



Combined Application for College & Higher Education

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF), Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC), Kawerak, Inc., Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) and Sitnasuak Foundation (SF) have joined together to create one application for students applying for scholarships from any of the five (5) organizations. The purpose is to make the process efficient and easier for students.

How is the cooperative application process efficient and easier for students?

These organizations require much of the same information. Pages 5-7 of the application meet the needs of all organizations. When pages 5-7 are complete, please submit them to **each** of the organization(s) to whom you are applying, along with each organization's required documents. *Pages 8-16 provide specific guidelines and requirements for each organization's scholarship program.*

How do I complete the CACHE?

It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

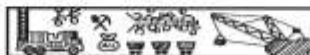
- 1** Read the CACHE completely to determine which scholarship(s) you are eligible for and to learn the requirements for each one.
- 2** After determining eligibility, fill out pages 5-7, include the required documents for each organization, and fill out page 9 for BSF, page 10 for Sitnasuak Foundation and page 13 for NSEDC.
- 3** NSEDC, Kawerak and NSHC, each have separate scholarship programs, the Bering Straits Foundation and Sitnasuak Foundation have different requirements but are managed out of the same office. Find the fax number or mailing address of each agency for which you are eligible to apply. **It is your responsibility to apply to each organization.** Information for each scholarship program is available on pages 8-16 of the CACHE. (Also see contact information below).



Sitnasuak
Foundation



Bering Straits Foundation



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NSHC: Ph: 907-443-4508 or 1-888-559-3311
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P.O. Box 966 Nome, AK 99762

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1. CACHE COMMON GUIDELINES	BSF	Sitnasuak	Kawerak	NSEDC	NSHC
Required Documents					
Application, pages 5-7 (add page 9 for BSF, page 10 for Sitnasuak and page 13 for NSEDC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Certificate	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Letters of Recommendation	2	2	2	2	2
High School Diploma or GED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letter of Acceptance from School	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official Transcripts	Verified Unofficial-Ok	Verified Unofficial-Ok	Verified Unofficial-Ok	Yes, once a year	Verified Unofficial-Ok
Class Schedule (or course outline for Voc. students)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Current Photo of Applicant	No	No	Optional	No	No
Eligibility Requirements					
Must be a Bering Strait Region Resident	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Must be a Shareholder or Lineal Descendant	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Native Preference established	Yes, Shareholder/ Lineal Descendant	Yes, Shareholder/ Lineal Descendant	Yes, Tribal Member, see page 11 for more information	No	No
Must show financial need	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Must attend an <u>accredited</u> Vocational or College/ University Institution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full-Time Student (12+ semester credits, 10+ quarter credits, or 9+ graduate credits)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part-Time Student (6-11 semester credits, 6-9 quarter credits or 3-8 graduate credits)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, contact NSEDC	Yes, contact NSHC
Terms Funded & Deadlines					
Fall Term Deadline (including students on quarters/trimesters)	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30	June 30	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30
Spring Term Deadline (including students on quarters/trimesters)	December 1	December 1	December 1	December 31	December 31
Summer Term Deadline (including students on quarters/trimesters)	No	No	April 15	May 31	No
Vocational Training Deadline	2 weeks prior to start of class. Graduating Seniors-April 30th	2 weeks prior to start of class. Graduating Seniors-April 30th	No Deadline	No Deadline	Same as Fall & Spring
GPA Requirements					
GPA Requirements for high school graduating seniors	3.0 college 2.5 Voc. Ed.	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5
GPA minimum requirements for college or vocational training	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5

Applications must be submitted for **EACH TERM** (semester/quarter/trimester) a student is attending school/training by the deadlines written above. **Students who are on quarters/trimesters MUST turn in their application by the required deadlines stated above for Fall, Spring and Summer.** Late applications will NOT be considered.

2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

Please submit pages 5, 6 & 7 (COMPLETED) with the following information, PLUS any specific additional information required by the organization(s) in which you are applying for scholarships.

CACHE-New Applicant Check List			
Verification of eligibility forms:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bering Straits Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sitnasuak Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> NSEDC
Personal statement of educational goals and objectives (filled out on page 4 or on a separate piece of paper)			
Resume' (optional)			
Birth certificate	and	Adoption Decree (if applicable)	
2 letters of recommendation			
Acceptance letter from school			
OFFICIAL Transcript	OR	GED Certificate	
Class schedule			

* All documents, with the exception of the official transcripts and class schedule, MUST be submitted with the CACHE application pages 5, 6 and 7 (postmarked/faxed/emailed **before** or **on** the deadline date) incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

3. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here is a list of common questions students ask. If further assistance is required ask the organization to whom you are applying or your school counselor/ student advisor.

Where do I go for help while at school? Most schools have a guidance counselor or an advisor.

What are official transcripts? Official transcripts are the academic records from a high school, college or vocational training school that you have attended. Official transcripts are to be sent from the school to the appropriate CACHE organization(s). Some schools will give the official transcripts to the student in a sealed envelope and then the student needs to give them to the appropriate CACHE organization(s) still sealed. Electronic college/vocational transcripts (emailed) are accepted by most scholarship organizations.

Where do I get official transcripts? High school official transcripts can be requested from your school counselor or school office. College and vocational training transcripts are generally requested from the Registrar's or Admission's Office. Most schools charge a small fee for official transcripts.

What is a letter of acceptance? A letter from the college or vocational training program indicating the degree/training program and term that you have been accepted to. If a student changes schools, a letter of acceptance into the new school is required.

What is a class schedule? A class schedule shows how many credits a student is enrolled in during a specific term.

Where do I get a class schedule? A class schedule can be obtained from the Registrar's or Admission's office or from your online school account, after class enrollment. Include a copy of the tuition bill or a copy of the on-line enrollment that includes the student name, the term, a list of classes and number of credits.

What if I decide not to go to school or finish the term? Let the appropriate CACHE organization(s) know as soon as possible in writing or by email and state the reason(s) why. Not doing so may jeopardize future funding opportunities.

How will the scholarship program contact me? The appropriate CACHE organization(s) will contact you using the information you provided on the application. It's very important that we are informed of any changes to your contact information (i.e. phone, address, email address). Email is usually the preferred contact method.

What if I change my area of study, etc.? If a student changes their area of study, credit load, schools, etc. it is the students responsibility to inform the appropriate CACHE organization(s) and the organization will inform the student if the funding is jeopardized or if additional documentation will be required.

4. Helpful suggestions:

- Fill out the CACHE Application in PDF form (if possible) using the “typewriter” tool. The application will look much neater and will be easier for the CACHE organizations to read. **Please make sure to print out the application in order to put the required signature and date on it before it is submitted; applications that are not signed and dated are considered incomplete.**
- BSF and SF do NOT accept applications that are filled out in Microsoft Word.
- Use blue or black ink for handwritten applications and print CLEARLY.
- Typing up the questions in section 11 “*statement of educational goals and objectives*” on page 6. A typed personal essay on a separate piece of paper(s) is preferred, but not required.
- A typed resume’ (optional). Showing your work history and activities you have participated in, is a nice addition to the personal statement.
- Attaching a cover page which has a current photograph of you (optional).
- **Follow up with a phone call or email to the organization(s) you have submitted your application to; it is the students responsibility to ask if they have missing documents needed to complete their application.**
- **Prior to Graduating** - Please notify scholarship organizations when you apply for your last term/session

5. Official Transcript Information:

- Online official transcript is preferred
- An official hard copy sent from your school addressed to each CACHE organization you are applying to (one transcript can be sent for Bering Straits Foundation and Sitnasuak Foundation).
- A faxed copy sent from your school.
- Some organizations will accept your unofficial transcript (from your online school account) as official IF it is sent in PDF form and the URL is visible containing “https” the “s” shows that it is from a secure website. Contact organization(s) to see if they will accept your unofficial transcript from your online account.

6. FUNDING AMOUNTS

GPA Funding Amounts: PER SEMESTER (please contact organization(s) if you are on quarters or trimesters)					
GPA	Bering Straits Foundation	Sitnasuak Foundation	NSEDC	Kawerak Inc.	Norton Sound Health Corp.
Full Time					
3.0 - 4.0	\$1,000	\$1,000 Under Grad \$2,000 Grad	12+ credits \$2,250	\$1,500/Semester \$1,000/Quarter Non AK Resident- See page 14	\$1,000
2.5 - 2.99	\$400				\$1,000
2.0 - 2.4	<2.5=Probation	Probation	Contact NSEDC	Contact Higher Ed Office	Probation-\$1,000
< 2.0	Amounts subject to change				
Part Time					
3.0 - 4.0	\$250	\$500 Under Grad \$1,000 Grad	6-11 credits \$1,125 3-5 credits \$562	\$750/Semester \$500/Quarter Non AK Resident- See page 14 of New CACHE	Contact NSHC
2.5 - 2.99					
2.0 - 2.4	<2.5=Probation	Probation	Contact NSEDC	Contact Higher Ed Office	
< 2.0	Amounts subject to change				
Vocational					
	Contact BSF	\$1,000	\$2,250	Contact Voc. Office	Contact NSHC

NOTE: Applications MUST be postmarked/faxed/mailed BEFORE or ON the deadline date. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

New CACHE (applications must be individually sent to each scholarship office)

7. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please fill out the application COMPLETELY, all information is needed)

Applicant Name (First, Middle & Last):		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Social Security # (required):
Your Mailing Address While Attending School (address, city, state, zip) (if not known at this time please provide address ASAP)		Permanent Mailing Address (required): (address, city, state, zip)		
Main Phone # (required):	Cell Phone #:		Home Phone #:	
E-Mail Address (required):		Alternative E-Mail Address:		

8. NAME OF THE SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING, FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS & PHONE #

Name of School/Training you will attend:		Financial Aid Office Phone #:	Student ID #:
Financial Aid Office Address (address, city, state, zip):		# of credits you will take:	Full Time or Part Time (specify):
		Expected Graduation Date:	Have you submitted your : (if not please send ASAP)
			<u>Class Sched:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Area of Study(i.e. accounting, nursing, CDL, construction) [required]:		<input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	
I am enrolling as a (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (0-29 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (30-59 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (60-94 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (95 plus credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Student			
Term applying for 20 _____ (please only mark ONE term). You must reapply EACH TERM you are attending school/ training. Spring _____ Winter _____ Fall _____ Autumn _____ Summer _____ Vocational Training Session _____			
The school operates on <input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Sessions (required) First day of instruction: _____ Last day of instruction: _____			

9. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Most recent GPA: <input type="checkbox"/> High School (complete in section below) <input type="checkbox"/> GED (complete in section below, if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training		Schooling Information (where applicable): Last term GPA: _____ (college/vocational students) Cumulative GPA: _____ (college/vocational students) Total Credits Earned: _____ (college/vocational students) Passing GED Score: _____	
Name of High School/GED program you graduated from: _____ High School/ GED Address(include city,state,zip):		Year of HS/GED Graduation: <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Winter	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> GED
		High School GPA : _____ or GED Score : _____	Last grade completed: (graduating seniors please mark 12) <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12

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10. COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED *(use additional paper if needed)*

Name of School/Training:	Dates Attended :	Semester GPA:	Cumulative GPA:
Address (include city,state,zip):	Area of Study:		# of Credits last semester:
	Type of degree earned:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

Name of School/Training:	Dates Attended:	Semester GPA:	Cumulative GPA:
Address (include city,state,zip):	Area of Study:		# of Credits last semester:
	Type of degree earned:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

(Optional to type on a separate sheet of paper) (Please explain, use additional paper if needed)

11. STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES [please use complete sentences for questions 1-3].

1. Personal Statement (please tell us about yourself in a few sentences):

2. What are your educational goals and objectives and why have you chosen to pursue them?

3. How does the education you are applying for fit into your overall job plan for the future and which jobs will you be applying for once you complete your education?

<u>Community and School activities:</u>	<u>Awards and Honors:</u>	<u>Interests and Hobbies:</u>

DO YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO THE BERING STRAIT REGION AFTER YOUR EDUCATION IS COMPLETE?

____ Yes (community) _____; ____ No ____ Uncertain

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12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please list the \$ amount applied and/or awarded for CURRENT TERM)

RESOURCES (please list the specific \$ amounts)	\$ Applied		\$ Awarded	
Bering Straits Foundation	\$		\$	
Sitnasuak Foundation	\$		\$	
Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Community, Gambell (BIA scholarships) [<i>specify</i> _____]	\$		\$	
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation	\$		\$	
Norton Sound Health Corporation	\$		\$	
Regional/Village Corporation [<i>specify</i> _____]	\$		\$	
College Scholarships (academic, athletic, etc.)	\$		\$	
National Guard/Military Benefits	\$		\$	
State of AK DOL (STEP/WIA)	\$		\$	
Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)/Pell Grant	\$		\$	
Loans [<i>specify</i> _____]	\$		\$	
Other [<i>specify</i>](i.e.-education savings, family contributions)	\$		\$	
Self Contribution (i.e.- job income)	\$		\$	
Employment (during school/training)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Part Time
RESOURCES TOTALS (Required)	\$ _____		\$ _____	
EXPENSES (please list the specific \$ amounts)				
Tuition	\$			
Fees	\$			
Books	\$			
Supplies	\$			
Meals	\$		Meal Plan:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Room / Rent (for current term)	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> On Campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Off Campus
Transportation (includes travel to/from school for current term)	\$			
Miscellaneous	\$			
EXPENSES TOTALS (Required)	\$ _____			
TOTAL BALANCE NEEDED (REQUIRED) [Balance needed is: Resources minus Expenses]	<u>REQUIRED</u> \$ _____			

13. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. The scholarship award(s) will be used to further my education for the program I have enrolled in. I understand that the funds must apply toward tuition, registration fees, books and campus related room and/or board expenses. I understand that any unspent funds will be returned. **I further understand that upon completion of the term for which I received scholarships I will submit an official transcript with the continuing CACHE application to each organization.** Upon my request, the CACHE organizations may share my official transcript with each other. I give permission for Bering Straits Foundation, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Kawerak, Norton Sound Health Corporation and/or Sitnasuak Foundation, to publish my name, photo, school information, or other information I provide in any reports, press releases or publications; and they may share information I provide with each CACHE organization.

(REQUIRED)

Signature

Date



Bering Straits Foundation

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Our mission is to enrich the lives of our people and strengthen self-sufficiency by supporting educational goals, cultural heritage and traditional values.

INCOMPLETE or LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

****Scholarships are merit and need based. Scholarship amounts are subject to change and depend on availability of funds.****

Deadlines

Fall = High School Seniors April 30
All Others June 30

Spring = December 1

Summer = Not Funded

Vocational = Two weeks prior to the start of class

Eligibility

- Must be a shareholder of Bering Straits Native Corporation or a lineal descendant, defined as the natural or adopted child of a person that is a shareholder of BSNC.
- **High school graduate or GED recipient going to a college/university and must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher. High school graduates going to a vocational program must have a 2.5 cumulative or higher GPA.** If you obtained a GED, include a copy of your official transcript with the total score. If you have been out of high school for more than 10 years at the time you apply, then the GPA requirements do not apply but proof of a diploma is required.
- Show financial need after all other sources of funding have been considered.

Guidelines

1. Must submit pages 5-7 and 9 of CACHE.
2. Maintain a minimum GPA **2.5 for each term** enrolled in a full-time college (12 or more undergrad credits/9 graduate credits) or part time college (6-11 undergraduate credits/ 3-5 graduate credits) or as defined by your school. Include current official transcript or a copy from each college previously attended (*or high school if first time freshman*).
3. College/University Student means that you are working towards an associate, bachelor, graduate, masters or doctorate degree.
4. Vocational training programs indicate that you are working towards a certificate or obtaining specified training but will not be receiving an associate, bachelor, graduate, or doctorate degree.
5. Probation: a student may be placed on probation when he/she received funding but didn't meet the minimum GPA and/or credit requirements. When a student doesn't meet the minimum requirements he/she will be placed on probation and ***may or may not*** be eligible to receive funding. If the student doesn't meet the minimum requirements while on probation the student will be dropped from the program and is not able to receive funding until he/she completes a semester as a full-time student and earns a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

Funding Amounts

DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, BSF will provide scholarships to CONTINUING STUDENTS each semester/quarter as long as the requirements stated on the original application are met. CONTINUING STUDENTS are defined as those who received a BSF scholarship for the previous semester/quarter and have maintained a 2.5 GPA. Amounts awarded *are typically* \$1,000 for GPA's of 3.0 or higher and \$400 for GPA's 2.5-2.99. Vocational education students may be awarded \$500. Part time students may be awarded \$250. **SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

Bering Straits Foundation

IMPORTANT -THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO BSF WITH PAGES 5-7 OF THE CACHE AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1 & 2 OF THE APPLICATION AND A COPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE BERING STRAITS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IT IS REQUIRED THAT APPLICANTS ARE **A SHAREHOLDER, LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A SHAREHOLDER, ENROLLED IN A VILLAGE CORPORATION, OR A BENEFICIAL OWNER OF STOCK.**

Applicant Name: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth: _____	Social Security #: _____
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Please mark the options that apply to you.

1.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am enrolled in BSNC. My enrollment # is (not required): _____ I am the record or beneficial owner of BSNC stock. My BSNC Stock is: <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted
2.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OR</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> I am the lineal descendant (natural or adopted of a person enrolled in BSNC) who is or was enrolled in the following village corporation _____ Name of ascendant (parent/grandparent): _____ DOB: _____ Relationship to applicant(mother/father/grandma/grandpa) _____ PLEASE NOTE: If you are not a shareholder of BSNC you will need to submit a copy of your birth certificate or adoption decree.
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> I am enrolled to the following village corporation _____
<u>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</u> _____ Approved; _____ INELIGIBLE – Date: _____ - Initials: _____	

Bering Straits Foundation additionally oversees the **Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is for the fall semester only and one award is given each year.

Eligibility Requirements

- ☐ One quarter (1/4) or more Alaska Native (Aleut, Eskimo or Indian) and enrolled to the Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC), village corporation, or as an “At Large” member of BSNC.
- ☐ Show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.
- ☐ Accepted and enrolled in an accredited institution or vocational school.
- ☐ Must carry a minimum load of 12 hours per semester, 10 hours per quarter and maintain, or full time vocational training and a 2.0 Grade Point Average or better. Exceptions can be made for a freshman with written approval from the school counselor.

Application Process

- Initial the eligibility requirements above that you meet, if you meet all of them you will automatically be considered for the Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship.
- Submit complete CACHE pages 5-7 with all necessary attachments to the Bering Straits Foundation **by April 30th for graduating high school seniors and June 30th for all others.** Only one application is necessary for both the Bering Straits Foundation and the Martin L. Olson scholarship.

NOTE: Applications MUST be postmarked/faxed/emailed BEFORE or ON the deadline date. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

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SITNASUAK FOUNDATION

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(907)-443-2985 or 8129 Fax

The Sitnasuak Foundation is administered by the Bering Straits Foundation

IMPORTANT -THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO SITNASUAK WITH PAGES 5-7 OF THE CACHE AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN SECTION 1 & 2 OF THE APPLICATION

Please send Sitnasuak applications to the Bering Straits Foundation (address listed above)

DEADLINES

FALL = High School Seniors April 30

All Others June 30

SPRING = December 1

SUMMER = Not Funded

VOCATIONAL = 2 weeks prior to start of class

Scholarship Policy

Sitnasuak Foundation awards higher education scholarships to new and continuing students. The scholarships are merit based. Vocational scholarships are also awarded for specialized short-term training programs. Scholarships are awarded twice annually on a term/semester schedule. The size of the scholarship depends on the funding available, student's course load and GPA. Applications are reviewed and selected by a committee each term/semester. Checks are mailed directly to the recipient's Financial Aid Office. Each recipient is informed of the selection results every term/semester.

Academic Probation-If a student receives less than a 2.0 or does not complete the minimum credit requirements as stated below they will be placed on academic probation. Students on academic probation receive 50% of the funding amount. Students have one semester to improve their GPA or complete the credit requirements before funding is suspended.

Requirements and Qualifications

1. Must submit pages 5-7 and 10 of CACHE (must be a shareholder/descendant of SNC).
2. Must be accepted to an accredited college or vocational program.
3. Must have earned a GED or high school diploma with a 2.0 grade point average.
4. Must complete the scholarship application with supporting documents and submit it by the deadline.
5. For continuing college students, an official college transcript or copy of the previous semester grades must accompany the application. If grades have not yet been posted, please see the registrar office about having an official transcript mailed directly to us as soon as they are available.
6. Full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and complete 12 credits per semester or 10 per quarter. Full time graduate students must complete 9 credits.
7. Part time students must maintain a 2.0 and complete 6-11 credits per semester or 6-9 credits per quarter.
8. Part time graduate students must maintain a 2.0 and complete 3-8 credits per term.

Please mark option 1 OR option 2 and fill out number 3

Applicant Name:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Social Security #:
1. <input type="checkbox"/> I am enrolled Sitnasuak Native Corporation. My enrollment # is (not required): _____ I am the record or beneficial owner of SNC stock. My SNC Stock is: <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted			
2. <input type="checkbox"/> I am the lineal descendant (natural or adopted of a person enrolled in Sitnasuak Native Corporation) Ascendants Name _____ Relationship(parent/grandparent) _____ DOB _____			
3. I am a resident of _____ (community) How many years _____ months _____			

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: _____ Approved; _____ INELIGIBLE – Date: _____ - Initials: _____



Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation

Higher Education and Vocational Scholarship Application Requirements and Guidelines

Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, St. Michael, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, White Mountain

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) Employment, Education, and Training (EET) Program offers scholarships to Norton Sound Residents enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Students must submit a complete application by the appropriate deadline and satisfy all scholarship eligibility requirements. The current award amount for full-time higher education and vocational training students is \$2,250 per semester or session.

Deadlines:

Late applications are not considered - Early applications are encouraged!

1. Vocational Education: No Deadline (program must have at least 500 contact hours, except for pilot training)

2. Higher Education: Applications must be either received by or postmarked by the dates set below:

Fall Semester:

June 30th

*Transcript Deadline is
Aug. 31st*

*(High School Students
must apply by April 30th for
scholarship award to be
announced at graduation.)*

Spring Semester:

December 31st

*Transcript Deadline is
Feb. 28th*

Summer Semester:

May 30th

*Transcript Deadline
is May 31st*

Complete application forms and all required attachments must be sent to:

NSED EET Program

Jerry Ivanoff, EET Coordinator

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NSED Scholarship Application Requirements for New Students and Continuing Students:

1. New Students. All applications from new students must include the following:

- a. NSED Scholarship Application Form or Pages 5-7 and 13 of CACHE Application Form.**
- b. Personal Statement:** Briefly describe why you wish to attend school and what you plan to do after receiving your degree or training certificate.
- c. Official Transcripts:** If you have previously attended college or vocational training, provide a copy of official transcripts from each accredited institution that you have attended. If you are applying for your first year of college or training, provide your high school transcripts.
- d. Letter of Acceptance:** Provide a letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university, or vocational school.
- e. Two Letters of Recommendations:** Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or others with knowledge of your experience or potential. Please do not submit letters from immediate family members.
- f. Current Photograph (Optional):** Provide a current photograph of yourself.
- g. Residency Certification Form and Proof of Residency:** Provide a signed Residency Certification Form and at least one of the following forms of proof of residency:
 - ☐ A high school diploma from an in-region high school or high school transcripts showing an in-region address is acceptable, if you are a high school student who will be starting college or training the summer or fall semester immediately after high school graduation.
 - ☐ Proof of receipt of a Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) at an in-region address.
 - ☐ Voter registration card showing an in-region address.
 - ☐ Government Identification Card showing an in-region address.
 - ☐ Utility bill in your name at in-region address.
 - ☐ Proof of in-region employment.
 - ☐ Proof of receipt of government benefits at in-region address.

NOTE: NSED may request additional proof of residency.

2. Continuing Students. Students who received a scholarship the previous semester must submit:

NOTE: Applications MUST be postmarked/faxed/mailed BEFORE or ON the deadline date. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

- a. **Continuing Student Application Form or Continuing CACHE Application Form.** Fill out and submit either application form by the deadline.
- b. **Residency Certification Form.** Submit a signed Residency Certification form. However, proof of residency does not need to be submitted unless requested by NSEDC.
- c. **Transcripts, as soon as available.** Official transcripts are required after the Spring and Summer Semesters; however unofficial transcripts are acceptable for students following the Fall semester, if they are enrolled in the same school for the Spring semester. Official transcripts are not always available by the application deadline and may be submitted later. However, NSEDC will not send a scholarship award check until the official transcript from the prior semester is received.
- d. **Transfer Students:** Continuing students who transfer to a new school must submit a new letter of acceptance, a continuing student application, and official transcripts from their prior institution.

NSEDC Scholarship Recipient Eligibility Requirements

1. **High School Diploma or GED:** Scholarship recipients must have graduated from high school or have earned a General Education Diploma (GED). This requirement does not apply to students over the age of 45.
2. **Norton Sound Region Residency:** Each scholarship recipient must qualify as a Norton Sound Resident under NSEDC's Norton Sound Residency Guidelines or be a resident of Shishmaref, and must sign a residency certification form. Proof of current residency is required as part of the new student application and NSEDC may request new and continuing students to provide additional proof of residency. *Note:* Students may claim internships or temporary summer employment in a degree-related job as an additional allowable absence under the NS Residency Guidelines. Allowable absences do not count against the maximum number of days that an individual can be out of the region.
3. **Enrollment:** Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in an accredited two-year associate program, four-year college or university, graduate school, or vocational institution.
4. **Credit Load/Contact Hour Requirements:**
 - a. **Full-time Students:** Except as provided below, scholarship recipients must be full-time students. To qualify as full-time students, undergraduates must carry at least 12 credits per semester or 10 credits per quarter; graduate students must carry 9 credits for fall and spring semesters or 6 credits for summer semesters; and vocational students must qualify as a "fulltime student" under the rules of the accredited institution they are attending and be enrolled in a program requiring at least 500 contact hours before completion.

Exceptions may be made for students who require less than 12 credits to complete their degree and will complete their degree by the end of the semester.

Exceptions to the vocational education 500 contact hours may be made to students striving to get their private pilots license, their commercial rating, their instrument rating, their multi-engine rating, and their ATP Rating to follow past scholarship awards for pilots.
 - b. **In-region, Part-time Students:** Part-time students, who do not meet the full-time credit requirements, may receive a scholarship award, if they: (i) will be physically living in the Norton Sound Region while taking classes and (ii) are enrolled in a degree program. Also, the class(es) must count towards the degree that the student is seeking. Part-time student awards are pro-rated to reflect the credit load (*E.g.*, a student taking 6 credits would receive \$1,125.) Vocational students attending short-term classes or attending school part-time are not eligible under this Scholarship program; instead, they should refer to the Community Based Training program for potential training opportunities.
5. **Higher Education Grade Point Average (GPA):** Scholarship recipients must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA each semester or quarter.
6. **Financial Need:** Scholarship recipients must show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.
7. **Ineligible Students.** Scholarship awards will not be provided to students who do not meet the requirements set forth in these guidelines. Additionally, the following are expressly ineligible for scholarships:
 - a. Students enrolled exclusively in courses not creditable toward a formal award or the completion of a vocational program.
 - b. Students taking Continuing Education Units (CEUs) unless they are also enrolled in courses creditable toward a degree or other formal award.
 - c. Students exclusively auditing classes.

NSEDC Scholarship Award and Appeals Processes

1. **Award Criteria.** NSEDC strives to award scholarships to all students who submit completed applications by the deadline and who satisfy the scholarship recipient eligibility requirements. However, if the number of scholarship recipients exceeds the funds allocated for scholarships, then higher education awards will be based on financial need and GPA, and vocational education awards will be based on financial need, availability of employment opportunities for graduates from the training program, and commitment to complete training.
2. **Exceptions and Waivers.** All deadlines and eligibility requirements are strictly enforced. Only exceptions or waivers that are expressly allowed under this written policy may be considered, including the two following exceptions:
 - a. **Academic Probation:** If a continuing student receives a scholarship, but fails to meet the credit load and/or GPA requirements, the student shall be placed on academic probation for the following session. If the student does not meet the

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- b. **Extenuating Circumstances:** Exceptions to the credit load and GPA requirements may be granted only to students who are forced to withdraw from school after the refund deadline or receive “incomplete” in lieu of a grade, due to (i) a death in the student’s immediate family (parent, sibling, spouse, or child) or (ii) a serious illness or injury that incapacitates the student or a student’s legal dependent for 30 days or more during the school year. Incapacitation means that an individual is obtaining inpatient treatment or cannot perform basic life functions. Verification by a health care provider is required.

3. **Residency Appeals.** Students who are denied scholarships due to the residency requirement may appeal the residency determination to the NSEDC Board Appeals Committee. If the NSEDC Appeals Committee determines that the student is a resident, the application will be reviewed to see all other requirements are met. If all requirements are satisfied, the student shall receive a scholarship award.

4. **Denial Due to Administrative Error.** If your scholarship application is denied and you believe that the denial was due to administrative error, please submit a written statement along with all supporting evidence to Jerry Ivanoff, EET Coordinator. Final determinations will be made based on this letter and attachments.

Residency Verification Form (turn in with pages 5-7 of CACHE Application)

For purposes of determining your eligibility for those NSEDC programs or other benefits that require Norton Sound Residency, you must be able to answer yes to the following basic statements (as well as furnish any documentation required to substantiate such statements):

- At the time these benefits shall be realized, I will have been a resident of and physically present in the Norton Sound Region for 1 year, unless absent for an Allowable Absence;
 - 1. Receiving post-secondary, vocational or other special education on a full-time basis;
 - 2. Serving on active duty as a member of the United States military;
 - 3. Serving as an employee of NSEDC in a location outside of the region (including working for NSEDC fishing partners);
 - 4. Accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for one of the above reasons as the spouse, minor dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;
 - 5. For any reason consistent with the individual’s intent to remain a Norton Sound resident (e.g. vacations), provided the absence or cumulative absences do not exceed:
 - a. 60 days if the individual is not claiming an absence under 1-4.
 - b. 45 days in addition to an absence claimed under 1-4.
- I intend to remain a Norton Sound Region resident;
- I have not claimed residence in another regional community, state or country or obtained a benefit as a result of a claim of residency in another regional community, state or country at any time in the previous year; and
- If absent from the Norton Sound Region for more than 60 days in a previous year, I was absent for an Allowable Absence (see list below).

I, _____, certify that I meet the criteria set forth by the NSEDC Board of Directors to qualify as a Norton Sound Resident eligible for benefits for NSEDC projects or programs including, but not limited to, scholarships, NSEDC-sponsored fishing programs (CDQ crab and halibut, Norton Sound Seafood Products, etc.), and loan programs.

Norton Sound Residency

Residency Options

Please select the option you qualify for.

- ☐ During the last 12 months, I have not been absent from the Norton Sound Region for more than 60 days.
- ☐ During the last 12 months, I have been present in the Norton Sound Region for at least 45 days, and my absence during the remainder of the year was an Allowable Absence under the Norton Sound Residency Guidelines. Attached is documentation submitted to establish that my absence was an Allowable Absence.

Certification of Residency

1. Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

2. Printed Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, please call or email Jerry Ivanoff at 1-800-385-3190 or 907-624-3190, or jerry@nsedc.com.

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Application Guidelines for Higher Education and Vocational Education Scholarships

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KAWERAK HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Kawerak, Inc. provides semester or quarterly scholarships to tribal enrollees in the amount of \$1,500 per semester or \$1,000 per quarter for Alaska Residents (based on availability of funds). These scholarships are funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Non Alaska Residents who are tribally enrolled can receive (based on availability of funds) \$500 per semester (\$1,000 per year); students on quarters can receive \$1,000 per year distributed evenly among quarters.

Application deadlines: Fall semester / Autumn quarter = June 30 Spring quarter = February 15
Spring semester / Winter quarter = December 1 Summer semester / quarter = April 15

Kawerak, Inc. must adhere to deadlines for submission of applications. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all required documents are submitted by the due date. Awards for summer terms are based on the availability of funds, and consideration will be given to seniors who require these classes in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be enrolled to a tribe located within the Bering Strait Region (Tribal members of Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community must apply to their local IRA Council).
- Applicants must be accepted into a 2 or 4-year degree program.
- Continuing scholarships are allocated based on evidence of school enrollment and a GPA of at least 2.0 for the previous semester/quarter.
- Full time students must maintain 12 credits per semester or 10 per quarter.
- Part-time degree-seeking students must provide verification of their major and register for at least 6 credits per semester or 5 credits per quarter.

The following documents must be submitted to Kawerak, Inc.:

- ☐ CACHE Application (attached)
- ☐ Documents which are noted in Section 1 of the application (two letters of recommendation, letter of school acceptance, and transcripts from the school last attended (H.S., GED, university or trade school).
- ☐ Verification of tribal membership in a Bering Strait Region tribe (Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community tribal members must apply at their tribal offices).
- ☐ Current photograph of applicant

For each successive term, students must submit the following in order to receive continued scholarships:

- ☐ Complete the CACHE Continuing Application available at www.kawerak.org along with the required documents (transcripts with verification of pre-registration) and submit to Kawerak, Inc.

Kawerak requires that students maintain academic progress with a GPA of at least 2.0 each term. By the junior year students must declare a major and maintain steady progress towards a degree. When the student fulfills their degree requirements and graduates, we ask that they submit a copy of their diploma to Kawerak, Inc. Education, Employment, and Training Division. If the student does not meet the minimum grade or credit requirements, they will be placed on academic probation the next term. If the student does not meet the minimum requirements after completion of the probationary term, they will be suspended from the program. Once suspended, the student will not be eligible to apply for another scholarship until they have successfully completed a term without Kawerak funding. Upon successful completion of the suspended term, students may reapply for services. Once services are reinstated, they must continue to maintain academic progress each term or scholarships may be discontinued.



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Vocational Training Grants

Kawerak, Inc. provides financial assistance and vocational guidance to tribal members who reside within the Bering Straits/Norton Sound region who require job skills in order to obtain and/or retain employment. Limited grants are also available to members of Kawerak's tribal consortium who reside out of the Bering Strait Region.

Applicants must be enrolled and accepted into an accredited training program in certified, vocational or trade school. Kawerak, Inc. funds are SUPPLEMENTAL; therefore, applicants must apply for financial aid for all available local, state and private sources, as well as utilizing personal and family resources.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Show proof of membership in a federally-recognized tribe.
2. For the full array of Vocational Training assistance, applicants must **RESIDE IN THE BERING STRAIT/NORTON SOUND REGION**. Residents of NEC and Gambell need to apply to their local IRA Council office. Limited scholarships are available for non-resident, tribal members of the Kawerak consortium (excepting tribal members of NEC and Gambell).
3. Applicants must show that they are unemployed and/or under-employed (under-employed meaning their current job is only part-time or they are in need of additional training for job advancement).
4. Applicants must show financial need after applying for other funding sources, such as those available through the State of Alaska Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development.
5. As per policies established by the Kawerak Board of Directors, applicants must be able to pass pre-training drug screening.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Complete the CACHE Application, attach the required documents listed in section 1 (&2) of the CACHE **and attach the following additional documents:**

- ☐ Verification of Tribal Enrollment
- ☐ Verification of Household Income (please provide a statement of all your household income or call Kawerak EET Division for an "Attachment A" form at 1-(800) 450-4341)
- ☐ Kawerak, Inc. EET Division Release of Information Form (call Kawerak EET Division for the release form at 1-(800) 450-4341)
- ☐ Call Kawerak EET Division for an "Attachment C" form at 1-(800) 450-4341)

Attach these additional documents if family members are included in your request:

- ☐ Copy of your marriage certificate if married
- ☐ Verification of Tribal Enrollment – spouse and dependent children, if any.

All Vocational Training Applicants will be requested to complete an employability plan prior to receiving services, outlining their employment goals and path toward self-sufficiency through training and other activities.

Vocational Deadline: Apply at least three (3) weeks prior to vocational training start date.



**NORTON SOUND
HEALTH CORPORATION**

*Providing quality health services and promoting
wellness within our people and environment.*

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

The NSHC scholarship program provides financial assistance to eligible students who are pursuing higher education in a health related field. Depending on the needs of the corporation, students pursuing the medical field (such as physicians, nursing, pharmacy and physician assistants) may have priority. NSHC may fund students pursuing a non-medical related degree if the degree will help further the vision, and mission of the organization. Indian Health Service beneficiaries from the Bering Straits Region, who commit to returning to the region and possible employment with NSHC, will have priority.

Student Scholarship Guidelines:

- ☐ Must be a high school graduate or successfully attained a GED.
- ☐ Tribal members must provide a copy of tribal enrollment verification.
- ☐ A student number must be provided in writing from the educational institution
- ☐ Must be accepted into an accredited associates, bachelors or masters program in a health care or health care related field.
- ☐ Must be able to show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered
- ☐ Must inform NSHC of any changes with address, phone number, school, withdrawal from school, change in degree, etc.
- ☐ Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better semester/quarter GPA. Failure to do so will place you on probation or drop you from the program.
- ☐ Must maintain a minimum of 12 credits for undergraduates and a minimum of 6 credits for graduates. Failure to do so will place you on probation or drop you from the program.
- ☐ Continuing Applications must be submitted each semester to apply for continued funding. It is your responsibility to request a CACHE Continuing Application

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