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**THE CIRI FOUNDATION INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
AND GRANT AWARDS TOTAL \$509,000 FOR SPRING TERM**

(ANCHORAGE, AK – February 8, 2010)— 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 who are original enrollees of Cook Inlet region and their descendents

TCF is excited to announce that even in tough economic times; it is still focused on helping eligible students attend post-secondary educational institutions.

Following the December 1, 2009 deadline, 255 individuals were awarded scholarships and grants totaling more than \$509,610 for the Spring 2010 semester. These awards include general semester scholarships, career upgrade grants, and vocational training grants.

Scholarship recipient Brenda Finnegan expressed her thanks via an email to The CIRI Foundation, "Thank you so much for the scholarship...my heart is deeply thankful to you and CIRI...Thank you!"

The CIRI Foundation is in its 28<sup>th</sup> year of supporting educational dreams. Since 1983, TCF has awarded more than \$16.6 million in scholarships and grants to over 10,800 CIRI original enrollees and descendents seeking post-secondary education and training all over the world.

Contact The CIRI Foundation via phone, 1.800.764.3382 or 907.793.3575 or email [tcf@thecirifoundation.org](mailto:tcf@thecirifoundation.org). Application information, selection criteria, and guidelines for these merit-based awards can be reviewed online at [www.thecirifoundation.org](http://www.thecirifoundation.org).

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