



2011-2012 Scholarship Application
Fall Application
October 31, 2011 Deadline

Introduction: The Eyak Foundation provides opportunities for financial aid to eligible and qualified students who are planning on taking or are already taking courses of study to prepare for careers or to upgrade skills for career opportunities beyond high school. Consistent with the philosophy of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), the primary goal and objective of The Eyak Foundation is to provide support for the education and cultural needs of Alaska Natives and descendants of Alaska Natives, particularly those who are shareholders or descendants of shareholders of The Eyak Corporation.

The number and amount of awards vary according to the number of eligible applicants, the varying caliber of students, and available funds each year. It is the desire and intent of the Foundation to support as many students as possible.

Funding Cycles: The Eyak Foundation will accept and review applications twice a year:

- Students planning on attending traditional “academic year” collegiate or vocational programs that start in the autumn and finish in late spring should apply during the **Spring** application period, with a **deadline of March 15th** for application submission. Awards are granted for the full school year (two semesters), payable by semester and contingent upon meeting the eligibility requirements each semester.
- Students planning on attending academic or vocational programs that begin in the winter or spring should apply for a scholarship during the **Fall** application period, with a **deadline of October 15th** for application submission. Awardees who receive funding for a program that extends beyond June 30th need to reapply for additional funds using the Spring application.
- Students seeking financial support from The Eyak Foundation for part-time programs or in a less than full-time status at postsecondary schools may apply in the Fall or Spring deadline cycle, depending upon when the funds are required. Awards for part-time studies are pro-rated to the appropriate level.

Requirements: Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered for scholarship funds:

1. Financial need
2. Have a high school diploma or equivalent
3. Be a Native shareholder of The Eyak Corporation or a lineal descendant of a Native shareholder.
4. Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university, vocational education school, job training program, or continuing education program and maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.
5. A completed application must be postmarked or delivered in person no later than October 31st, 2011 in order to be considered for an award for January 1 through June 30, 2012. Applications and supporting materials postmarked after that date will be disqualified. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **No exceptions.**

Application Package: The materials listed below must be submitted on or before the deadline:

1. Application, completed, signed, and dated
2. Proof of lineal descent of a original Eyak Corporation shareholder (first time applicants)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation (must be new each year)
4. An official copy of your high school or GED transcripts or, if you are already in a program, an official copy of your college or program transcripts. If applicable, a certificate showing completion of courses in an accredited vocational institute. (first time applicants)
5. Typed personal history and education goal essay (must be new each year)
6. Proof of acceptance from college/university/vocational or training program
7. Course description and requirements of institution for full-time students
8. Recent photograph; wallet size preferred. Please submit a separate picture rather than a scanned photo.

Condition of Award: A scholarship award is only to be used for tuition, room and board, fees, books, and course-required supplies. Funds will be distributed directly to the academic or vocational institution that administers the funds on behalf of the student **on a per semester basis.** Once the scholarship is granted, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that a copy of final grades and his/her official transcript is sent to The Eyak Foundation immediately upon completion of each semester or course. Second semester funds for the student will not be released until final grades are received.

Academic Probation: For those students currently on academic probation for failing to meet the 2.5 GPA requirement for the previous term, grades must show improvement to a 2.5 GPA to qualify for the second semester funding. For those students who fail to meet the 2.5 GPA requirement for the completed term, the student will be put on probation the following term; they will continue to receive funding. If they complete the next term with at least a 2.5 GPA, they will be removed from probation. Should they fail to complete the term with a 2.5 GPA, they will be ineligible for funding from Eyak Foundation during the next application cycle.

Should for any reason the scholarship not be used, the full amount or any portion remaining is refundable to The Eyak Foundation.

Election Criteria: The final review and scoring of scholarship applications will be done by The Eyak Foundation Board of Directors. The applications will be evaluated using uniform review criteria. The applications, with names removed, are scored, ranked, and awarded. Particular emphasis is put on personal essays, grade point average, and letters of recommendation. Students are strongly encouraged to explore all available sources of funding, including personal contribution.

Please submit completed application, including attachments, and have all official documentation sent to:

**The Eyak Foundation
360 W. Benson Blvd, Suite 210
Anchorage, AK 99503**

Applications must be postmarked or delivered in person by October 31st, 2011 for programs beginning from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Application Status			
Undergraduate Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/>		Graduate Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vocational Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/>		Training Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/>	
New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/>	Repeat Applicant <input type="checkbox"/>	List years and amounts of past Eyak Foundation awards:	
Applicant Information			
Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Permanent Address		City	State
			Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Student Email	
Social Security Number		Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Eligibility Information			
Eyak Corporation Native Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>		Shareholder Lineal Descendant <input type="checkbox"/>	
I am a lineal descendant of this Eyak Corporation Shareholder:			
<i>Relationship:</i> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
Educational Plan - You must submit proof of acceptance into your college or program			
Name of College, University, or School			
Name of Program/Major		Associates <input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/>
		Certificate/License <input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate <input type="checkbox"/>
		Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Admission status: In-state <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-state <input type="checkbox"/>			
Financial Aid Office Address		City	State
			Zip
Telephone Number	Academic Status for Winter Semester 2012:		
	Freshman <input type="checkbox"/>	Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/>	Junior <input type="checkbox"/>
	Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	Graduate <input type="checkbox"/>	
Student ID Number	No. of credits planned	Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date Semester Begins	Date Semester Ends	Expected year of graduation or program completion:	
Previous Education - Transcripts must be submitted for last school attended.			
Name and location of high school		Graduation date	
Cumulative GPA		Class Rank	
Name and location of last school attended, if not high school			
Period of attendance		Field of study	
College test scores:	ACT	SAT Verbal	SAT Math
Other test scores (LSAT/MCAT/GRE):			

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Estimated School Year Expenses			
Tuition	\$	Off-campus rent (per month for one semester)	\$
Campus housing (per semester)	\$	Off-campus meals (per month- one semester)	\$
Campus meal plan (per semester)	\$	Other (specify)	\$
Student fees	\$		
Books and required supplies	\$		
Transportation	\$	Total School Year Expenses	\$
Personal Funds and Financial Aid			
<i>Sources of funding:</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details: organization, date applied, amount requested</i>	
Student loans	\$		
Student grants/awards/fellowships	\$		
Tuition waiver	\$		
Parent/spouse contribution	\$		
Student contribution	\$		
Employment during school year	\$		
Other scholarship sources	\$		
Other scholarship sources	\$		
Other scholarship sources	\$		
Total Personal Funds/Financial Aid	\$	Estimated Financial Need (total expenses minus total personal funds/financial aid)	\$
Have you submitted a FAFSA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Personal History and Educational Goal Statement - must submit new essay with each new application			
<i>First-time Scholarship Applicants</i>			
On a separate sheet, please submit a typed statement describing:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your personal and educational history • your accomplishments, including work, clubs, teams, internships, leadership positions, hobbies • your involvement with your local community and your ties to your Native heritage • your educational and career goals • how the degree or program you will be pursuing will help you reach those goals 			
<i>Prior Scholarship Recipients</i>			
On a separate sheet, please submit a typed statement describing the progress you've made toward meeting your educational and career goals, including challenges and successes. Explain any changes in education or career goals, and reasons for those changes.			
<i>Important: Please number your pages and include your name on each page of your essay</i>			
Letters of Recommendation - must submit two new recommendations with each new application			
In order to be considered for a scholarship, two letters of reference must be received by the deadline for each application. The letters can be from current or former teachers, advisors, employers, coaches, or others who know of your past experience and potential to succeed in your chosen career. They can not be written by relatives. Reference letters must be dated within one year of your application for funding. The same person can serve as a reference for multiple years but the reference letter must be updated and include current progress.			
<i>Reference letters must be signed, dated, and include the reference's contact information.</i>			

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Application Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application, completed, signed, and dated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of lineal descent from an Eyak Corporation shareholder (first time applicants only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two official letters of recommendation (must be new each year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of official grade transcripts or certificates of completion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of high school diploma or equivalent (first time applicants only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Typed personal history and education goal statement (new each year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of acceptance from college/university/vocational school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course description and requirements for full-time enrollment
Statement of Correctness, Understanding, and Authorization	
Application Information	To the best of my knowledge and belief, I attest that the data contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that this application does not commit The Eyak Foundation to award an education scholarship or to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application. I also understand that the action taken by the Board of Directors is final.
Use of Funds	I understand that the proceeds of the education scholarship, if approved, will be used to further my education in the certificate or degree program where I am enrolled as approved by The Eyak Foundation.
Unused Award	I understand that the full amount or any portion thereof is to be refunded to The Eyak Foundation if, for any reason, I am unable to use the award for which I am selected.
Grade Transcripts or Certificate of Completion	I understand that immediately upon completion of the semester, term, or course I must submit a copy of my grade transcripts or certificate of completion to The Eyak Foundation to verify the courses of study during the term for which the award was made.
Eligibility and Probation	I understand that should I not maintain the eligibility or selection criteria of maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5, I will be put on probation the following semester. Failure to raise the GPA up to a 2.5 that semester will render me ineligible for reapplication of an Eyak Foundation scholarship the next cycle.
Submission of Application	I understand that it is my responsibility - not that of The Eyak Foundation - to obtain the necessary application materials from references, transcript offices, and educational institutions.
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.	
Applicant Signature	Date
Proof of Lineal Descent of Eyak Corporation Shareholder	
I certify that the above named applicant is a Native shareholder of The Eyak Corporation. If the applicant is not a Native shareholder because she/he was born after 1971, please certify the applicant's parent(s) or grandparent(s) as shareholders.	
Applicant Signature Name of applicant, or parent(s), or grandparent(s) who are Eyak Corporation shareholders:	
Signature of Shareholder	

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