



CITC MELLEN SHEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Administered by The CIRI Foundation  
Deadline: December 1, 2021

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The Mellen Shea Memorial Scholarship was established in 2006 to honor the memory of Mary Ellen "Mellen" Shea.

This scholarship fund was developed to provide financial assistance to Alaska Native and American Indian students who are pursuing a postsecondary degree in education.

Mellen was a passionate educator. She spent her professional life as a classroom teacher, an academic counselor, an athlete coach, and a mentor and friend to countless youth in Anchorage.

Students can receive up to \$1,000 per semester – to be used for tuition, student fees, books and other required educational supplies.

Scholarship awards are based upon timely submission of a complete application, as well as the equality and sincerity of the written essay.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Alaska Native or American Indian
- Enrolled in or admitted to a post-secondary undergraduate or graduate Education degree program within the University of Alaska system or Alaska Pacific University
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale
- Committed to becoming a teacher in the State of Alaska, preferably in Anchorage
- Reside within Anchorage, Alaska

#### DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB/CIB) or Proof of Tribal Enrollment
- Complete Mellen Shea Memorial Scholarship Form
- Statement of purpose (*see details below*)
- Two (2) letters of recommendations from a non-family member (*kept on file for 3 years*)
- Class schedule with credit load
- Official transcripts (**must** come from the school)
- Acceptance letter from the school (*listing enrollment in an Education degree program*)
- Budget statement for term showing actual costs (*no estimates*)

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please submit a typewritten essay of 300 - 600 words that details your educational experience to date, and explains why you want to become a teacher.

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Submit your application and documents to TCF via mail, email, or fax.

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## SECTION I - PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Other names \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  male  female  prefer not to say  preference \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address:**

**Mailing address:**  same as home address

- 4 Address \_\_\_\_\_ 5A Address \_\_\_\_\_  
5 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 6A City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

6 **Ethnicity:** (Please check all that apply.)

- Alaska Native       Asian       Caucasian       Hispanic  
 American Indian       African American       Native Hawaiian       Other \_\_\_\_\_

- 7  Shareholder  
 Descendant

Bristol Bay

Koniag

NANA

Ahtna

Aleut

Calista

Sealaska

ASRC

Chugach

Unknown

Bering Straits

CIRI

American Indian

8 **Select corporation(s):**

Bering Straits

Doyon

**Education status:** Check ALL that apply -AND- enter date of completion (mm/dd/yyyy)

- 9  I am currently in high school - expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am a high school graduate - date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have a general education diploma (GED) - date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have a vocational training/certificate - date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have a 2-year associate's degree - date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have a 4-year bachelor's degree - date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have a master's degree or PhD - date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have not been enrolled in the past five years – still required to submit most recent transcripts

## SECTION II - EDUCATION INFORMATION

- 10 Name of school \_\_\_\_\_  
11 Financial aid office mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
12 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
13 Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Current post-secondary class standing** (check one)

- 14  freshman (0-29 cr.)       sophomore (30-59 cr.)       junior (60-94)       senior (95+)

**Current program** (check one)

- 15  associate's       bachelor's       master's       doctorate

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- 16 Major field of study \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Estimated graduation date (mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 My school calendar is based on:  semesters  quarters  other (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Term start date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ Term end date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 My current *cumulative* grade point average (GPA) is \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Enrollment status  full-time or  part-time
- 22 While attending, do you plan to live on or off-campus?  on-campus  off-campus
- 23 Have you received Mellen Shea funding before?  no  yes *If yes, when?* \_\_\_\_\_

***This section is to be read, signed and dated by all applicants.***

**By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the funding guidelines and terms specified below:**

1. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true, correct and complete.
2. It is my responsibility - not that of The CIRI Foundation (board or staff) or any other party (e.g. parent, spouse, academic advisor) – to obtain and submit the necessary application materials on or before the deadline to receive consideration for any award.
3. This application does not obligate The CIRI Foundation to award an education scholarship or grant or to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application. All decisions made by the Education Awards Committee are final.
4. If approved for a scholarship or grant, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the award. If, for any reason, I am unable to use the award for which I am selected, the full amount or any portion thereof is to be refunded to The CIRI Foundation.
5. I understand that I am required to complete all courses and credits for which I am funded by The CIRI Foundation.
6. All applicant information is kept confidential in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Information will not be released to another party, including parents or family members, without having written consent of the applicant.
7. I give The CIRI Foundation permission to release, as appropriate, my comments, photo, name, address, e-mail, and telephone number for employment or education referrals and CIRI publications.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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