recipients interested in education, philanthropy, or related fields are strongly encouraged to apply. Contact TCF for more information.

Commercial & Federal Litigation Minority Fellowship
www.tnybf.org
Provides an opportunity for Native American and other minority residents of any state attending law school in New York to gain summer work experience in a litigation position in the public sector in the state.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907)793-3183 | internship@citci.org
citci.org/alaskas-people/03-intern-partnership-program/
Provides students in good academic standing real-life work experience and a deeper cultural connection through a 12-week paid summer internship.

Cook Inlet Region, Inc. Internship Program
Ph: (907) 274-8638 | info@ciri.com
www.ciri.com/internship
Provides paid summer internship opportunities for qualifying shareholders and descendants within various department and subsidiaries, based on the goals of the student. Internships are not limited to Anchorage. Also runs the NextGen program for youth 10-18.

Department of the Interior Diversity Intern Program
www.doi.gov/pathways
Provides experience at federal agencies involved with natural and cultural resources to 1) Native American and other minority college and graduate students and 2) students with disabilities.

Department of State Student Intern Program
careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/student-internships/
Provides a work/study opportunity to minority and other undergraduate and graduate students interested in foreign service.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 276-4441 | www.fbi.gov
Provides paid and unpaid internships available with the FBI nationwide. Administers the following programs: Honors Internship, Volunteer Internship, Visiting Scientist Program, National Security Internships, and Middle Eastern Foreign Language Honors Internship Program.

First Alaskans Institute
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 677-1700
www.firstalaskans.org | info@firstalaskans.org
Provides a Summer Internship Program that places Alaska Native students who are in good academic standing and are college juniors, seniors, or graduate students into organizations around Alaska to develop Native leadership.

Geocorps American Indian Internships
www.geosociety.org
Provides work experience in national parks to American Indians and Native Alaskans who are student members of the Geological Society of America (GSA).

Harvard University
Cambridge, MA | Ph (617) 495-1581
www.orgs.law.harvard.edu/els/jobs-internships/
Student internship allows applicants to assist EPA/Tribal agencies with environmental issues. Interns receive a limited travel/housing allowance and can earn $4,000 during their ten-week internship. Must be a US Citizen and possess a valid driver's license, and must be majoring in a field related to environmental studies.
Indian Land Tenure Foundation
Little Canada, MN | Ph: (651) 766-8999 | wwwILTf.org
Provides full-time, paid internships positions over the course of 10-12 weeks (400 hours). Salary provided with potential additional funds for living and relocation expenses. Must be willing to travel and interact in new or different environments socially and culturally.

Interior Community Health Center
Fairbanks, AK | Ph: (907) 455-4567 | (866) 455-4567 | TTY (907) 458-1587 | www.interiorhealthalaska.com
Seasonal and summer internship positions available in health related fields. Locations available in Fairbanks and Healy, Alaska.

James E Webb Internships
www.smithsonianofi.com
Provides internship opportunities throughout the Smithsonian Institution to Native Americans and other minority upper-division and graduate students in business or public administration.

JTBF Judicial Externship/Clerkship Program
www.jtb.org
Provides work experience to Native American and other underrepresented law students who plan to seek judicial clerkships after graduation.

Judicial Intern Opportunity Program
www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation
Provides an opportunity for Native American and other traditionally underrepresented law students to gain experience as judicial interns in selected courts during the summer.

Koahnic Broadcast Corporation
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 793-3500 | www.knba.org
KBC provides professional development, educational opportunities, and internships to increase the number of Native people engaged in media careers.

Mickey Leland Energy Fellowships
www.orise.orau.gov/mlef/
Provides summer work experience at fossil energy sites of the Department of Energy (DOE) to Native Americans, other underrepresented minority and female students.

Minority Access Internship
www.minorityaccess.org/ndlpi.html
Provides experience to Native American and other minority graduate students interested in internships at participating entities in Washington D.C. and throughout the United States.

MCHC/RISE-UP Program
Baltimore, MD | Ph: (443) 923-5879 | www.kennedykrieger.org
For undergraduates in their junior or senior year, or who have recently graduated with degrees in psychology, social work, biology, nursing, public health, sociology, or related disciplines who are from underrepresented populations and who are interested in learning about disease prevention. Ten weeks during the summer. Other program sites include South Dakota and California. A stipend is provided for participants, and housing/travel aid is available.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation
Tucson, AZ | Ph: (520) 901-8500 | www.udall.gov
Native American Congressional Internship program provides a ten-week summer internship in Washington, D.C., for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program.

Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital
Sitka, AK | Ph: (907) 966-2411
search.org/careers/education-training/
Provides a summer internship program and a Pharmacy Externship Program for Native students at Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital and the SEARHC Juneau Clinic. Available to students attending high school, college, or technical programs. Provides a travel stipend.

Multicultural Advertising Intern Program
www.foundation.aaaa.org/maip.html
Provides Native Americans and other minority students with summer work experience in advertising agencies and presents them with an overview of the agency business.

Museum of the North
Fairbanks, AK | www.uaf.edu/museum/education/
Museum Internship for University of Alaska students studying education, anthropology, rural development, archaeology, northern studies, history, and other humanities or science based disciplines.

NABL Governmental Affairs Summer Associate Program
www.nabl.org
Provides an opportunity for Native American and other minority law students to learn about municipal bond law at a summer internship at the Governmental Affairs Office of the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

National Museum of the American Indian Conservation 6-Month Pre-Program Internship
www.americanindian.si.edu/connect/internships
Provides an opportunity for students planning to enter a graduate training program in art conservation to learn more about the field during an internship at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Several deadlines each year.

National Park Service Internships
Washington, D.C. | www.nps.gov
An opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to explore the cultural resources/historic preservation field. Each summer and academic year, the Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program offers paid internships with National Park Service park units and administrative offices, other federal agencies, state historic preservation offices, local governments, and private organizations.

Pathways for Students and Recent Graduates to Federal Careers
Washington, D.C. | Ph: (202) 606-1800 | usajobs.gov
Provides high school, undergraduate, graduate, vocational, professional, technical, and trade students with paid internships related to their chosen career path and allows students the chance to explore Federal careers. Must be at
least sixteen years old, a U.S. citizen, and in good academic standing. Interns may work part or full time, and may work with the agency to set expectations for their internship. Pathways to Federal Careers also has a Recent Graduates Program that provides one-year career development and training.

**Providence Hospital**  
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 212-6400  
[www.providence-alaska.jobs](http://www.providence-alaska.jobs)  
The Nursing Internship Programs are offer both classroom and practical content in Adult Critical Care, Progressive Care, Acute Medical or Surgical Care with the Children’s Hospital at Providence.

**Recruitment and Retention of Alaska Natives into Nursing (RRANN), University of Alaska Anchorage**  
Ph: (907) 786-4550 | [nursing@alaska.edu](mailto:nursing@alaska.edu)  
[www.uaa.alaska.edu/schoolofnursing](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/schoolofnursing)  
The RRANN program is run through UAA to increase the number of Alaska Natives and American Indians graduating with a two-year or four-year degree in the nursing program. Offers mentoring and tutoring services, financial assistance, on-campus housing, childcare assistance, stipends, and internship opportunities.

**Salvation Army**  
Anchorage, AK | Ph: (907) 276-2515  
[www.alaska.salvationarmy.org](http://www.alaska.salvationarmy.org)  
Volunteer opportunity: volunteers provide assistance in a variety of areas from social services to office work to character building activities. Background checks are required for anyone working with children and adults.

**School for Advanced Research**  
Santa Fe, NM | Ph: (505) 954-7200 | [www.sarweb.org](http://www.sarweb.org)  
The School for Advanced Research has several opportunities for indigenous artists, social scientists, and writers including internships, resident scholar, artist, and writer programs.

**Semester Internships in Geoscience Policy**  
[www.americangeosciences.org](http://www.americangeosciences.org)  
Provides work experience to Native American and other geoscience students who have a strong interest in federal science policy.

**SEO Corporate Law Program**  
[www.seocareer.org](http://www.seocareer.org)  
Provides summer work experience to Native Americans and other students of color interested in studying corporate law.

**Southeast Alaska Conservation Council**  
Juneau, AK | Ph: (907) 586-6942 | [www.seacc.org](http://www.seacc.org)  
Provides paid internships throughout the year, including summer, for college students, graduates, and other volunteers. Program requires a minimum 10-week commitment. SEACC will pay for round-trip travel to Juneau.

**Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups**  
[www.fhwa.dot.gov/education/stipdg.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/education/stipdg.cfm)  
To enable Native Americans and other undergraduate, graduate, and law students from diverse groups to gain work experience during the summer at facilities of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry**  
Syracuse, NY | [www.esf.edu](http://www.esf.edu)  
SUNY offers fellowships to Native American students attending ESF. The fellowship includes an annual scholarship and research experience. Students are offered mentors and hands-on learning experience in the field of environmental science. Must have combined science and math SAT scores of 900 and a minimum 85% grade on high school transcript.

**Tanana Chiefs Conference**  
Fairbanks, AK | Ph: (907) 452-8251  
[www.tananachiefs.org](http://www.tananachiefs.org)  
Provides various jobs, training, internships, and youth programs for TCC & Doyon tribal members as well as Alaska Natives and American Indians who reside in Fairbanks area or in one of the villages TCC serves.

**Visiting Research Internship Program at Harvard Medical School**  
[www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu](http://www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu)  
Provides an opportunity for medical students, especially Native Americans and other underrepresented minorities, to conduct a mentored research internship at Harvard Medical School during the summer.

**William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fellowship**  
Washington, D.C. | [www.aspeninstitute.org/programs](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/programs)  
The fellowship, which is based on academic excellence and need, is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of color. There are three fellows selected throughout the year. The Hearst Fellow serves as an intern with PSI in the Washington D.C. office of the Aspen Institute.

**WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program**  
Provides a summer internship in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area to Native Americans and other students at law schools in the area who will contribute to diversity of the profession.

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I will remain persistent and will keep working hard until I reach all of my education, career, and life goals. I firmly believe I will meet my goals and succeed in this career field because of my education.
This section contains other services available in Alaska for individuals interested in post-secondary education, training, and employment opportunities.

Alaska Adult Education (AAE)
Ph: (907) 465-4685 | jobs.alaska.gov/aae
AAE includes basic skills, life skills, literacy, English as a second language, GED studies, and testing for adults 16 years and older.

Alaska Apprenticeship Training Coordinators Association
Ph: (907) 562-0075 | www.aatca.org
Provides information about training opportunities available to Alaskans not offered in traditional school settings.

Alaska Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation
Website: www.labor.alaska.gov/dvr/
Each year, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) helps hundreds of Alaskans with disabilities prepare for, get and keep good jobs. If you want to work or keep working and have a physical, intellectual or mental condition that makes this hard, you may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation (VR) services.

Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS)
Juneau, AK | Ph: (907) 465-2962 | www.acpsecure.alaska.gov
AKCIS is an online service that provides career information software and tools on Alaskan occupations, programs of study and training, Alaska and national post-secondary colleges and vocational training schools, military occupations, as well as job search and apprenticeship information.

Alaska Job Center Network
Website: www.jobs.state.ak.us
Alaska-specific job searching database that includes information on job training, public assistance, "Hot Jobs," and more. Connects with many other state websites and services.

Alaska Job Corps
Ph: (800) 733-5627 | www.alaska.jobcorps.gov
A residential training center for 16-24 year old Alaskans, Job Corps is free of charge and includes students', room, board, uniform allowance, and up to two years of self-paced training toward a job or career.

Alaska Native Hire
Ph: (907) 263-5173 | www.alaskanativehire.com
Operated by CIRI, Alaska Native Hire is for all Alaska Native people to use as a job and resume searchable database for both job seekers and employers.

Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC)
P.O. Box 889, Seward, AK 99664
Ph: (907) 224-3322 | (800) 478-5389 | www.avtec.edu
AVTEC is a division of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Established as a vocational and technical training center that offers a variety of training programs available in Seward, Anchorage, and via distance education courses online.

AHAINA Multicultural Center at the University of Alaska Anchorage
Ph: (907) 786-4070 | www.uaa.alaska.edu/multicultural
Offers the following Student Services at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus: Academic Success Workshops and Seminars, Academic Support, Essay Writing Workshops, Financial Aid Workshops, Health and Wellness Workshops, Multicultural/Diversity Education Programs, Peer Mentors, Student Advocacy and Intervention, Scholarship and Internship Information, Tuition Waivers, Freshman Foundation Program, and the Sophomore Success Program.
CIRI Job Opportunities
Ph: (907) 274-8638 | dgraham@ciri.com
www.ciri.com/shareholderhire
Offers annual career fair to learn about jobs with CIRI
and affiliates, plus apply in person for available positions.
Also maintains a website of all open CIRI and CIRI
subsidiary positions in a wide range of fields for which
CIRI shareholders and descendants are encouraged to
apply. Also maintains an Alaska Native artist directory
and directory of shareholder businesses.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.
Ph: (907) 793-3300 | (877) 985-5900 | www.citci.org
Offers services that are open to anyone seeking a
training opportunity. Promotes employment and training
for Alaska Natives in Alaska. Assists employers with
recruitment, screening, and evaluation of candidates for
apprenticeship and training programs; refers qualified
Native job seekers to employers on a statewide basis
free of charge. Also may provide GED preparation.

Federal Job Search
www.usajobs.gov
Searchable database of U.S. Federal jobs at all levels.
Includes links to internships and bridge programs.
Applicants are able to save a profile and apply for
multiple jobs. Locations and pay vary, as do closing
dates and eligibility requirements.

Harvard University Native American Program
Ph: (617) 495-4923 | www.hunap.harvard.edu
hunap@harvard.edu
The mission of is to bring together Native American,
Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students and
interested individuals from the Harvard community for
the purpose of advancing the well-being of indigenous
peoples through self-determination, academic
achievement, and community service.

LinkedIn
www.linkedin.com
Operates a business and employment oriented social
media network for local or worldwide professional
networking. Users create profiles and can include as
much as little personal information as desired. Many
companies post job ads on the network as third party
applications, and job seekers can connect with
individuals or organizations in their desired field.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
1201 N. Muldoon Rd., Anchorage, AK 99504
Ph: (907) 257-4700 | (888) 353-7574
www.alaska.va.gov
Education and training benefits are available to veterans,
current members of the Armed Forces, dependents, and
to other eligible persons for post-secondary education
program.

XV: Tribal Colleges & Universities

**Alaska**

Iḷisaġvik College
100 Stevenson St., P.O. Box 749, Utqiaġvik (Barrow), AK, 99723
Ph: (907) 852-3333 | (800) 478-7337 | www.ilisagvik.edu

**Arizona**

Diné College, Tsaile Campus
1 Circle Dr., Route 12, Tsaile, AZ 86556
Ph: (928) 724-6600 | (877) 988-3463
www.dinecollege.edu

Tohono O’odham Community College
P.O. Box 3129, Sells, AZ 85634
Sells Ph: (520) 383-8401 | Tucson Ph: (520) 623-6175
www.tocc.edu | info@tocc.edu

**Kansas**

Haskell Indian Nations University
155 Indian Ave., Lawrence, KS 66046
Ph: (785) 749-8404 | www.haskell.edu

**Michigan**

Bay Mills Community College
12214 W Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715
Ph: (906) 248-3354 | www.bmcc.edu

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
770 N Main St., L’Anse, MI 49946
Ph: (906) 524-8400 | www.kbocc.edu | hr@kbocc.edu

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
2274 Enterprise Dr., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
Ph: (989) 317-4760 | www.sagchip.edu

**Minnesota**

Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College
2101 14th St., Cloquet, MN 55720
Ph: (218) 879-0800 | www.fdltcc.edu

Leech Lake Tribal College
6945 Little Wolf Road NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633
Ph: (218) 335-4200 | www.lltc.edu

White Earth Tribal and Community College
2250 College Road, P.O. Box 478, Mahnomen, MN 56557
Ph: (218) 935-0417 | www.wetcc.edu
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<td><strong>Sitting Bull College</strong> 9299 Hwy 24, Fort Yates, ND 58538 Ph: (701) 854-8000</td>
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<td><strong>Little Big Horn College</strong> 8645 South Weaver Dr., Crow Agency, MT 59022 Ph: (406) 638-3104</td>
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<td><strong>Salish Kootenai College</strong> 58138 Hwy 93, P.O. Box 70, Pablo, MT 59855 Ph: (406) 275-4800</td>
<td><strong><a href="http://www.tm.edu">www.tm.edu</a></strong></td>
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<td><strong>Stone Child College</strong> 8294 Upper Box Elder Rd., Box Elder, MT 59521 Ph: (406) 395-4875</td>
<td><strong>United Tribes Technical College</strong> 3315 University Dr., Bismarck, ND 58504 Ph: (701) 255-3285</td>
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**Nebraska**

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|  | **www.thenicc.edu** |
| **Nebraska Indian Community College** Campuses located in Macy, Santee, and South Sioux City Main Ph: (844) 440-6422 | **Sisseton-Wahpeton College** Physical: BIA Rd 700, Agency Village, SD 57262 Mailing: Agency Village Box 689, Sisseton SD 57262 Ph: (605) 698-3966 |
|  | **www.swcollege.edu** |

**New Mexico**

| **Navajo Technical University** Lowerpoint Road, State Hwy 371, Crownpoint, NM 87313 Ph: (505) 786-4100 | **Navajo Technical University** Lowerpoint Road, State Hwy 371, Crownpoint, NM 87313 Ph: (505) 786-4100 |
|  | **www.navajotech.edu** |
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|  | (800) 567-2344 | **www.menominee.edu** |
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**XVI: WICHE Exchange Programs**

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WICHE is a regional, nonprofit organization. Membership includes 16 western states and territories. WICHE’s members work to improve access to higher education and ensure student success. Their student exchange programs, regional initiatives, and research and policy work allow WICHE to assist constituents throughout the West and beyond.

If you are a resident of one of WICHE’s member states or territories, then you are eligible for consideration for reduced tuition rate offered at participating WICHE institutions. To be considered for the WICHE rate, apply directly to the institution(s) of your choice. Please note that WICHE does not set qualification criteria for applicants, nor do they process applications or participate in the student selection process. Equally important, the WICHE tuition rate is not automatically awarded to all eligible candidates. Most programs must limit the number of new awards each academic year, so apply early!

**WICHE Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE)**
Alaska residents can enroll at reduced tuition rates in certain degree programs selected by participating institution in the other 15 western states and territories: Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.
Learn more here: [www.wiche.edu/WUE](http://www.wiche.edu/WUE)

Alaska students pay WUE rate of 150 percent of resident tuition in the enrolling institution. Residents from the member western states may, in turn, enroll at the participating University of Alaska campuses in selected degree programs at WICHE Undergraduate Program tuition rates.

**WICHE Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)**
Alaska residents can enroll at reduced tuition rates in certain master’s and doctoral programs selected by participating institutions in 16 western states and territories. Residents from the member western states may, in turn, enroll at the participating University of Alaska campuses in selected degree programs at WICHE Regional Graduate tuition rates.
Students must meet all admissions requirements and deadlines. Learn more here: [www.wiche.edu/WRGP](http://www.wiche.edu/WRGP)

To be considered for the resident WRGP rate, apply directly to the department offering the WRGP program, or contact their graduate studies department.

**WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)**
The PSEP program allows students to enroll in out-of-state professional programs in 10 healthcare fields and pay reduced tuition. The fields are dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, and veterinary medicine. Learn more here: [www.wiche.edu/PSEP](http://www.wiche.edu/PSEP)

Apply directly to your home state, and become “certified.” This means you’re deemed a bona fide resident of your home state, eligible to compete for WICHE support (which is provided by your home state tax dollars). State residency requirements vary across the West. Visit [www.wiche.edu/PSEP](http://www.wiche.edu/PSEP) website for your state office’s contact information.

You must send your PSEP certification application to your state office by October 15 of the year preceding admission.
XVII: Final Tips for Success

This section includes some resources and information to assist you on your educational journey. From etiquette on working with professors to exam and study tips, this guide provides a starting place to help you be successful in whatever you desire to do. Most importantly, be aware of your own needs and health as you find your own path to success!

Successful Studying

**How to schedule enough time:** Multiply each credit in your schedule by three to see how many hours each week your course will take. A three credit course will take nine hours a week over a semester. This is a formula that works for online and traditional classes because it includes both the time you are with the instructor and the time spent on your own. Expect to spend at least two hours of study and homework for every hour of class in your schedule. This means for a course that is that has three hours of lecture or lab work each week, there will be about six hours on your own.

**How to separate studying from downtime:** Think of school as a full-time job (i.e. 8 am to 5 pm) and plan to spend at least 40 hours a week on your studies if you are attending full-time. Where feasible, dedicate set hours in a specific location solely to school work. This tricks your brain into taking studying as seriously as work and helps you succeed. It also lets you have space to mentally relax and refresh by having both physical places and time set aside for that. Tell your family and friends when you have set aside for schoolwork so they can encourage you to keep up but not be a distraction.

**How to set up a home office for studying:** If possible, set aside a specific area for schoolwork only. A whole room may be nice, but is not necessary to achieve the mental benefits of dedicated space. This can be a desk that is otherwise cleared of projects and papers with a portable room divider or curtain set up to block visual distractions from other parts of the room. Make sure everything you’ll need is nearby and has a set place to put it away when you are done—printer, lamp, pens, paper, books, etc. Good lighting and comfortable furniture keep you focused by reducing physical discomfort. Reduce audio distractions by finding a quiet location, playing background music, or even wearing noise-cancelling headphones. Think about what works for you and make sure your selected space accommodates your preferences. Learn more here: [www.elearners.com/education-resources/online-learning/how-to-set-up-a-home-office-for-online-learning/](http://www.elearners.com/education-resources/online-learning/how-to-set-up-a-home-office-for-online-learning/)

**How to stay motivated:** Studying takes practice! It is like working out- set up a routine, organize your schedule to make sure it happens, and, if you like work-out buddies, find study buddies. If you like to exercise in the early morning, studying early may be easiest for you. Also like exercise, don’t be surprised if you hit a plateau and feel like you’re struggling to maintain your pace. This happens to everyone. Let your professor(s) know and see if they have any tips you haven’t tried yet. If nothing else, make sure you get enough sleep, water, and healthy food to get your mental energy back up.

**How to get the most out of your school:** Make sure you are using all the resources that you’ve paid for with your tuition and fees. Does your school have a writing or math center, and have you visited them? Have you found the professional librarians and gone to them for research help? Do you have access to career services or a tutoring consortium? Do your academic and other advisors know you by name? If you did not say yes to these questions, find out where these resources are and use them! These are common supports at many colleges, universities, and training schools paid for with student tuition and fees.

**Check out the following online resources (in addition to what’s on page 10-11):**

- [www.how-to-study.com](http://www.how-to-study.com) Includes a wide variety of study tips, including interactive quizzes to find out more about yourself so your time is used wisely, like learning if you’re a visual, verbal, or tactile learner.
- [students.dartmouth.edu/academic-skills/learning-resources/learning-strategies/improving-memory-retention](http://students.dartmouth.edu/academic-skills/learning-resources/learning-strategies/improving-memory-retention) Includes information specifically for college students in a variety of formats (handouts, videos, etc.) to build successful study habits.
- [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) This site includes a basic and advanced catalog search of all subjects in the Library of Congress including books, periodicals, photographs, images, and sound recordings.
Tips on Tests

Placement Tests: Many schools require students to take a placement test prior to enrolling in classes. Some programs may require an additional placement test to be formally admitted after completing general studies. You can find out what tests your school uses and how to study for them from an academic advisor. If you scored lower than you expected and are referred to remedial or developmental classes, ask your academic advisor about retaking the test. Be honest with them if it was just test anxiety or if you really need a refresher.

Testing out of class/classes: You may be able to take a test and earn credit for a subject that you are familiar with, instead of taking a class and paying tuition. Some colleges will only allow you to do this a specific number of times, so make sure you understand all of their policies and procedures. Contact your advisor to learn more.

Tips for more successful testing:
- Sleep before your test!
- Study how you will be tested— if the test is online, be comfortable with the computer equipment available and find out if you will be allowed to use scratch paper etc. beforehand. If your test will be early in the morning or later in the day, try to study at those times so your biologic clock is in tune when taking the test.
- Make yourself a study guide or formula sheet, even if you aren't allowed to use it for the actual test. This helps you organize your thoughts and remember important information.

DOs & DON'Ts of Professional Relationships

College professors have a large effect on your future and your educational experience. It is important to treat them with respect and build a professional relationship with faculty members throughout your college experience. In addition to learning in the classroom, you should look to faculty members for mentorship, research support, professional development, and as your ally when anything comes up while you are in college.

DOs & DON'Ts:
- Do refer to your professor as “Professor” or “Doctor” unless otherwise asked.
- Do read the syllabus before asking your professor a question; it is likely to be answered there, but don’t be afraid to ask because you are probably not alone in your question.
- Do visit faculty during office hours, or set up an appointment to speak with them. Be respectful of their time, ensure you are prompt, and go with your questions ready. Don’t be intimidated— most faculty are very friendly and love their subject, so they are happy to speak with interested students.
- Do ask your professors for help if you are struggling in a class, and ask questions early in the semester. Don’t put your struggles off until finals because putting it off doesn’t help.

Accommodations

Life happens, and not every test goes well or course is a good fit. Don’t stress out before finding out how something fits in the big picture. If something comes up in your personal life that you may need to take a leave of absence from school to deal with, remember that your school is more likely to be understanding than not. #1 is to communicate with your professors and the school’s support professionals about what is going on.

These people are then able to connect you with school and community resources, and help you figure out the best path forward. Each syllabus will explain your teachers’ policies regarding withdrawal, audit, “incomplete,” or other options, and your school’s student code or regulations will contain further information. Ask your advisor or the Dean of Students for help if you don’t understand your options. They are there to help you. Remember to consider the impacts to your scholarships and financial aid before making any changes to your student status.
REFERENCE LETTER TIPS

Almost everyone at some point in time will be asked to provide a Reference Letter, whether it’s for employment, educational scholarships, or other opportunities that may further your success.

When asking an individual to provide you with reference letter, ask someone who knows you well and knows your potential to succeed in a particular career field or educational program. Possible reference sources may be your counselor, professor/teacher, supervisor, or colleagues. Family members are not viewed as an impartial reference source and should not be used. The CIRI Foundation keeps an applicant’s reference letter on file for three (3) years from the date it was written and signed.

The following suggestions may be helpful when you find an individual to write a reference letter for you:

• Give the referrer a copy of your resume and or educational description and describe why you need the reference. Your resume should list a stated purpose, work experience, educational history, and other accomplishments. If you know the referrer well, this will help the person write a better letter. The more he/she understands your objective and qualifications, the better reference he/she will be able to provide on your behalf.

• Ask the referrer to start the letter by describing how long he/she has known you and in what capacity. Include dates of employment and details about how he/she has worked with or known you.

• If the referrer is a past supervisor or co-worker, he/she should include your skills and performance and what makes/made you a good employee.

• The referrer should end by summarizing why he/she is recommending you for educational funding or a particular job. IMPORTANT: The letter should be signed and dated, and include the mailing address and phone number of the referrer or on company letterhead. This will provide the potential employer or educational funding office the necessary contact information to follow up if there are questions.

• Ensure that the reference letter is sent directly to you or addressed to the educational funding office. When you send out your resume or educational funding application, you should include a copy of each of the letters(s) and carry them with you to job interviews or to the educational funding office.

Send a prompt thank you letter to each of your references when you have completed your job search or received educational funding. It is wise to keep in close contact with your references for two reasons:

1) References can be a great networking tool to track down job leads or places to apply for additional educational funding, and

2) You may need their help again down the road.
Date

The CIRI Foundation
Scholarship and Grant Department
3201 C Street, Suite 506
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

RE: Reference Letter for (Applicant’s Name)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on (date). My name is (referrer’s name) and I was asked by (applicant’s name) to provide your organization with a reference letter so that he/she can complete his/her application to meet the requirements that he/she needs for educational funding.

• I have known (applicant) for (number) years.
• I am familiar with (applicant) as his/her (supervisor, co-worker, friend, etc.).
• I knew (applicant) to be a (talented, hard-working, loyal, etc.) employee.
• (Applicant) would be a (good, great, fabulous) candidate for the TCF Scholarship and Grant Program.

You may contact me at (referrer’s contact information) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

(Signature of Referrer)

Name
Address
City, State and Zip Code
Phone Number
Fax Number
Email Address
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