



2010 HOWARD ROCK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship Program was created in 1986 to promote and assist innovative economic development projects for rural Alaska. The mission of the Howard Rock Foundation is to empower Alaska Natives to achieve maximum benefit from post-secondary educational and leadership opportunities. Awards are made based on available funding from Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc. and through the generous donations by Verbeck Smith. The Foundation administers the Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship Program through an agreement developed in December 1998 with Alaska Village Initiatives.

Eligible applicants for the Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship are:

1. Alaska Natives who are original enrollees or direct lineal descendants of original enrollees (natural born or legally adopted) of a regional/village corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA); <<**OR**>>
2. Alaska Natives who are members of a tribal/other Native organization.

The ANCSA regional/village corporation or tribal/other Native organization must also be a current member of Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc. (AVI). For questions about AVI membership, contact the AVI membership desk at (907) 274-5400 or toll-free (800) 478-2332.

HOWARD ROCK UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

For full-time, undergraduate students enrolled in a four-year program (preference given to Junior and Senior-level college students.) \$2,500 per academic year

Application deadline

March 31, 2010

HOWARD ROCK GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

For full-time, graduate students. \$5,000 per academic year

Application deadline

March 31, 2010

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Application.** Must be received by Wednesday, March 31, 2010, (11:59pm Alaska Time). Late applications will not be considered. Award decisions are based on the information you provide in your application and accompanying materials. NOTE: Required documents will not be copied from a student's TCF or other scholarship application file to fulfill the Howard Rock Scholarship application requirements. Outdated versions of the application will not be accepted.
- 2a. Proof of Eligibility.** *If you are an Alaska Native **original enrollee**, submit the following:*
 - Official written statement from the ANCSA regional/village corporation or other tribal/Native organization to confirm original enrollment; and,
 - Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB/CDIB).*If you are a **direct lineal descendant** of an original enrollee, submit the following:*
 - Official written statement from the ANCSA regional/village corporation or other tribal/Native organization to confirm original enrollment; and,
 - Birth certificate(s) to verify your relationship as a direct descendant (natural or legally adopted) of an Alaska Native original enrollee; and,
 - Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB/CDIB).
- 2b. Name Change Documentation.** Any legal name changes must be supported by official documentation (i.e. marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc). *Sworn statements or affidavits are not accepted to verify eligibility or name changes.*
- 3. Official Grade Transcripts.** *Applicants must have earned a high school diploma or a GED to receive consideration.* Submit an official copy of your transcripts for the most current coursework completed. Official grade transcripts are signed by the school's registrar and/or have an official seal from the school.
- 4. Statement of Purpose (minimum 500 words).** See Page 3, Section E for complete instructions. Your statement of purpose is important and evaluated carefully by the Education Awards Committee.
- 5. Letter of Reference.** Letters must include the signature, date and contact information of the individual who provided the reference (non-family members, please); and are valid for three years.
- 6. Letter of Acceptance.** Submit a copy of the final, unconditional letter of acceptance into a four-year undergraduate or graduate degree program. The letter must indicate your degree program and declared major.
- 7. Photograph (optional).** Submit a photograph of yourself. Please note that your photograph becomes the property of TCF and may be used in TCF publications as appropriate

Submit your application to:

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A. PERSONAL DATA

1	Name (Last, First, M.I.)		Other Last Names Used (if applicable)	
2	Mailing Address <i>(correspondence will be mailed here)</i>		E-mail address <i>(correspondence will be emailed here)</i>	
3	City	State	Zip Code	Tel No. () -
4	Date of birth (Month/Day/Year) / /	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Fax No. () -
5	Are you related to a current board or staff member of Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI) or The CIRI Foundation? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please specify the board or staff member and your relationship: _____			
6	Have you applied for the Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship Program before? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, during the year (specify): _____			

B. ELIGIBILITY

7	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 THE: <input type="checkbox"/> ANCSA regional or village corporation named: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional IRA or tribal government named: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI) member organization named: _____ _____	Name of Original Enrollee: 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"/> Great-Great Grandparent
8	To the best of my knowledge, the regional/village corporation to which I am an original enrollee or direct lineal descendant of an original enrollee; or the tribal or other Native organization of which I am a member or shareholder of is a <u>current</u> member of Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc. (AVI). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>For questions about AVI membership, contact the AVI membership desk at (907) 274-5400 or toll-free (800) 478-2332. The organization MUST be a current member of AVI.</i>	

C. EDUCATION & RELATED ACTIVITIES

9	Education Level & Year of completion: <u>CHECK ALL THAT APPLY</u> <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 Bachelors Degree _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have a Masters Degree or PhD _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently in College: <input type="checkbox"/> Fr. <input type="checkbox"/> Soph. <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. <input type="checkbox"/> Sen. <input type="checkbox"/> Grad. <input type="checkbox"/> M.D. <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
10	Recent Community/Volunteer Activities, Honors, Awards, Accomplishments (if none put n/a): _____ _____ _____



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D. EDUCATION PLANS

11	Name of School		<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if your program is online or correspondence.	
12	Financial Aid Office Address		Tel No. () -	
13	City	State	Zip Code	Fax No. () -
14	Current Degree Program	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-year Bachelors	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
15	<input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Major / Field of study: _____			
16	Expected date of completion/graduation: ___/___/___			
17	My most recent cumulative grade point average (GPA) is: _____ Minimum cumulative GPA requirement: 2.5 for undergraduate, 3.0 for graduate. (If GED, put 2.5)			
18	My school calendar is based on: <input type="checkbox"/> Semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Quarters <input type="checkbox"/> Trimesters <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify time period, weeks, months, year, etc.): _____		This application is for the academic year: Beginning : ___ / ___ / 2010 Ending : ___ / ___ / 2011 <i>Applicants must be enrolled full-time for the entire academic year.</i>	
19	I will complete _____ credits or hours per term/quarter/semester for the academic year 2010/2011. <i>*If changes in enrollment occur, notify The CIRI Foundation in writing immediately</i>			
20	<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that I am expected to complete all of the courses and credits for which I receive funding from The Howard Rock Foundation (see #21)			
21	INFRACTION POLICY— Please read carefully Scholarship recipients must complete courses and credits, or program of study as stated on their application. Undergraduate students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better, while Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 grading scale). Should the eligibility and selection criteria not be maintained by the scholarship recipient, that person will be ineligible to apply to The Howard Rock Scholarship 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.			
	CHECK THIS BOX TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE INFRACTION POLICY →			<input type="checkbox"/>

E. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

22 The mission of the Howard Rock Foundation is to empower Alaska Natives to achieve maximum benefit from post-secondary educational and leadership opportunities. By maximizing these opportunities, the Howard Rock Foundation will provide Alaska's Natives with credentials to develop stronger and healthier communities and economies.

Attach a written Statement of Purpose (minimum of 500 words in length) Describe your education and career goals. Explain your reason for these goals and how your degree program fits with your education and career plans. How do you currently or plan to contribute to a positive Alaska Native community? You may include your personal history and a summary of accomplishments.

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F. BUDGET FORECAST

23 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 #18.
Do not leave any blanks. If the amount is zero, put -0-.

24 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): _____	\$ _____
		Academic Financial Aid	
		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 living in school-provided, on-campus housing are eligible to use award funds toward room/meal plan costs.

G. CERTIFICATION

By signing this statement, I agree to the guidelines and terms below.

I understand that this application does not obligate The Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship Program as funded by Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc. (AVI) and administered by The CIRI Foundation (TCF), to award an education scholarship to pay any costs incurred in the submission of this application.

I understand that it is my responsibility - NOT that of TCF, AVI, or any other party (e.g. parent, spouse) - to submit the application and required materials on or before the deadline to receive consideration for a Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship Program award. I understand that award decisions made by the Education Awards Committee are final.

If I receive a scholarship award, I am expected to complete the courses and credits, and maintain the GPA requirement. Undergraduate scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better. Graduate scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better (on a 4.0 grading scale). *If any changes in enrollment occur, contact TCF. Failure to complete the terms of an award will jeopardize future scholarship funding eligibility.*

Upon completion of the semester or term, I will submit a copy of my final, official grade transcripts to TCF to verify completion of the courses and credits during the semester or term for which the award was made. If I am unable to use the award for which I am selected, then the full amount of an award or any portion thereof is to be refunded to TCF.

I must submit written consent for TCF to release any information related to my application. *In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, all submitted information is confidential. Information will not be released to another party (including parents or family members) without written consent from the applicant.*

I give TCF permission to release my comments, photos, name, address, email, and telephone number for employment or education referrals and CIRI publications (print or electronic) as appropriate.

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



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ABOUT HOWARD ROCK: Howard Rock was born at Point Hope, Alaska on August 10, 1911 to an Inupiat family who were subsistence hunters and fishermen. While an artist, Mr. Rock distinguished himself in Alaska history by establishing the *Tundra Times* in 1962, a statewide newspaper, at a time when communications in Alaska were extremely limited. The *Tundra Times* became an important unifying voice for Alaska Natives on important issues. Later the newspaper played a key role in the development of the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1967 and passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. "From the beginning," Mr. Rock said, "we mentioned land claims and historic rights of Alaska's Native people." Mr. Rock also helped establish the World Eskimo, Indian Olympics and the Institute of Alaska Native Arts. Howard Rock died on April 20, 1976.

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THE CIRI FOUNDATION. The CIRI Foundation, established in 1982 by Cook Inlet Region, Inc., one of the thirteen Alaska Native regional corporations established through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, provides opportunities for financial aid to eligible and qualified Alaska Natives who are enrolled in academic studies at colleges and universities throughout the world. The Foundation administers the Howard Rock Foundation Scholarship Program through an agreement developed in December 1998 with Alaska Village Initiatives.

ELIGIBILITY. Applicants for a Howard Rock Foundation scholarship must be 1) Alaska Natives who are original enrollees or direct lineal descendants of original enrollees, natural or legally adopted, of an ANCSA regional/village corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) of 1971; or 2) Alaska Natives who are members of a tribal/other Native organization. Further, the ANCSA regional/village corporation(s) or other tribal/Native organization(s) with whom the applicant is related must be current members of Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc. (AVI).

Howard Rock Scholarship applicants must meet the following qualifications in order to be considered:

- eligibility requirements as indicated above.
- have a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED).
- have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA for undergraduate level and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for graduate level
- demonstrate financial need.
- be *unconditionally and fully accepted* into a 4-year undergraduate degree program or a graduate degree program with a *declared major*.
- be a full-time student (12 undergraduate credit hours or more per semester/term or 9 graduate credit hours or more per semester/term during the entire academic year).
- be a member of an Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI) member organization that is current and in good standing.
- not be a member of the Alaska Village Initiatives Board of Directors and staff, Howard Rock Foundation Board of Directors and staff, nor immediate family members of either organization.

DEADLINE. Applications must be received by The CIRI Foundation by Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 11:59pm Alaska Time. Late applications will not be considered. All requested materials must be received by The CIRI Foundation before the Education Awards Committee meets.

Two types of scholarships are available on an annual basis, subject to available funding:

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

(Two (2) available)

Amount: \$2,500

Duration: One academic year

Special features: Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED, be accepted into a 4-year undergraduate degree program, and have a minimum **2.5** cumulative GPA.

Preference will be given to third-year (Junior) and fourth-year (Senior) college level students.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

(One (1) available)

Amount: \$5,000

Duration: One academic year

Special features: Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED, be accepted into a graduate degree program, and have a minimum **3.0** cumulative GPA.

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DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. The Foundation disburses award checks directly to the university or school 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. Please refer to the award letter for disbursement details.

PROOF OF COMPLETION. A copy of final, official grade transcripts must be submitted to The CIRI Foundation on behalf of AVI by a scholarship recipient upon completion of each semester for which the scholarship applies. This must happen before any newly approved scholarships will be awarded by The Foundation and released to the student's university/school. Award recipients are expected to complete the courses and credits for which they received their award. Scholarship recipients must complete full-time enrollment at a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or better (on a 4.0 grading scale) for undergraduate level, and a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA or better for graduate level. Per The Howard Rock Foundation **Infraction Provision Policy**, failure to complete the terms of an award will jeopardize an applicant's future scholarship funding eligibility.

AWARD USES. This scholarship is only for tuition, student registration fees, course-required books/supplies, and on-campus housing/meal plans for students who must live away from their permanent residence in order to attend college.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FORMS. It is the student's responsibility to request the current scholarship application materials from The CIRI Foundation, even though The Foundation may periodically send application forms to interested parties as a courtesy. This courtesy is not to be interpreted to be an obligation by The Foundation nor a reason for the student's failure to submit a scholarship application by the stated deadline. Applications are updated annually. Please request an updated application for the year you are applying and use the most current application. All other applications will be rejected.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND DECISIONS. The CIRI Foundation's Education Awards Committee makes the award selections and their decision is final. Written notice of selection results are mailed to all applicants. The award letter will state which type of award was made by TCF and contains very specific, important details regarding a recipient's award. It is essential that the recipient read and understand the terms of an award. **Selection results are not released by telephone or in person.**

DEFINITIONS.

The following terms used throughout this scholarship 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) includes 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 at least 9 graduate credit hours during a semester/term/quarter 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.), Juris Doctor (J.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 are the natural or legally adopted children, grandchildren, etc. of an original enrollee to a regional or village corporation as provided in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA).

Original Enrollees: Alaska Natives who originally enrolled to a regional or village corporation as provided in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). *Inherited or gifted shares do not qualify as original enrollment.*

TCF: The CIRI Foundation.

The Foundation: The CIRI Foundation.

Undergraduate Degree Programs: 4-year degrees, including Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), etc.

All scholarships 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.

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