

# Getting Started with Scholarships

## Get a College Education for Free

At the Alaska Community Foundation, we understand that researching and applying for scholarships is confusing and time-consuming. We wish to support you as much as we can during the application process. The good news is the earlier in high school you prepare to apply for scholarships, the more likely you are to be awarded one!

We have over 30 scholarships available, some of which you may be eligible. Take a look at our quick step by step process that will help you navigate the scholarship process—from start to finish.

• Research Colleges, Universities and Trade/Vocational Schools; apply!

## Get organized

- $\rightarrow$  Gather your high school transcript, be sure they remain in a sealed envelope
- → Ask teachers/supervisors for letters of recommendation
- → Prepare to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)-see below

### • File for the FAFSA

- $\rightarrow$  You will need the following information to apply:
  - ✓ FSA ID
  - ✓ Social Security Number
  - ✓ Driver's License Number/State ID Number
  - ✓ 2018 Tax Records (For school year 2020/2021)
  - ✓ Records of untaxed income
  - ✓ Records of assets (money)
  - ✓ List(s) of the schools you're interested in attending
- Research open dates for scholarships at The Alaska Community Foundation, Alaska Native Foundations and even opportunities out of state. You can also ask your friends and family if they know of scholarships to apply for.
- Review requirements and gather information
- Draft your essay
  - $\rightarrow$  Have others read over it and edit it.
- Apply for the scholarships you are eligible for!
- Celebrate your progress and potential awards!
- Have a great year at school!!





## Please visit our website for scholarship open and close dates for the 2020/2021 school year

#### Statewide

- Red Boucher Scholarship
- Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Scholarship Current female students majoring in science seeking pilots license
- David E. Knox Memorial Nursing Fellowship Current Nursing students
- Tim Akers Memorial Scholarship
- Harry H. Hirshik Scholarship
- Kathryn E. and John P. Doyle Scholarship University of Alaska Fairbanks female students; graduating seniors must attend UAF
- Scott Fibranz Memorial Baseball Scholarship
- GCI Scholarship
- Sven and Lorraine Eriksson Alaska Scholarship University of Alaska students
- JJ Klein Scholarship
- Gary Martin Swim Scholarship
- Dr. John Halligan Scholarship University of Alaska students
- Dorothy and Dona Lee Croft Middle/High Schools students attending music camp for strings
- Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage Scholarship
- The Chef Cotter Scholarship

#### Southeast

- Sitka Scholarship
- Wrangell Scholarship
- KAYHI Alumni Scholarship Ketchikan students
- Art Jess Scholarship
- THS Patricia Roppel Scholarship

#### Southcentral

- Megan Rawson Scholarship East Anchorage High School students
- Toby Gamble and Helen Tolan Gamble Memorial Scholarship – *Municipality of Anchorage students*
- Dr. Merritt C. Olson Scholarship West Anchorage High School students
- Mt. McKinley Lions Club East Anchorage High School students

#### <u>Kenai Peninsula</u>

• Ron and Terri Davis Trades Scholarship

Applications are not online for the following:

- Shayna Marie Pritchard Scholarship\* Nikiski students
- Carl Seaman Scholarship\* Kenai students
- Kenny Carver Scholarship\* Soldotna students
- Kenny Carver Memorial Scholarship\* Kenai students
- Maurie Harrington Memorial Scholarship\* Kenai Central School students
- Ninilchik School Memorial Scholarship\* Ninilchik students
- Luella James Scholarship\* Seward students
- Seward High School Scholarship\* Seward students
- Golden Rule Scholarship\* Ninilchik students

#### Interior

Donald R. DeWitt Scholarship – Fairbanks students

#### Northwest Arctic

 Hoonah Education Assoc. Fine Arts Scholarship\* -Hoonah students attending Sitka Fine Arts Cam

## Please visit our website for more information and eligibility criteria about these scholarships.

Apply at: <u>http://alaskacf.org/scholarships/</u>

\* Scholarships do not have online applications

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