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The mission of The CIRI Foundation (TCF) is to promote individual self-development and economic self-sufficiency through education and to maintain pride in culture and heritage among Alaska Natives. The Foundation supports the education and career development of *eligible original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region and their direct lineal descendants* through post-secondary scholarships and grants.

Application Package. The materials listed below must be received by The CIRI Foundation **on or before** the appropriate deadline for full consideration. All scholarships and grants are awarded subject to availability of funds.

- 1. Completed four-page application – signed and dated
- 2. Proof of eligibility for first-time applicant (*Birth certificates and/or name change documents*)
- 3. Letter of reference – signed, dated, and with contact information (*valid for three years*)
- 4. Copy of most recent official grade transcripts or certificates of completion
- 5. Statement of purpose
- 6. Proof of acceptance/enrollment/registration confirmation from school
- 7. Updated class schedule
- 8. Photograph of yourself (*optional-Please note that your photograph becomes the property of TCF and may be used in TCF publications*)
- 9. Release of information consent form (*optional, available on our website*)

**** DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANKS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM ****
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

A. ELIGIBILITY- CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

1	I certify that I am:	<input type="checkbox"/> an Original Enrollee	<input type="checkbox"/> a Direct Lineal Descendant of an Original Enrollee	<input type="checkbox"/> a Tribal Member
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Niniilchik Native Association, Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Salamatof Native Association (SNAI)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tyonek Native Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Village of Tyonek	<input type="checkbox"/> Salamatof Native Association Spouse	
2	I am a direct lineal descendant of this Original Enrollee:	Name (Last, First, M.I.) _____, _____, _____		Other Last Names Used _____
3		Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Grandparent		

B. PERSONAL DATA

4	Name (Last, First, M.I.) _____, _____, _____			Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____	
5	Mailing Address (<i>correspondence will be mailed here</i>) _____			E-mail address (<i>correspondence will be emailed here</i>) _____	
6	City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	Date of Birth _____	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
7	Tel No. () - _____			Fax No. () - _____	
8	Are you related to a current Board member of The CIRI Foundation? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ (specify who and your relationship to them)				

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C. APPLICATION CATEGORY AND DEADLINE (see flow chart on page 11)

Please indicate the deadline you are applying for: <u>CHOOSE ONE</u>					
Scholarship Award Deadlines (TCF & Village)			Grant Award Deadlines (TCF & Village)		
<input type="checkbox"/> June 1 General Semester and Annual Awards	<input type="checkbox"/> December 1 General Semester only	<input type="checkbox"/> March 31	<input type="checkbox"/> June 30	<input type="checkbox"/> September 30	<input type="checkbox"/> December 1
Have you applied before? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, during the year (specify): _____ Other names used (if any): _____					

D. EDUCATION & RELATED ACTIVITIES

<u>Education Level/Date of completion: Check all that apply</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Currently in High School _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Have 2-year Associates degree _____
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Have 4-year Degree _____
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education Diploma (GED) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Have Masters Degree or Ph.D _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Have vocational training/Certificate _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Have not been enrolled in the past five years
<input type="checkbox"/> Currently in College (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Fr. <input type="checkbox"/> Soph. <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. <input type="checkbox"/> Sen. <input type="checkbox"/> Grad. <input type="checkbox"/> Cert. <input type="checkbox"/> M.D. <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D	
<u>Recent Community/Volunteer Activities, Honors, Awards, Accomplishments (if none put n/a):</u>	

E. EDUCATION PLANS

Name of School			<input type="checkbox"/> Check if online or correspondence			
Financial Aid Office Address			Tel No. () -			
City		State	Zip Code		Fax No. () -	
Current Degree Program	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-year Associates	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-year Bachelors	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Field of Study (Major) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared <input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared Field of study as on acceptance letter: _____					Date of expected graduation/completion:	
My most recent cumulative grade point average (GPA) is: _____ (If GED, put 2.5)						

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F. EDUCATION PLANS CONTINUED

19 My School's calendar is based on: Semesters Quarters Trimesters Other

20 I am applying for the following term(s): Fall Winter Spring Other

21 A. Date term begins: ____/____/____ B. Date term ends: ____/____/____

22 I will complete _____ credits/hours during this term. *If changes in enrollment occur, notify The CIRI Foundation in writing immediately*

I understand that I am expected to complete all of the courses and credits for which I receive funding from The CIRI Foundation (see #22.)

23 _____ (please check the box and initial)

INFRACTION POLICY—Please read carefully

Scholarship and grant recipients must complete enrollment and courses or program of study as stated on the application and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better (on a 4.0 grading scale). Failure to complete the terms of an award will jeopardize future scholarship and grant funding eligibility. Should the eligibility and selection criteria not be maintained by the scholarship/grant recipient, that person will be ineligible to apply to The CIRI Foundation for two (2) award periods from the date of the determination made by The CIRI Foundation. To the extent possible, all unused funds will be recovered from the post-secondary institution and returned to The CIRI Foundation.

PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE INFRACTION POLICY → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → →

G. BUDGET FORECAST

25 While attending school, will you be living in **on-campus** housing provided by your school? Yes No

Complete your education budget for the term(s) indicated on line #21.
Do not leave any blanks. If the amount is zero, put -0-.

A. EXPENSES		AMOUNT	B. SOURCES OF FUNDS		AMOUNT
Direct Academic Costs			Resources for Schooling		
Tuition		\$_____	Personal/family contribution to education		\$_____
Student fees		\$_____	Tuition waiver		\$_____
Books & required supplies		\$_____	Government Allowances		
Room and Meal Plan Costs (✳)			Veterans Administration Aid		\$_____
On-campus housing		\$_____	State/Federal Social Security		\$_____
On-campus meal plan		\$_____	Other (specify):		\$_____
Personal Expenses (✦)			Academic Financial Aid		
(Maximum \$500)		\$_____	Scholarships and/or Fellowships		\$_____
			Tribal Scholarships/Grants		\$_____
			State/Federal Student Loans		\$_____
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$_____	TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS		\$_____
			AMOUNT NEEDED=(TOTAL EXPENSES MINUS [-] TOTAL FUNDS)		\$_____

✳ Only students who live away from their permanent home to attend school and are staying in school provided on-campus housing are eligible to use award funds toward room/meal plan costs.
✦ Examples of Personal Expenses (including, but not limited to): Off-campus housing, meals, transportation, and childcare.

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H. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Attach a written statement of purpose on a separate sheet of paper. Your statement of purpose is important and evaluated carefully by the Education Awards Committee according to the following criteria: clarity of educational/career goals, correct use of English language, relationship to community, and overall quality.

27 • **First time Applicants (approximately 500 words)** – Describe your education and career goals. How are you currently, or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native community? Explain your reasons for these goals and how your degree program fits with your education and career plans. You may attach your personal history and a summary of accomplishments.

• **Repeat Applicants (approximately 300 words)** – Update your education and career goals. How are you currently, or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native Community? To what extent are you moving toward your goals? What changes might have occurred since your last application and why? What new information do you have about your career and education goals?

I. CERTIFICATION

By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the guidelines and the information below.

Application Information. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that this application does not obligate The CIRI Foundation to award an education scholarship or grant to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application. I also understand that any award decision made by the Education Awards Committee is final.

Use of Funds. I understand that the education scholarship or grant funds, if approved, will be used to further my education in the certificate or degree program where I am enrolled as approved by The CIRI Foundation.

Changes in Enrollment. I will notify The CIRI Foundation if there are any changes in my enrollment. In general, changes in enrollment made prior to or during the add/drop period are permissible. Changes made after that period are not. You are required to complete all courses and credits funded by TCF.

Unused Award. I understand that the full amount or any portion thereof is to be refunded to The CIRI Foundation if, for any reason, I am unable to use the award for which I am selected.

Certificate of Completion, Official Grade Transcripts. I understand that immediately upon completion of the semester, term, or seminar, I must submit a copy of my final, official grade transcripts or certificate of completion to The CIRI Foundation to verify completion of the courses of study during the semester or term for which the award was made.

Submission of Application. I understand that it is my responsibility - NOT that of The CIRI Foundation or any other party (e.g. parent, spouse, school) to obtain the necessary application materials from The CIRI Foundation and/or submit the completed application on or before the deadline to receive full consideration for an award.

Confidentiality. 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.

Limited Release of Contact Info. I give The CIRI Foundation permission to release my comments, photo, name, address, email, and telephone number for employment or education referrals and CIRI publications as appropriate.

I certify that the information in this application, including all attachments and supporting materials is true and correct. If approved for a scholarship or grant, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the award.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____

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FOR YOUR REFERENCE ONLY

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

A complete application includes the following:

1. Application. The complete, signed, and dated four-page scholarship and grant application provided by The CIRI Foundation. If you are filling out an electronic application, an original signature on page four of the application is still required.
- 2a. Proof of eligibility. (*First time applicants only*) Original enrollment to CIRI can be verified by The CIRI Foundation with the appropriate documents submitted by the applicant. Examples of appropriate documents are: Birth Certificate/s or adoption decree to demonstrate your relationship as a direct lineal descendant of an Alaska Native who is an original enrollee of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI). More than one birth certificate may be necessary to document your relationship to an Original Enrollee.
- If you are applying for one of the Village scholarship/grants, an official written statement or enrollment cards from either one of the corporations of Kenai Natives Association, Inc., Salamatof Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation, or Eklutna, Inc. More than one birth certificate may be necessary to document your relationship to an original enrollee.
 - Certificate of Indian Blood for members of The Native Village of Tyonek. (TNC Scholarship/Grant Program only.)
- 2b. Proof of Name Change. If your name or the original enrollee/descendants name has been legally changed from that indicated on the birth certificate/s please provide appropriate documentation. (e.g. marriage and/or divorce certificates, adoption decrees.)
3. Letter of reference. Letters of reference are valid for three years and must include a signature, date and contact information.
4. Official Grade Transcripts and/or Certificates of Completion. A copy of your final and official grade transcripts or certificates of completion for the most recent schooling that you have had (*when available.*) *Note: Official grade transcripts are signed by the school's registrar and/or have an official seal from the school.*
5. Statement of Purpose. Approximately 500 words 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.
- **First time applicants** – Describe your education and career goals. How are you currently, or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native community? Explain your reasons for these goals and how your degree program fits with your education and career plans. You may include your personal history and a summary of accomplishments.
 - **Repeat applicants** – Update your education and career goals. How are you currently, or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native community? What changes have might have occurred since your last application and why?
6. Proof of enrollment. Scholarship applicants must submit a copy of the letter of acceptance into an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree program **and** proof of registration for the term (i.e. class schedule.) If undeclared, the applicant must indicate the same in their Education Plans.
7. Photograph (optional). If you submit a photo, please enclose a signed Photo Release form. Please note that your photograph becomes the property of TCF and may be used in print and electronic TCF Publications. Digital photos may be sent via email to tcf@thecirifoundation.org.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The CIRI Foundation Scholarship program is open to original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants (either natural-born or legally adopted) of original enrollees of CIRI. Individuals who have inherited or received gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollees. All scholarships are made subject to available funding and up to the amounts listed below.

Scholarship applicants are:

- **Students accepted or enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program. Full-time enrollment is taking at least twelve (12) undergraduate credit hours, nine (9) graduate credit hours during a semester/term/quarter, or as defined by your institution.**

If you are enrolled in a certificate program or part-time in a degree-seeking program, please see the Grant Program Eligibility and deadlines (next page).

GENERAL SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose: Merit scholarships for applicants with academic promise.

Requirements: Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in either a 2-year or a 4-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. Applicants should have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or better.

Amount: Up to \$2,500 per semester

Duration: One semester. A student may receive no more than two (2) general semester scholarships during the academic year.

Deadlines: June 1 for the Fall term and December 1 for the Winter/Spring term

ACHIEVEMENT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose: Merit scholarships for applicants with exceptional academic promise.

Requirements: Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program. Applicants must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better to be considered.

Amount: Up to \$8,000

Duration: One academic year

Deadline: June 1, only

EXCELLENCE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose: Merit scholarships for outstanding academic and community service experience.

Requirements: Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program. Applicants must have a cumulative 3.5 GPA or better to be considered.

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Duration: One academic year

Deadline: June 1, only

SPECIAL EXCELLENCE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose: Merit scholarship for exceptional academic and community service experience.

Requirements: Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 4-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. Applicants must have a cumulative 3.7 GPA or better. Preference is given to the fields of business, education, math, sciences, health services, and engineering. *This award is made at the discretion of the Education Awards Committee.*

Amount: Up to \$20,000

Duration: One academic year

Deadline: June 1, only

DEADLINES

Applications must be received by The CIRI Foundation on or before the deadline to receive consideration. Late applications will not be considered. The stated deadline remains in effect whether the day falls on a weekend or a holiday. Please submit an application **before** the start date of your coursework. Courses completed prior the application deadline are not eligible for funding. When we receive more applications than the available funding, meeting the minimum selection criteria does not guarantee funding at any level. Applicants are considered for the appropriate award categories based on the information provided in their application.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD USES

Scholarship funds are for the direct educational expenses including tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, and on-campus housing/meal plans. Only if funds remain after the direct educational expenses are met, then up to \$500 per scholarship award may be released to the student for personal expenses.

GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The CIRI Foundation Grant program is open to original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants (either natural-born or legally adopted) of original enrollees of CIRI. Individuals who have inherited or received gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollees. All grants are made subject to available funding and up to the amounts listed below.

Grant applicants are:

- **Students enrolled part-time in degree-seeking program taking 11 or fewer undergraduate credit hours or 8 or fewer graduate credit hours during a semester/term/quarter <<OR>>**
- **Students enrolled part-time or full-time in a vocational training or technical skills program for which a certificate of completion is earned.**

If you are currently enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program, please see the Scholarship Program Eligibility and deadlines (previous page).

VOCATIONAL TRAINING GRANTS

Purpose: To promote preparation for successful careers in a specialized technical skills field.

Eligibility: Must be accepted or enrolled part- or full-time in a technical skills certificate or vocational training program. Should have a high school diploma or GED; must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average; and must be prepared to demonstrate the availability of employment upon completion of the training.

Amount: Up to \$4,500 received during a calendar year.

Duration: May re-apply each quarter of a calendar year until the grant cap is reached. May re-apply the following calendar year after grant cap has been reached.

Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 1

CAREER UPGRADE GRANTS

Purpose: To encourage employment skills upgrades or re-entry into the job market to achieve improved job status through promotion or success in securing employment.

Eligibility: Must be accepted or enrolled part-time in a course of study that directly contributes toward potential employment or employment upgrade. Total credit hours must be 11 or fewer undergraduate credit hours or 8 or fewer graduate credit hours. Should have a high school diploma or GED; must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

Amount: Up to \$4,500 received during a calendar year.

Duration: May re-apply each quarter of a calendar year until the grant cap is reached. May re-apply the following calendar year after grant cap has been reached.

Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 1

DEADLINES

Applications must be received by The CIRI Foundation on or before the deadline to receive consideration. Late applications will not be considered. The stated deadline remains in effect whether the day falls on a weekend or a holiday. Please submit an application at the deadline **before** the start date of your coursework. Courses completed prior to the application deadline are not eligible for funding. When we receive more applications than available funding, meeting the minimum selection criteria does not guarantee funding at any level. Applicants are considered for the appropriate award categories based on the information provided in their application.

GRANT AWARD USES

Grant funds are for the direct educational expenses including tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, and on-campus housing/meal plans for students who must live away from their permanent home in order to attend college. Only if funds remain after the direct educational expenses are met, then up to \$500 per calendar year may be released to the student for personal expenses.

SCORING AND SELECTION CRITERIA

All applications are considered for the appropriate funding categories based on information you provide in your application. During the selection process, all applications are scored and ranked based on the following criteria:

1. Application is submitted on-time and before the deadline
2. Application is complete
3. Cumulative GPA meets the minimum 2.5 requirement
4. Rigor of coursework/degree program (2-yr, 4-yr, Graduate)
5. Grade level (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate, Certificate)
6. Personal financial contribution
7. Financial need
8. Employment preparation (Does the degree program directly relate to career goals?)
9. Statement of purpose (Clarity of career goal, correct grammar, giving back relationship to community, and overall quality)
10. Extent of community involvement and in volunteer/civic activities

The annual scholarship awards are highly competitive and meeting the GPA requirement is only part of the selection process. Other factors considered in the selection of annual scholarship awards include an exceptional statement of purpose with a clear articulation of education and career goals, a high level of community service and civic activities, and a demonstrated intent to give back to community and Alaska.

NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING DECISIONS

The CIRI Foundation's Education Awards Committee makes the award selections and all decisions are final. All funding decisions are released in writing. Results are not released over the telephone or in person. Students are sent an award letter that contains important details regarding the terms and responsibilities of the recipient. It is essential that award recipients read and understand fully the terms of their financial aid.

INFRACTION PROVISION POLICY

Award recipients are required to complete all courses and credits for which they are funded, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale. Failure to meet the terms of an award may jeopardize an applicant's future eligibility. Except in cases of special circumstances, recipients who infract will be ineligible to apply to The CIRI Foundation for two (2) award deadlines from the date of determination.

CONDITIONAL AWARDS

If you receive a conditional scholarship, grant, or fellowship award, you have thirty (30) days from the date on the conditional award letter to fulfill the award requirements. Funds will be released only if the requested information is provided to The CIRI Foundation by the conditional award deadline. If an application remains incomplete after the conditional award deadline, the award is automatically canceled.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Award checks are made payable to both the student and the university/school, and must be endorsed by both parties to be processed. Award checks are sent directly to the financial aid office at the institution specified on your application. Students are sent a photocopy of the disbursement letter that accompanies the award check. To avoid unnecessary delay in the receipt of your financial aid, please provide accurate payment information on your application. If your educational program requires a different payment procedure (ie. payable to school only, online program), please indicate on the application (line #13).

PROOF OF COMPLETION

Scholarship and grant recipients must submit final official grade transcripts or certificates upon the completion of each semester/term of funding. Proof of completion must be received before any additional funds will be released or future applications can be considered.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

While there are several Foundation scholarship and education grant programs, an applicant is permitted to receive only one (1) award at a time and no more than two (2) semester scholarship awards per academic year or the maximum amount of grant funding in a calendar year.

If you have questions or issues that are not addressed in these guidelines, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of our website: www.thecirifoundation.org

DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS AND NAMED FUNDS

In addition to scholarships and grants awarded from The CIRI Foundation General Endowment, TCF also manages several designated endowments and named funds. These funds were established by community members to celebrate individuals and recognize specific accomplishments.

Eligible applicants are original enrollees of CIRI and the direct lineal descendants (either natural-born or legally adopted) of original enrollees of CIRI. Inherited or gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollment. Awards from the designated endowments and named funds are only considered at the deadlines specified below.

ALL DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT AND NAMED FUND AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING.

SUSIE QIMMIQSAK BEVINS ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 1990 with donations received through the CIRI Golf Classic to encourage students enrolled in the literary, performing, and visual arts.

Eligibility: Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 2-year or 4-year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program in the literary, performing, or visual arts. Should have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or better.

Amount: \$2,000 maximum based on stated need.

Duration: One semester only.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1

JOHN N. COLBERG ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memoriam by CIRI, Sally Berlin and Frank Saracoff, Peter and Evelyn Hocson, and Robert and Kathy Woodhead to encourage students pursuing the study of law.

Eligibility: Preference for undergraduate degree or graduate degree students enrolled in the study of law. Should have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or better.

Deadline: June 1, only

ROY M. HUHDORF ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Southcentral Foundation in 1995 to encourage students seeking an undergraduate degree or graduate degree particularly in health services.

Eligibility: Preference is given to students enrolled in health fields.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1

PETER KALIFORNISKY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by CIRI in 1993 to encourage students enrolled in Alaska Native studies.

Eligibility: Preference is given to students enrolled in Alaska Native studies.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1

KECK/WESTMIN ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Howard Keck and Westmin, Ltd. to encourage undergraduate or graduate students in all fields.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1

CARL H. MARRS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in recognition of Carl H. Marrs in 2001 to encourage students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree in business administration, economics, finance, organizational management, accounting or similar fields. Funds provided by Barbara Donatelli, Craig and Thea Floerchinger, Mark and Leslie Kroloff, Kirk McGee, and Gloria O'Neill.

Deadline: June 1, only

LAWRENCE MATSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Cook Inlet Region, Inc. in 1989 to provide merit scholarships.

Eligibility: Preference is given to students enrolled in liberal arts fields – language, education, social sciences, arts, communications, and law

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1

KIRBY MCDONALD EDUCATION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Kirby McDonald in 1991 to encourage careers in the culinary arts.

Eligibility: Preference is given to students enrolled in the culinary arts, business, or engineering.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1

GEORGE MILLER JR. MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP ENDOWMENT FELLOWSHIP

Established by CIRI in memory of George Miller, Jr. in 1996 to foster improvement of tribal, cultural and corporate management skills for career advancement.

Eligibility: Must be a business leader of demonstrated outstanding ability and potential to improve tribal, cultural and business leadership and management skills for career advancement.

Amount: Up to \$6,000.

Duration: One year. May apply once during the calendar year.

Special features: The Fellowship is for organizational management courses of study, internships or specialized or general management or organizational training programs.

Deadlines: June 1 or December 1

VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The CIRI Foundation is proud to support the members of and descendants of original enrollees of the following villages in the Cook Inlet Region. These funds administered by The CIRI Foundation through management agreements with each village corporation.

Applicants who meet the necessary eligibility requirements may be considered for awards from both TCF General Endowment and the village funds. Awards from the village funds are only considered at the deadlines specified below.

ALL VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING.

NINILCHIK NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. (NNAI) SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM

Established in 1992 by the Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. to offer merit-based scholarships.

Eligibility: Original enrollees of NNAI and their direct lineal descendants. Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program or technical skills training program. For tuition, required fees, books, on-campus-related room, and meal plan and for other direct school related costs. Should have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or better.

Duration: One semester. Must re-apply each semester.

Deadline: June 1 and December 1 for scholarships, June 30 for grants

SALAMATOF NATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC. (SNAI) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Established in 1992 by the Salamatof Native Association, Inc. to offer merit scholarships.

Eligibility: Original enrollees of SNAI, their direct lineal descendants, and spouses. Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program or technical skills training program. For tuition, required fees, books, on-campus-related room, and meal plan and for other direct school related costs. Should have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or better.

Duration: Annual. Applicants apply only one time during the year.

Deadline: June 1, only

TYONEK NATIVE CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP (TNC/NVT) AND GRANT PROGRAM

Established by the Tyonek Native Corporation in 1989 to encourage professional preparation for careers after high school.

Eligibility: Original enrollees of TNC, their direct lineal descendants, and tribal members of the Native Village of Tyonek (NVT). Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in an accredited or otherwise approved post-secondary college, university, or technical skills education program. Must have a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or better.

Duration: Scholarship applicants must re-apply each semester. Grant applicants may re-apply each deadline of a calendar year until the funding cap is reached and may re-apply the following calendar year after grant cap has been reached.

Deadline: June 1 and December 1 for scholarships; March 31, June 30, September 30, December 1 for grants

EKLUTNA, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM

A separate application is required. Applications and guidelines for the Eklutna, Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program are available on our website at www.thecirifoundation.org.

Which Deadline should I apply for?

