

## Overview

This scholarship program supports eligible Alaska Natives who are originally enrolled in a regional or village corporation as per the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA) and their direct lineal descendants. Preference is given to original enrollees and direct lineal descendants of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI).

## Instructions

Please read "The Cap Lathrop Scholarship Procedures and Guidelines" on pages 5 through 7 before completing this form. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Alaska Time on the deadline date. Late applications will not be considered.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in an accredited institution.
- Declared major in broadcast, telecommunications, business, engineering, journalism, or other media-related fields.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Intend to work in Alaska's broadcast/telecommunications industry.

## Required Documents Checklist

- Completed Application: Signed and dated.
- Proof of Eligibility
- Official Transcripts or Certificates of Completion.
- Statement of Purpose
- Proof of Acceptance: Indicating degree program and declared major.
- Course Schedule: Showing credit load.
- Photograph: (Optional) Note: becomes the property of TCF for potential use in publications.

## Application Form

### Section A: Application Status

- Previous Application: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If yes, specify year)
- Other Names Used: (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B: Personal Data

- Full Name: (Last, First, M.I.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Mailing Address: (Where correspondence will be sent) \_\_\_\_\_
- City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Prefer Not to Say \_\_\_

### Section C: Eligibility Confirmation

- Status: Original Enrollee \_\_\_ Lineal Descendant \_\_\_
- Specify Region/Village Corporation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of Original Enrollee: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

- Relationship to Enrollee: (Parent, Grandparent, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Related to a TCF Board/Staff Member: No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ (If yes, specify relationship) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D: Education and Related Activities**

- Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Financial Aid Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Academic Status: \_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior
  - Current Degree Program: \_\_\_ 2-year associates \_\_\_ 4-year Bachelors \_\_\_ Masters \_\_\_ Doctorate \_\_\_ Graduate
  - Declared Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Current Term GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
  - List any Community/Volunteer Activities, Honors, Awards:
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**Section E: Education Plans**

- School's Calendar Basis: Semesters \_\_\_ Quarters \_\_\_ Other [Specify:] \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Year Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_
- Academic Year End Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_
- Will be Enrolled Full-time: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

This information is used to determine your eligibility for an award. You are expected to maintain full- time status and 3.0 or higher GPA to maintain eligibility for this award. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in loss of funding.

**Section F: Statement of Purpose**

Attach a written Statement of Purpose on a separate sheet of paper (minimum 500 words in length).

The Cap Lathrop Scholarship is offered to eligible and qualified Alaska Native students with preference given to original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. and their direct lineal descendants who are majoring in broadcast, telecommunications, business, engineering, journalism, and other media-related fields.

Describe your education and career goals. How are you currently, or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native community by majoring in one of the required fields of study? Explain your reasons for these goals, how your degree program fits with your education and career plans, and how you plan to work in Alaska in the broadcast/telecommunications industry in some capacity upon completion of the degree program. You may include your personal history and a summary of accomplishments.

**Agreement and Signature**

Application Information. I attest that the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that this application does not obligate The CIRI Foundation (TCF) to award an education scholarship or grant to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application.

1. Submission of Application. It is my responsibility - not that of TCF or any other party (e.g. parent, spouse, school) - to obtain the necessary application materials from TCF and/or submit the completed application on or before the deadline to receive consideration for a scholarship award.
2. Terms of Award. If I receive a scholarship award, I am expected to complete the courses and credits for which I received the award. Cap Lathrop Scholarship recipients must complete enrollment as stated on the application and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better (on a 4.0 grading scale). If any changes in enrollment occur (e.g. course(s) is/are dropped), immediately contact The CIRI Foundation.

3. **Use of Funds.** Funds may only be used for tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, on-campus housing/meal plan, and up to \$500 for personal expenses.
4. **Unused Award.** The full amount or any portion of an award is to be refunded to The CIRI Foundation if, for any reason, I am unable to use the award for which I am selected.
5. **Transcripts.** Upon completion of the semester or term, I must submit a copy of my unofficial transcripts to The CIRI Foundation to verify completion of the courses of study.
6. **Confidentiality.** I must submit written authorization for TCF team members to release any information about me or my application for inquiries made by parents or anyone else.
7. **Release of Contact Info.** I give TCF permission to release my comments, photo, name, address, email, and telephone number for employment or education referrals and TCF, CIRI, or related publications as appropriate.

I have read and understand the above statement of correctness, understanding, and authorization and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the award, if approved.

- Certification of Information Accuracy: [Applicant's Signature & Date]

- Acknowledgment of Terms of Award: [Applicant's Signature & Date]

The following materials must be received by The CIRI Foundation on or before the deadline in order to receive consideration:

1. **Application.** The CIRI Foundation Cap Lathrop Scholarship Application completed, signed, and dated. Please update The CIRI Foundation if any information in your application changes. Late applications will not be considered.
2. **Proof of Eligibility and Name Change.** (First-time applicants only)
  - a. Original Enrollees. Submit an official written statement to verify proof of enrollment to a Native regional or
  - b. Village Corporation.
  - c. Direct Lineal Descendants of Original Enrollees. Submit (a) birth certificate/s (and/or adoption decree, if an adopted descendant) to establish your relationship to an original enrollee of a Native regional or village corporation and (b) an official written statement from the Native regional or village corporation to verify enrollment of your parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, etc.
  - d. Name Change. If your name has been legally changed from that indicated on your birth certificate, you will need to provide official documentation of the changes. Sworn statements or affidavits are not accepted as official verification of eligibility in lieu of birth certificates, adoption decrees, or other name change information.
3. **Transcripts and/or Certificates of Completion.** A copy of your transcripts or certificate of completion for the most recent schooling that you have had. In addition to transcripts/certificates, if you have been out of school five (5) or more years, submit a paragraph explaining your learning experiences and work achievements during that period of time.
4. **Statement of Purpose.** (minimum 500 words) Give specific and detailed responses on a separate sheet of paper. Your statement of purpose is important and evaluated carefully by the Education Awards Committee according to the following categories: clarity of goals, correct use of English language, relationship to community, and overall quality. A Statement of Purpose is required from all applicants with each submitted application (see Page 3, Section G of the application).
5. **Letter of Acceptance and Enrollment.** Scholarship applicants must submit a copy of their final letter of acceptance into an associates, bachelors, or graduate degree program that indicates their degree program and declared major and a class schedule. If you decide to attend a different school or program than what you

indicated on your original application, immediately notify TCF by email or in writing. You will need to re-submit proof of acceptance for that school as well as sections D & E (Education Plans) and F (Budget Forecast) of the Cap Lathrop Application Form with your revised information. This acceptance letter should reflect a declared major in telecommunications or broadcasting field, or business, engineering, journalism, and other media-related fields.

6. **Photograph. (optional)** A photograph of yourself. Please note that your photograph becomes the property of TCF and may be used in TCF, CIRI, or related publications (print or electronic) as appropriate. You can submit this via email at [tcf@thecirifoundation.org](mailto:tcf@thecirifoundation.org)

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

The Cap Lathrop Endowment Scholarship Fund was established in 1997 in memory of Captain “Cap” Lathrop who was a pioneer in Alaska’s telecommunications and broadcast industry. The Endowment, one of The CIRI Foundation’s several scholarship endowment programs, is funded with contributions from its major donor, A.E. “Augie” Hiebert, founder of Northern Television, Inc., General Communications, Inc., and other private donors. The Cap Lathrop Scholarship is offered to all eligible and qualified Alaska Natives with preference given to Native enrollees/direct lineal descendants of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. who are majoring in broadcast, telecommunications, business, engineering, journalism, and other media-related fields.

**PURPOSE.** The Cap Lathrop Scholarship Fund encourages Alaska Native students pursuing careers in the telecommunications and broadcast industry in Alaska and is limited to broadcast, telecommunications business, engineering, journalism, or other media-related field majors.

**ELIGIBILITY.** Eligible applicants for the Cap Lathrop Scholarship are Alaska Natives who originally enrolled to a regional or village corporation as provided in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA) and their lineal descendants. Preference is given to original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. and their direct lineal descendants.

**QUALIFICATIONS.** The Cap Lathrop Scholarship applicant:

- Should have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better;
- Must be a full-time student;
- Must be enrolled at an accredited college or university, or accepted for admittance to a college/university/institute;
- Must be a declared major in a 2-year, 4-year, or graduate degree program in broadcast, telecommunications, business, engineering, journalism, or other media-related fields.
- Intends to work in Alaska in the broadcast and telecommunications industry in some capacity upon completion of the degree program.

**DEADLINE.** Applications with all, or most, accompanying materials must be received by The CIRI Foundation on or before June 30 to be considered. When the application deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a TCF holiday, applicants are encouraged to fax or email applications to TCF on or before the deadline, as the deadline remains the same.

**FUNDING AMOUNT.** The Cap Lathrop Scholarship amount may be up to \$4,000 and is awarded annually for the academic year. Award amount is subject to available funds.

**USE OF FUNDS.** The Cap Lathrop Scholarship funds are for tuition, registration fees, course-required books/supplies, on campus housing/meal plans for students who must live away from their permanent home to attend college, and up to \$500 for personal expenses after all other education expenses are covered.

**DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.** Annual scholarship checks are disbursed by The Foundation directly to the college or

university. A copy of the disbursement letter is also sent to the scholarship recipient. Please refer to the award letter for disbursement details. Annual scholarship awards are disbursed in two equal installments based on either the two-semester (Fall/Spring) or trimester (Fall/Winter/Spring) academic year. Disbursement of the second annual award installment is subject to The Foundation's receipt of a copy of the applicant's official grade transcripts for the semester/term/quarter just completed.

**PROOF OF COMPLETION.** The student who receives a Cap Lathrop scholarship must submit a copy of transcripts and a course schedule to The Foundation upon completion of each semester of the academic year for which the scholarship applies. This must happen before another scholarship application will be considered by The Foundation.

**DEFINITIONS.** The following terms used throughout this scholarship application and guidelines document are defined for clarity:

- **Academic year:** Begins August 1, 2023 and ends on July 31, 2024 (12 months).
- **ANCSA:** Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.
- **Term GPA:** Your term grade point average (GPA) reflects your most recently completed coursework. TCF considers your term high school GPA up until you have completed one term of postsecondary education; from that point forward TCF will only consider your post-secondary education term GPA (i.e., the GPA reflecting any undergraduate or graduate-level coursework, whichever is most recent).
- **Full-time student:** Taking at least 12 undergraduate credit hours or at least 9 graduate credit hours during a semester/term/quarter or as defined by the school (official verification must be submitted).
- **Graduate degree programs:** Master degrees such as Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Teaching (M.A.T.); and doctorate degrees such as Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), etc.
- **Lineal:** [adjective] Descending in a straight unbroken line from parent to child from an ancestor; as, a lineal descent, or a lineal descendant.
- **Lineal descendants of original enrollees:** Direct Lineal descendants who are the natural or legally adopted children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee to a regional or village corporation as provided in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA).
- **Original enrollees:** Alaska Natives who originally enrolled to a regional or village corporation as provided in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Inherited or gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollment.
- **TCF:** The CIRI Foundation.
- **The Foundation:** The CIRI Foundation.
- **Undergraduate degree programs:** 2-year associate of arts degrees (A.A.) and 4-year degrees, including bachelor of arts (B.A.), bachelor of science (B.S.), bachelor of fine arts (B.F.A)

All scholarships awarded subject to availability of funds.