

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF ATKA/IRA COUNCIL
HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM
APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

School Year 20____ to 20____

Student Name _____

Date _____

1. [] Higher Education Scholarship Grant Application
2. [] Letter of Acceptance from College {stating that you are in a degree seeking program}
3. [] Completed Financial Aid Form or Free Application for Student Aid
4. [] Received Renewal Form from U.S. Dept. of Education on Financial Aid
5. [] A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) sent to Native Village of Atka/IRA Council
6. [] College grades/high school official transcripts sent to native Village of Atka/IRA Council
7. [] Verification of Degree of Indian Blood (attach form and letter from Bureau of Indian Affairs office, or Regional/Village Corporation)
8. [] Financial Aid Package/Need Sheet completed. (This will be sent to you after the above 7 items are on file in our office)

If you have *not* included any of the above items, please explain: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____ Tribe _____

Home Address: _____ Degree of Blood _____

_____ [] Male [] Female

_____ Phone () _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Native Corporation(s) enrollment: At Large? [] Yes [] No 13th Region? [] Yes [] No

Regional: Aleut Corporation [] Yes [] No Village: _____ [] Yes [] No

Are you a direct descendent of an Aleut Corporation shareholder? [] Yes [] No

Place of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Marital Status: [] Single [] Married [] Divorced [] Separated

Number and ages of children: _____

General Health: [] Excellent [] Good [] Fair [] Poor

Name of spouse, parent, or guardian: _____ Relationship: _____
Last, First, MI

Address: _____ Phone: () _____

His/her Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Are you a dependent of a deceased or disabled War Veteran? [] Yes [] No

Are you a Veteran? [] Yes [] No Veteran's Benefits? [] Yes [] No

Father's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Degree of _____

Place of Birth: _____ Native Blood: _____

Tribe: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Degree of _____

Place of Birth: _____ Native Blood: _____

Tribe: _____

FAMILY FINANCIAL REPORT

Father's/Mother's Employer: _____ Income: _____
 Student's/Spouse's Employer: _____ Income: _____
 Number of Children/Dependents: _____ Income: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Circle the highest grade completed: Grade School (1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8)
 High School (9 10 11 12)
 College (13 14 15 16)
 Post Graduate (1 2 3 MA)

Name and address of the last high school: _____

Graduate? [] Yes [] No Date of Graduation: _____

High School Equivalency Certificate (GED) State: _____ Date: _____

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL, OR BUSINESS SCHOOL EVER ATTENDED:

Institution	City/State	Dates Attended	Hours	Degree Obtained

Name and address of college/university you plan to enter: _____

Is this school on a [] Quarter or [] Semester Schedule? Date classes begin? _____

Acceptance for admission: [] Have Applied [] Been Accepted

College classification: [] Freshman [] Sophomore [] Junior [] Senior [] Graduate

Major field of study: _____ Degree seeking: _____
 (AA, BS, or BA)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

LIST ALL PERSONAL RESOURCES

Resource	1 st Semester/Quarter	2 nd Semester/Quarter	3 rd Quarter
Personal Savings			
Earnings from School year			
From Parents			
TOTAL			

LIST SCHOLARSHIP AIDS YOU APPLIED FOR, OTHER THAN THE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Source	Amount Applied For	Amount & Date Awarded

LIST SCHOLARSHIP AIDS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES, INCLUDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Source	Amount Received	School Year

BUDGET STATEMENT: (If the budget is prepared before or at the beginning of the school year, *estimate expenses* for the whole school year, or if for one or two quarters or one semester, list expenses accordingly.)

Expense	1 st Semester/Quarter	2 nd Semester/Quarter	3 rd Quarter
Tuition			
Fees			
Meals			
Room			
Books & School Supplies			
Misc. Personal Supplies			
Transportation			
TOTAL EXPENSES			
TOTAL RESOURCES			
REQUESTED AMOUNT			

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

(Signature of Applicant) (Date)

IF APPLICANT IS A YOUTH, COUNTER SIGNATURE OF PARENTS/GUARDIAN.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

Comments and/or recommendations of school officials.

(High School Principal/Counselor)

(Date)

NATIVE VILLAGE OF ATKA/IRA COUNCIL HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

The Native Village of Atka/IRA Council, Education Office administers the Higher Education Scholarship Grant Program for students who are enrolled in the Aleut Regional Corporation and the 13th Region Corporation. If you are not enrolled in either of these corporations, please contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs Anchorage Office for where you should apply.

The Higher Education scholarship grant program is a ***Supplemental Program***.

ELIGIBILITY: Participants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Students must be Alaskan Native (Aleut, Eskimo or Indian)
2. Show Financial Need after other sources of funding have been considered
3. Must be enrolled in a Four-Year academic degree program
4. Must be accepted by an accredited institution. If not, the credits from a non-accredited school must be transferable to Three accredited colleges or universities

LENGTH OF FUNDING: A student can be funded for a maximum of six (6) years by the Higher Education Program.

FULL-TIME: You must complete a minimum of Twelve credit hours per semester or Ten credit hours per quarter or the college's full-time status requirement.

GRADES: It is your responsibility to send us your grades at the end of each term. Your scholarship grant check will not be forwarded to the school until your grades are received after each semester/quarter.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS: The Higher Education scholarship grant program requires each student funded make academic progress. This means you must declare a major and make steady progress toward that degree.

GOOD STANDING: The minimum requirements for good standing are for you to complete at least twelve credits per semester or ten credits per quarter and to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA).

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: As a participant, there are certain responsibilities you must meet in order to remain eligible for Higher Education scholarship grant program.

1. Apply for financial aid from your college, and any other sources for which you might be eligible, (i.e., veteran's benefits, Alaska Student Loan Program, private and foundation scholarships, and personal and/or family contributions).
2. Sign up for a room on campus and pay your deposit early, or arrange housing, which is affordable and suitable to your needs.

3. Check with your Financial Aid Officer about your scholarship grant when you arrive on campus for registration.
4. Send an official copy of your grades/transcript to this office at the end of each term.
5. Maintain good standing.
6. Notify this office of any change in your address or plans regarding schools.
7. Keep in touch. Let us know how you are doing.
8. Talk to your career counselor if you are having academic difficulties. There are usually support groups on campus, which you may contact for advice and sharing problems.
9. Work with an academic advisor to develop an academic plan to work towards your degree.
10. Reapply for a scholarship grant every year by July 15 for the Fall semester or December 15 for the Spring semester.
11. Complete a Financial Aid Form or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each school year.
12. Notify this office when you graduate, be sure to state the major and minor you received. Provide us with a copy of your degree to keep in your student file.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: In order to apply for a Higher Education scholarship grant, you must follow this procedure:

1. Inform us as soon as you have been admitted to the college of your choice.
2. If you have applied to several colleges, you must apply for financial aid at each college to which you apply.
3. Fill out a Financial Aid Form (FAF) or a Free Application for Federal Student Aid every year and sent it to the college Scholarship Service. Please read the instructions carefully. In the proper space, indicate that you want copies of the FAF sent to the Native Village of Atka/IRA Council or make a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). You will also need to have copies sent to the school you plan to attend.

Mail your completed Higher Education scholarship grant application with required attachments to the Native of Atka/IRA Council. Attn: Higher Education Program; P.O. Box 47030, Atka, AK 99547-0030.

We will notify you of its receipt and request any additional information, if needed.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES: During the process of preparing for college, it is crucial for you to apply for financial aid from other sources. The Higher Education scholarship grant will not be enough to meet all of your college expenses.

You can write to the following to request applications for funding from the college/university you will attend:

1. Federal programs administered by your Financial Aid Officer
 - a. Grants
 - (1) Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
 - (2) PELL Grant
 - b. Loans
 - (1) National Direct Student Loan (NDSL)
 - (2) Guaranteed Student Loan (GLS)
 - (3) Parent Loan (PLUS)
 - c. College Work Study
2. State Programs (administered by the State of Alaska)
 - a. Alaska Student Loan Program
 - b. State Initiative Grant Program (SEIG). You may request applications from: Alaska Post-Secondary Education Commission; P.O. Box EP; 400 Willoughby Avenue; Juneau, AK 99811.
3. Scholarship Programs, such as ones offered by your regional Native corporation or village corporation.

You may also contact your Financial Aid Officer to inquire about career oriented scholarships.

HEALTH SERVICES: It is a good idea to arrange for health services while you are away at school. If you are leaving Alaska, write to : Contract Health Services; Alaska Native Medical Center; 4315 Diplomacy Drive; Anchorage, Alaska 99507; Phone (907) 563-2662. They will inform you of the steps to be taken to obtain health services in the Lower-48. You need to inform them where you will be attending school.

You may need to inquire about student health insurance at your college or university. Find out if you are eligible for Indian Health Service in the area. It is important to do this right away to be prepared in case of an emergency.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or write. Our address is: Native Village of Atka/IRA Council, Higher Education Program, P.O. Box 47030, Atka, AK 99547-0030. Phone (907)839-2229, Facsimile: (907)839-2269. Contact: Lucille Smagge, Office Assistant or Georgia Kashevarof, Administrator at (907)222-5400 or 855-922-5400.

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Higher Education Program general information.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)