

Our Mission

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 CIRI Foundation supports the education and career development of eligible original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI) and their direct lineal descendants through post-secondary scholarships and grants. Individuals with inherited or gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollees, but may be eligible if they are a lineal descendant.

GENERAL SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIPS

For full-time, degree-seeking students. Up to \$2,500 per semester/term*

Application deadlines:

June 1 December 1

CAREER UPGRADE GRANTS

For part-time, degree-seeking students. Up to \$4,500 per calendar year*

Application deadlines:

March 31 September 30
June 30 December 1

VOCATIONAL TRAINING GRANTS

For students in vocational training or certificate programs. Up to \$4,500 per calendar year*

Application deadlines:

March 31 September 30
June 30 December 1

* All scholarship and grant amounts are subject to available funding.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Applications must be received on or before the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are not considered.

- 1. **Three-Page Application.** The complete, signed, and dated three-page scholarship and grant application provided by The CIRI Foundation. If you are submitting a web application, an original signature on page three is still required.
- 2a. **Proof of Eligibility for Lineal Descendants.** (*New Applicants Only*) Lineal descendants of original CIRI enrollees must provide the relevant documents to confirm their relationship. (e.g. official birth certificate(s) or adoption decree linking you to the original enrollee.) More than one birth certificate may be necessary. *Sworn statements or affidavits are not accepted as official verification of eligibility.*
 - If you are eligible for a village scholarship/grant through Niniilchik Native Association, Inc., Salamatof Native Association, Inc., Native Village of Eklutna or Eklutna, Inc. (for Daniel Alex Scholarship & Grant Fund only), please include an official written statement or enrollment cards from your village corporation.
- 2b. **Proof of Name Change.** Any legal name changes must be supported by official documentation (i.e. marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc). *Sworn statements or affidavits are not accepted.*
- 3. **One Letter of Reference.** The letter must include the signature, date and contact information of the individual who provided the reference (non-family members, please); and is valid for three years.
- 4. **Official Grade Transcripts and/or Certificate of Completion.** Submit a copy of your official transcripts/certificates for the most current coursework completed. Your cumulative GPA must be 2.5 or above to be eligible for funding. 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.
- 5. **Statement of Purpose.** Attach a written statement of purpose. Complete instructions regarding the Statement of Purpose are on Page 2, Section F. Your statement is evaluated for clarity of goals, correct use of English language, relationship to community, and overall quality.
- 6. **Proof of Acceptance/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 you are applying for a vocational training program that requires payment upon registration, proof of **Intent to Register** from the school may be submitted to fulfill this requirement.
- 7. **Photograph.** (optional) Please note that your photograph becomes the property of TCF and may be used in print and electronic TCF Publications. Digital photos may be emailed to tcf@thecirifoundation.org.

Submit your application to:

The CIRI Foundation

3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Ste. 256, Anchorage, AK 99508

Tel: (907) 793-3575 // Toll-Free: (800) 764-3382 // Fax: (907) 793-3585

Website: www.thecirifoundation.org // Email: tcf@thecirifoundation.org

A. ELIGIBILITY- CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Name:

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 OF: <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) <input type="checkbox"/> Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. <input type="checkbox"/> Salamatof Native Association (SNAI) <input type="checkbox"/> Salamatof Native Association Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Native Village of Eklutna or Eklutna, Inc. (required only for Daniel Alex Scholarship & Grant fund.)	2	I am a direct lineal descendant of this Original Enrollee of CIRI: Name (Last, First, M.I.): _____
		3	Other Last Names Used (if applicable):
		4	Relationship: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Grandparent <input type="checkbox"/> Great-Great Grandparent

B. PERSONAL DATA

5	Name (Last, First, M.I.)		Other Last Names Used (if applicable)	
6	Mailing Address (correspondence will be mailed here)		E-mail address (correspondence will be emailed here)	
7	City	State	Zip Code	Tel No. - -
8	Date of birth (month/day/year)	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Fax No. - -	
9	Are you related to a current Board member of The CIRI Foundation? (not Cook Inlet Region, Inc.) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, provide their name and your relationship.			

C. APPLICATION CATEGORY AND DEADLINE

10	Scholarship Deadlines <i>(For full-time, degree-seeking students)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> June 1 <input type="checkbox"/> December 1	Career Upgrade and Vocational Training Grant Deadlines <i>(For part-time, degree-seeking students, vocational training, and certificate-seeking students)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> March 31 <input type="checkbox"/> September 30 <input type="checkbox"/> June 30 <input type="checkbox"/> December 1
	11 Have you applied to TCF before? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, when?	

D. EDUCATION LEVEL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

12	EDUCATION LEVEL & YEAR OF COMPLETION: check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently in High School <input type="checkbox"/> I am a High School Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> I have a General Education Diploma (GED) <input type="checkbox"/> I have a vocational training/certificate <input type="checkbox"/> I have a 2-year Associates Degree_ <input type="checkbox"/> I have a 4-year Degree <input type="checkbox"/> I have a Masters Degree or PhD <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently in college: <input type="checkbox"/> Frsh. <input type="checkbox"/> Soph. <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. <input type="checkbox"/> Sen. <input type="checkbox"/> Grad. <input type="checkbox"/> Cert. <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> I have not been enrolled in the past five years	
	13	Recent Community/Volunteer Activities, Honors, Awards, or Accomplishments (If none, put n/a):

E. EDUCATION PLANS

Name:

14	Name of School	<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if your program is online, distance-delivery, or correspondence.							
15	Financial Aid Office Address	Tel No. - -							
16	City	State Zip Code							
17		Fax No. - -							
17	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:15%;">Current Degree Program</td> <td style="width:15%;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2-year Associates</td> <td style="width:15%;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4-year Bachelors</td> <td style="width:15%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Masters</td> <td style="width:15%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate</td> <td style="width:15%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training/Certificate</td> <td style="width:15%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</td> </tr> </table>	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	
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18	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Major / Field of Study: <input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared								
19	Expected date of Completion/Graduation:								
20	My most recent cumulative grade point average (GPA) is: _____ (If GED, put 2.5)	Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above to be eligible for funding.							
21	<u>My school calendar is based on:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Quarters <input type="checkbox"/> Trimesters <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify time period, weeks, months, year, etc.):	<u>I am applying for the term(s):</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify time period, weeks months, year, etc.):							
21		Term Start Date: _____ Term End Date: _____							
22	I will complete _____ credits/hours during this term. <i>(Please send TCF written notification of any changes.)</i>								
23	<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that I am expected to complete all of the courses and credits on Line #22 for which I receive funding from The CIRI Foundation (check box).								
24	INFRACTION POLICY - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY Scholarship and grant recipients must complete all courses and credits for which they are funded and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better (on a 4.0 grading scale). Failure to complete the terms of an award will jeopardize future scholarship and grant funding eligibility. <i>A scholarship/grant recipient in an infraction situation will be ineligible to apply to The CIRI Foundation for two (2) award deadlines from the date of determination made by The CIRI Foundation.</i> The date of determination is based on when TCF is notified of the infraction. To the extent possible, all unused funds will be recovered from the post-secondary institution and returned to The CIRI Foundation.								
24	CHECK BOX TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE INFRACTION POLICY → <input type="checkbox"/>								

F. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>New Applicants</u> (approximately 500 words) – Describe your education and career goals. How does your degree program fit with your education and career plans? How are you currently or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native community? You may attach your personal history and a summary of accomplishments. • <u>Repeat Applicants</u> (approximately 300 words) – Update your education and career goals. 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? How are you currently, or plan to, contribute to a positive Alaska Native Community? You may attach your a summary of recent accomplishments.
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G. BUDGET FORECAST

Name: _____

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

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

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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 or Grants	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0	TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$ 0
		AMOUNT NEEDED=(TOTAL EXPENSES - TOTAL FUNDS)	\$ 0

♣ Only students living in school-provided, on-campus housing are eligible to use award funds toward room/meal plan costs.
♦ Examples of Personal Expenses include, but are not limited to, off-campus housing, meals, transportation, and childcare.

H. CERTIFICATION

By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the funding guidelines and terms specified below:

1. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true, correct and complete.
2. It is my responsibility - not that of The CIRI Foundation (board or staff) or any other party (e.g. parent, spouse, academic advisor) – to obtain and submit the necessary application materials on or before the deadline to receive consideration for any award.
3. This application does not obligate The CIRI Foundation to award an education scholarship or grant or to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application. All decisions made by the Education Awards Committee are final.
4. If approved for a scholarship or grant, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the award. If, for any reason, I am unable to use the award for which I am selected, the full amount or any portion thereof is to be refunded to The CIRI Foundation.
5. I understand that I am required to complete all courses and credits for which I am funded by The CIRI Foundation.
6. 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.
7. I give The CIRI Foundation permission to release, as appropriate, my comments, photo, name, address, email, and telephone number for employment or education referrals and CIRI publications.

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

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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 at an accredited or recognized institution. 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 have a high school diploma or GED and be accepted or enrolled full-time in a 2-year or a 4-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. Applicants must 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 have a high school diploma or GED and 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 have a high school diploma or GED and 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 experience and outstanding community service.

Requirements: Must have a high school diploma or GED and 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. Submit your application **before** the start date of your coursework. Courses completed before the application deadline are not eligible for funding.

Applicants are considered for the appropriate award category based on their submitted information. Please note – the annual scholarship awards are highly competitive. All applications meeting the requirements for an annual scholarship award are considered. You cannot apply, specifically, for an annual award.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD USES

The priority of The CIRI Foundation is to help you meet your direct educational expenses including tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, and on-campus housing/meal plans. 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 at an accredited or recognized institution <<OR>>**
- **Students enrolled part-time or full-time in a vocational training or technical skills program at an accredited or recognized institution 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. Submit your application **before** the start date of your coursework. Courses completed before the application deadline are not eligible for funding.

When TCF receives more eligible applications than the available funding, meeting the minimum selection criteria does not guarantee funding at any level. Applicants are considered for the appropriate award category based on their submitted information.

GRANT AWARD USES

The priority of The CIRI Foundation is to help you meet your direct educational expenses including tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, and on-campus housing/meal plans. 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. Funding decisions are only released in writing; they are not released over the telephone or in person. Funded students are sent an award letter that contains the award terms and the responsibilities of the recipient. It is essential that award recipients read and understand the terms of their financial aid.

INFRACTION PROVISION POLICY/ENROLLMENT CHANGES

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 scale. In general, enrollment changes that are made within the add/drop period at your institution are permissible. However, schedule changes made after the add/drop period that reduce the overall credit load may result in an infraction. There is no penalty for completing more credits or classes than those listed on your application. Please send written notification of any enrollment or schedule changes to TCF. **Students in an infraction situation will be ineligible to apply to The CIRI Foundation for two (2) award deadlines from the date of determination. The date of determination is based on when TCF is notified of the infraction.**

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 (i.e. payable to school only, online program), please indicate on the application (line #14).

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

An applicant is permitted to receive only one (1) award at a time and no more than two (2) general semester scholarship awards per academic year or the maximum amount of grant funding in a calendar year.

If you have additional questions, 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.

Applications received at the appropriate deadlines that meet the eligibility requirements will be considered for awards through the designated endowments and named funds.

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

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 KALIFORNSKY 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 degree 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

DANIEL ALEX SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT FUND

Established in memory of Mr. Daniel Alex to offer post-secondary education scholarships and vocational training grants in order to encourage professional preparation for careers after high school and to enhance employment skills of eligible and qualified beneficiaries.

Eligibility: Preference is given to students enrolled in the study of Physics, Mathematics, Business Management, and Education. Applicants must be an original enrollee of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI); Eklutna, Inc; and/or the Native Village of Eklutna and their direct lineal descendants. Must provide proof of eligibility.

Deadlines: June 1 and December 1 for full-time, degree-seeking students. June 30 for vocational training students.

VILLAGE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The CIRI Foundation is proud to support the members of and descendants of original enrollees for the following villages in the Cook Inlet Region. These funds administered by The CIRI Foundation in accordance to the management agreements established 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

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

As of March 31, 2010 The Tebughna Foundation now administers the Tyonek Native Corporation Scholarship and Grant Program. Please contact them for more information:

Tebughna Foundation
1689 C Street, Ste. 221
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Phone: 907-272-0707
Fax: 907-274-7125

Email: tebughna@tyonek.com
Web: tebughnafoundation.com

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.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The CIRI Foundation Fellowship program is open to original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants (either natural-born or legally adopted). Individuals who have inherited or received gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollees.

All fellowships subject to available funding and up to the amounts listed below.

GENERAL FELLOWSHIP

For non-credit workshops or seminars to improve employment skills. Up to \$250 in a calendar year.

Application deadlines

March 31	September 30
June 30	December 1

CULTURAL HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP

For the study of visual, literary, and performing arts of Alaska Natives. Up to \$250 in a calendar year.

Application deadlines

March 31	September 30
June 30	December 1

If you are enrolled a degree, certificate, or vocational training program, please see the Scholarship or Grant Program Eligibility and Deadlines.

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 of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants (either natural-born or legally adopted). Must be at least 18 years of age; should have a high school diploma or GED. Should have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. The applicant must be accepted or enrolled in a seminar or conference approved by The CIRI Foundation.

Amount: Up to \$250 received during a calendar year.

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

CULTURAL HERITAGE FELLOWSHIP

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

Eligibility: Original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants (either natural-born or legally adopted). Must be at least 18 years of age; should have a high school diploma or GED. Should have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. The applicant must be accepted or enrolled in a seminar or conference approved by The CIRI Foundation.

Amount: Up to \$250 received during a calendar year.

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

DEADLINES

The CIRI Foundation must **receive** your application on or before the deadline to receive consideration. The deadline is not a postmark deadline and late applications will not be considered. Deadlines remain in effect whether the day falls on a weekend or a holiday. Submit your application before the start date of your fellowship coursework. Workshops and courses completed before the application deadline are not eligible for funding.

When TCF receives more eligible applications than the available funding, meeting the minimum selection criteria does not guarantee funding at any level. Applicants are considered for the appropriate award category based on the information submitted.

Submit the Fellowship Application and supporting documents to:

The CIRI Foundation
3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Ste. 256
Anchorage, AK 99508

Tel: (907) 793-3575 // Toll-Free: (800) 764-3382 // Fax: (907) 793-3585
Website: www.thecirifoundation.org // Email: tcf@thecirifoundation.org

The following items are required for a complete Fellowship Application:

1. Complete, sign, and date this one-page application
2. Proof of eligibility (for first-time applicants)
3. Statement of purpose – Attach a written statement of purpose summarizing your education/career goals.
4. Proof of registration/enrollment for training – Please include a description of the training/workshop/seminar.

Your Name (Last, First, M.I.) _____, _____, _____		Other Last Names Used (if applicable) _____	
Date of Birth ____/____/____		↓ ORGANIZATION PROVIDING TRAINING ↓	
Email Address _____		ORGANIZATION Name _____	
Permanent Address (correspondence will be mailed here) _____ _____ _____		ORGANIZATION Address _____ _____ _____	
City, State, Zip Code _____, _____, _____		City, State, Zip Code _____, _____, _____	
Your Tel No. () - _____	Your Fax or Cell Phone No. () - _____	Tel No. () - _____	Fax No. () - _____

Have you applied for a fellowship before? No Yes, during the year (specify): _____

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

I certify that I am:
 an original enrollee of CIRI
 a direct lineal descendant of an original enrollee of CIRI.

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

	TRAINING COSTS	AMOUNT
Training Start Date: _____	Registration / Fees:	\$ _____
Training End Date: _____	Equipment / Supplies / Tools:	\$ _____
	Other (specify):	\$ _____
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____

By signing this statement, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the funding guidelines and terms specified below:

- To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is true, correct and complete.
- This application does not obligate The CIRI Foundation (TCF) to award a fellowship to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application. All award decision made by the Education Awards Committee are final.
- Approved funds will only be used for non-credit workshops or seminars that broaden my understanding and appreciation of education, culture, and society and directly improve my employment skills.
- I understand that I am required to complete the course/training for which I receive any funding, per the Infraction Provision Policy (see page 6). Unused funds will be refunded to TCF immediately if it is determined they are not needed for the expenses as submitted in this application.
- I understand that I must submit prior written authorization allowing TCF to release any information regarding my application to a third party.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____