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Eklutna, Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program

Dear Shareholders:

At the 2007 Annual Shareholders' Meeting, the Board of Directors for Eklutna, Incorporated was pleased to announce that the Corporation was launching a Scholarship and Grant Program starting in 2008. The program will be managed and administered by The CIRI Foundation (TCF).

We are excited to be working with Susan Anderson and her team at TCF. We encourage you to contact TCF even if you are considering applying for a scholarship or grant. The staff at TCF is available to assist you through out the application process and offer guidance as you continue your educational endeavors.

This program is only for original Eklutna Inc., Shareholders and their lineal descendants. The CIRI Foundation will continue to offer other scholarship and grant programs to eligible applicants.

We have created a unique and flexible program that addresses potentials from early childhood development, general educational development (GED), career advancement, and vocational or post secondary education opportunities.

"If you're willing to invest in your future, grow, learn, and continue to advance our peoples education, then we are willing to invest in you."

Once your application is submitted to The CIRI Foundation for review, their staff will process it and correspond with you regarding the status. The CIRI Foundation team will follow your progress as well as offer referrals to other support services, such as tutoring or career guidance that may be helpful to ensure your success. The CIRI Foundation staff will work closely with our office to make sure the program needs and goals are met; however, it is important to note that they will be in charge of administering the program and all questions, requests and/or concerns should be addressed to The CIRI Foundation.

Again, we are pleased to be able to offer this program and demonstrate the vision of investing in our future.

Best regards,

The Eklutna, Inc. Board of Directors and Officers



2009 EKLUTNA INCORPORATED
SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT APPLICATION

Name: _____

Introduction. On behalf of Eklutna Incorporated (Eklutna Inc.), The CIRI Foundation offers the 2009 Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program application. The Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program is for eligible Alaska Natives who are original enrollees or direct lineal descendants of original enrollees of Eklutna Inc.

Application Deadline. The materials listed below must be received by The CIRI Foundation on or before the appropriate deadline in order for your application to receive full consideration. All awards are subject to availability of funds.

- 1. Completed application – signed and dated
- 2. Proof of eligibility (for first-time applicants) Also, proof of name change if different from birth certificate or previous applications.
- 3. Letter of reference – signed, dated, contact information (valid for three years)
- 4. Copy of official grade transcripts or certificates of completion
- 5. Statement of purpose (Page 4, Item I)
- 6. Proof of acceptance/enrollment/registration confirmation for schooling
- 7. Course/seminar descriptions
- 8. Photograph of yourself (optional) Please note that your photograph becomes the property of TCF, and Eklutna Inc. and may be used in TCF or Eklutna, Inc. publications.

A. ELIGIBILITY

1	I certify that I am	<input type="checkbox"/> an Original Enrollee of Eklutna Inc.	<input type="checkbox"/> a Direct Lineal Descendant of an Original Enrollee of Eklutna Inc.
2	I am a direct lineal descendant of this Original Enrollee of Eklutna Inc:	Name (Last, First, M.I.) _____	
3		Other Last Names Used _____	
		Relationship _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	

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)				

Submit your application to:
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2009 EKLUTNA INCORPORATED
SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT APPLICATION

Name: _____

C. APPLICATION CATEGORY AND DEADLINE

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)					Date of expected graduation/completion:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Declared <input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared					Name of degree as on acceptance letter: _____	
My most recent cumulative grade point average (GPA) is: _____ (If GED, put 2.5)						
My school's calendar is based on:		<input type="checkbox"/> Semesters	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarters	<input type="checkbox"/> Trimesters	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

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F. EDUCATION PLANS CONT.

20 A. Date semester/term/program begins: ____ / ____ / ____

21 B. Date semester/term/program ends: ____ / ____ / ____

22 C. I will complete _____ credits during the Fall term.
D. I will complete _____ credits during the Winter/Spring terms.
(please submit number of credits for all semesters/terms if applying for the annual scholarship)

I understand that if I receive a scholarship or grant award, I am expected to complete the courses and credits for which I received the award.

23 _____ (please check the box and initial)

Section #22 is used to determine your eligibility for an award. You are expected to complete the credits and courses listed in Items #22 C/D before you will be considered for any future awards. See Infraction Provision Policy below.

G. INFRACTION POLICY

24 **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 Eklutna, Inc. program 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 PROVISION POLICY → → → → → → → → → → → → → → → →

H. BUDGET FORECAST (submit information for ALL budget period semesters/terms as indicated in #22 above)

25 **BUDGET PERIOD:** Fall Winter Spring Other (specify): _____

Complete your education budget in its entirety
Do not leave any blanks, if the amount is zero, put -0-

26 A. EXPENSES	AMOUNT	B. SOURCES OF FUNDS	AMOUNT
Direct Academic Costs		Resources for Schooling	
Tuition	\$ _____	Personal/family contribution to education	\$ _____
Student registration fees	\$ _____	Tuition waiver	\$ _____
Books & required supplies	\$ _____	Government Allowances	
Personal Expenses		Veterans Administration Aid	\$ _____
Rent/Mortgage/Campus housing	\$ _____	State/Federal Social Security	\$ _____
Utilities	\$ _____	Other (specify): _____	\$ _____
Gas	\$ _____	Academic Financial Aid	
Food	\$ _____	Scholarships and/or Fellowships	\$ _____
Other (specify):	\$ _____	Tribal Scholarships/Grants	\$ _____
		State/Federal Student Loans	\$ _____
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____	TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$ _____
AMOUNT NEEDED (TOTAL SOURCES MINUS [-] TOTAL EXPENSES)			\$ _____

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Name: _____

I. 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 **- New Applicants (approximately 500 words)** – Describe your education and career goals and how you are 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 (approximately 300 words)** – Update your education and career goals and how you are 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?

J. CERTIFICATION

By signing this statement, you are acknowledging that you 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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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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

Application. The Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Application completed, signed, and dated. **If any information that you have provided to The CIRI Foundation for award consideration changes after you have submitted your original application, you must immediately update that information with The CIRI Foundation.** Award decisions are made based on the information provided on your application and accompanying materials, if your application is late or remains incomplete, it may not receive award consideration.

Proof of Eligibility. (First-time applicants only)

- **Original Enrollees.** Submit an official written statement from Eklutna Inc. which verifies proof of enrollment.
- **Descendants of Original Enrollees.** Submit (a) birth certificate/s (and/or adoption decree, if a legally adopted descendant) to demonstrate your relationship as a Native descendant to an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. and (b) an official written statement from Eklutna Inc. which verifies proof of enrollment of your parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, etc.
- **Name Change.** If your name has been legally changed since you last submitted an application or is different than on your original birth certificate, submit a copy of an official document to demonstrate the name change has taken place.

Letter of Reference (No relatives, please). One (1) letter of reference from current or former teachers, employers or others who know of your past experience and potential to succeed in your chosen career. Reference letters must include applicant's name, the date, referrer's signature, and contact information. New reference letters must be submitted if letters on file with The Foundation are more than three years old. *See Reference Letter Tips in the Student Resources Handbook and on the website at www.thecirifoundation.org.*

Official Grade Transcripts and/or Certificates of Completion. A copy of your final, official grade transcripts or certificate of completion for the most recent schooling you have had. In addition to official grade transcripts/certificates, if you have been out of school five (5) or more years, also submit a paragraph explaining your learning experiences and work achievements during that period of time. **Note:** Official grade transcripts are signed by the school's registrar and/or have an official seal from the school.

Statement of Purpose. 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 with each application.*

- **New Applicants (minimum 500 words)** – Describe your education and career goals and how you are 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 (minimum 300 words)** – **Update** your education and career goals and how you are 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?

Letter of Acceptance. **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. **Grant** applicants must submit proof of enrollment or registration confirmation from the school or organization for the course/s or program that they plan to take. **If you decide to attend a different school or program than what you indicated on your original application, please immediately notify The CIRI Foundation by email or in writing.**

Course/Seminar Descriptions. Grant/fellowship applicants must submit a copy of each course or seminar description. (e.g. either a copy of the course descriptions from program/course catalog or registration confirmation that reflects course title, term/semester/dates enrolled, number of credits, and name of instructor).

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



APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program is devoted to the concept of developing its most important resource, its people, by supporting their self-determined vision of academic and/or career attainment goals. Program purposes are to encourage academic achievement, professional preparation for careers; to enhance elementary, junior/middle and high school competency, further employment and skills, and to provide for other related educational supported programs, such as Early Childhood Development. The Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program is administered by The CIRI Foundation on behalf of Eklutna Inc. through an agreement.

CONTACT INFORMATION. Your permanent mailing address and contact information must be kept current with The CIRI Foundation. The Foundation mails time sensitive correspondence related to your application status to this address.

CONDITIONAL AWARDS. If a *conditional* scholarship, grant or fellowship is awarded, the applicant has thirty (30) days from the date on the conditional award letter to fulfill the award requirements; otherwise the conditional award will become automatically canceled.

DEADLINES. Completed applications and other required information must be received by The CIRI Foundation on or before the deadlines indicated in order to receive full consideration. When the application deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a TCF holiday, applicants are encouraged to fax, email, or hand deliver applications to the white drop box located in front of the Nat'uh Building **on or before the deadline**, as the deadline remains the same:

- Annual Scholarship Application: **June 1**
- Grant and Fellowship Application: **March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 1**
- Urgent Needs Grants are not subject to application deadlines and require a separate application (see page #10 of this document)
- **All Scholarship, Grant, and Fellowship application deadlines are determined by the Administrator of this Program.**

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. The CIRI Foundation disburses award checks directly to the university, school, or educational program that administers the funds on behalf of the student. The check is made payable to the student and the university/school and must be endorsed by the student and the university/school to be valid. A copy of the disbursement letter that is sent with the check to the university/school is also sent to the student.

ELIGIBILITY. Eligible applicants for the Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program are Alaska Natives who are original enrollees to Eklutna Inc. formed pursuant with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, and their direct lineal descendants, natural or legally adopted (children, grand-children, great-grandchildren), and so on down the line.

The scholarship and grant applicants:

- Should have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or better;
- Must be a full-time student enrolled in a degree program at an accredited or otherwise approved post-secondary college or university, or accepted to a college/university/institute if a scholarship applicant, **or**
- Must be enrolled part-time or full-time in a technical skills certificate or degree program such as (but not limited to) craft/trade, automotive technology, office occupations and computer technology which prepares the student for employment, **and**
- The college/university/institute must be accredited or otherwise approved by a recognized agency.

PROOF OF COMPLETION. A copy of final, official grade transcripts or certificate of completion must be submitted to The CIRI Foundation by scholarship, grant and fellowship recipients upon completion of each semester/term/quarter or the vocational training/career upgrade program at the conclusion of a course or courses for which the award applies. Award recipients are expected to complete the courses and credits for which they received their award at a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or better (on a 4.0 grading scale). This must happen before another Eklutna Inc. scholarship and grant application will be considered. Per The CIRI Foundation's Infraction Provision Policy (Page #4, Item I), failure to complete the terms of an award will jeopardize an applicant's future scholarship and grant funding eligibility.

AWARD USES. The Eklutna Inc. scholarship and grant funds are for tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, and personal expense.



TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Annual Scholarship. Deadline: June 1. An application for an annual scholarship must be re-submitted each year at the specified deadline for the academic year which a student seeks funding. *No more than one scholarship is awarded to a student during an academic year.*

Grants and Fellowships. Deadlines: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 1. A grant application must be submitted for any or all of the four (4) calendar year fiscal quarters.

SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT/FELLOWSHIP AMOUNT. The Eklutna Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program offers the following awards based on available funding:

- **Annual Scholarship:** Up to **\$1,000** for the academic year. Must re-apply each year.
- **Vocational or Career Upgrade Grant:** Up to **\$1,000** per calendar year.
- **General or Cultural Fellowship:** Up to **\$500** per calendar year.
- **Early Childhood and K-12 Development Grant:** Up to **\$300** per calendar year.
- **Urgent Needs Grant:** Up to **\$500** per calendar year. (*SUBMIT ONLY PAGE 10 OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR URGENT NEEDS GRANT*)

SELECTION CRITERIA. Selection of scholarship and grant recipients is based upon several criteria: timely submission; completeness of the application; GPA; rigor of course work; grade level; degree program; personal financial contribution; financial amount needed; employment preparation; statement of purpose; community service.

SELECTION DECISIONS. Award selections are made by The CIRI Foundation's Education Awards Committee. The decision of the committee is final. Written notice of selection results will be mailed to applicants. Such information will not be given over the telephone or via email.

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

Academic year: Begins August 1, 2009 and ends on July 31, 2010 (12 months).

ANCSA: Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Cumulative grade point average: Your cumulative grade point average (GPA) reflects your most recently completed coursework. TCF considers your cumulative high school GPA up until you have completed one term of post-secondary education; from that point forward, TCF will only consider your post-secondary education cumulative 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 9 graduate credit hours during a semester or term 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), 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 of Eklutna Inc. pursuant to ANCSA.

Original enrollees: Alaska Natives who originally enrolled to Eklutna Inc. pursuant to ANCSA. *Inherited or gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollment.*

Part-time student: Taking 11 or less undergraduate credit hours or 8 or less graduate credit hours during a semester/term/quarter or as defined by the school (official verification must be submitted).

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.), etc.



THE EKLUTNA INC. SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Unless otherwise noted, if awarded, an applicant is eligible to receive only one (1) award per application deadline from the categories described in pages 8-9. All scholarships, grants and fellowships are awarded subject to availability of funds. When there are more applications than funding available, meeting the minimum selection criteria is not a guarantee of funding at any level. Applicants will be considered for appropriate categories based on information supplied in their application.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose: Merit scholarships for applicants with academic promise.

Eligibility: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. Should have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or better.

Amount: Up to **\$1,000** received during an academic year.

Duration: One academic year only. Must re-apply each year.

Special features: Must be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 2-year or 4-year undergraduate degree or graduate degree program. The award is distributed in two equal installments; the first for the Fall term and the second for the Winter/Spring after receipt of final official grade transcripts for the Fall term.

Deadline: June 1

VOCATIONAL TRAINING GRANTS

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

Eligibility: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. Should have a high school diploma or GED; should maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average; must be prepared to demonstrate the availability of employment upon completion of the training.

Amount: Up to **\$1,000** 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.

Special Features: The applicant must be accepted or enrolled part- or full-time in a technical skills certificate or degree program such as (but not limited to) craft/trade, automotive technology, office occupations and computer technology which prepares the student for employment.

Deadline: 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: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. Should have a high school diploma or GED; should maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average; must be prepared to demonstrate the availability of employment upon completion of the training. For applicants preparing to enter, re-enter, or upgrade in the job market upon completion of training; must be able to demonstrate the availability of employment.

Amount: Up to **\$1,000** 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.

Special Features: The applicant must be accepted or enrolled part-time in a course of study that directly contributes toward potential employment or employment upgrade. Total course credits are not to exceed 11 credit hours per application.

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

GENERAL FELLOWSHIP

Purpose: For non-credit workshops or seminars that broaden an applicant's understanding and appreciation of education, culture, and society and directly relate to the improvement of the applicant's employment skills.

Eligibility: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. Should have a high school diploma or GED; should maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

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

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

Special Features: The applicant must be accepted or enrolled in a seminar or conference that is approved by The CIRI Foundation.

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



CULTURAL FELLOWSHIP

Purpose: To encourage applicants in perpetuating and transmitting the visual, literary and performing arts of Alaska Natives.

Eligibility: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. Should have a high school diploma or GED; should maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

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

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

Special Features: The applicant must be accepted or enrolled in a seminar or conference that is approved by The CIRI Foundation.

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND K-12 DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Purpose: To give support to infants, preschool, elementary, junior/middle or high school students who are in need of assistance to achieve standard learning and/or GPA levels in addition to academic enrichment or enhancement opportunities. (**NOTE:** Also consult no/low cost High School Diploma/GED attainment programs such as Cook Inlet Tribal Council's GED Classes, Alaska Technology Learning Center's High School Academy, or Nine Star Education & Employment Services' High School Completion Program.)

Eligibility: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. Should be enrolled in pre-school, elementary school, junior/middle school, or high school.

Amount: Up to **\$300** 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 cap has been reached.

Special Features: The parent/legal guardian of the student who is in grade, junior, or high school will need to provide an educational enhancement product price quote and the organization name of where it will be purchased. *Birth certificate and/or official adoption decree required to prove relationship of child(ren) and parent(s).*

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

URGENT NEEDS GRANT (SUBMIT ONLY PAGE 10 OF THIS DOCUMENT)

Purpose: To further employment of the applicant based upon **urgent** needs for tools, training, work clothing/uniform, and other items of similar interest.

Eligibility: Original enrollees and/or direct lineal descendants (natural or legally adopted) children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee of Eklutna Inc. *Must provide proof of employment.*

Amount: Up to **\$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 cap has been reached.

Special Features: Applicant must show written proof from an authorized third party, such as an employer's letter of hire, showing equipment and supplies needed to attain the job.

Deadline: No deadline.

ALL scholarships, grants, and fellowships are awarded subject to the availability of funds.



URGENT NEEDS GRANT APPLICATION – COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY

Note: Application deadlines do not apply to Urgent Needs Grants.

1. Complete page #10 only – include signature and date
2. Proof of eligibility (for first-time applicants) **Also, proof of name change if different from birth certificate or previous applications.**
3. Written proof of employment **in addition** to written proof from the third party (such as the employer's letter of hire) stating specific need for any equipment/supplies needed for the job.
4. Statement of purpose that describes work-related urgent needs.
5. Proof of registration for training (if applicable).

PERSONAL/EMPLOYER DATA AND ELIGIBILITY

Your Name (Last, First, M.I.)		EMPLOYER'S Name	
Your Permanent Address (correspondence will be mailed here)		SUPERVISOR'S Name	
City, State, Zip Code		EMPLOYER'S Mailing Address	
Your Tel No. () -	Your Fax or Cell Phone No. () -	City, State, Zip Code	
Date of Birth	Social Security No.	EMPLOYER'S Tel No. () -	EMPLOYER'S Fax No. () -

Have you applied before? No Yes, during the year (specify): ____
Other names used (if any): _____

Are you related to a current staff, board member, or officer of Eklutna Inc. or The CIRI Foundation (Not Cook Inlet Region, Inc., a.k.a. CIRI) No Yes (If yes, please name that person and your relationship to them): _____

I certify that I am: an Original Enrollee of Eklutna Inc. a Direct Lineal Descendant of an Original Enrollee of Eklutna Inc.

I am a direct lineal descendant of this Original Enrollee of Eklutna Inc:	Name (Last, First, M.I.)	Other Last Names Used
	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	

URGENT FUNDING NEEDS

WORK-RELATED EXPENSES	AMOUNT
* Training/Certification Fees:	\$ _____
** Equipment/Supplies/Tools:	\$ _____
Required Clothing/Uniform:	\$ _____
Other (specify):	\$ _____
TOTAL WORK-RELATED EXPENSES	\$ _____

* Submit proof of registration for training (if applicable).

** Submit proof from an authorized third party, such as an employer's letter of hire, showing equipment, supplies and tools needed to attain the job.

STATEMENT OF CORRECTNESS, UNDERSTANDING, AND AUTHORIZATION: To the best of my knowledge and belief, I attest that the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete. I understand that this application does not commit The CIRI Foundation (TCF) to award a grant to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application and any award decision made by the Education Awards Committee is final. Any grant funds, if approved, will **only** be used for work-related expenses to further my employment and any unused funds will be refunded to TCF **immediately** if it is determined they are not needed for the work-related expenses as submitted in this application. I understand that I must submit written authorization for TCF team members to release any information about me or my application prior to the release of any information for inquiries made by a third party.

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