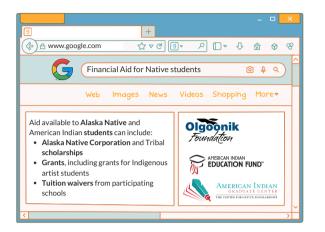
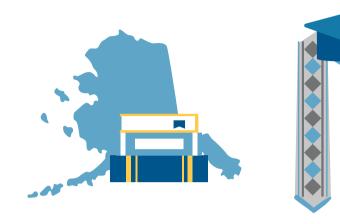
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# FINANCIAL AID FOR ALASKA NATIVE STUDENTS





### INTRODUCTION

If you read the Financial Aid Overview volume, you may recall that as Alaska Native students, you are likely **eligible for a wide range of resources** created specifically to support Native educational goals in addition to State and Federal Student Aid programs.

Why does that matter? While other private scholarships and aid may be competitive and have a wider pool of potential applicants, these sources of aid have relatively fewer people applying. This is especially beneficial with scholarships like those under Olgoonik Foundation, which are only open to shareholders and descendants of Olgoonik Corporation. If you meet and maintain eligibility, the likelihood of obtaining funding increases significantly over sources of aid available to the general public.

Similarly, you may be eligible for a host of scholarships and opportunities available to Alaska Native and American Indian (ANAI) students. Many of these programs require students to submit a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card or proof of enrollment or descendancy from a federally recognized tribe. Each program and organization has its own eligibility requirements, but as these sources are available to Indigenous students, they're worth checking out and applying for. If granted, these additional sources of funding may help you reduce or eliminate the need for student loans over your educational career.

### **TIPS FOR THIS GUIDE:**

- This isn't the only information available to you! You can (and should) do your own research to learn the most you can about your options. There's *so much* information out there.
- Some information contains **links** to websites where you can find more information. We recommend using this guide electronically to best take advantage of this feature.
- This is one guide of a series from Shareholder Services that cover topics including choosing a school, degree types, training, and financial aid.
- For questions or more information, contact the Olgoonik Shareholder
  Services team in the Anchorage or
  Wainwright office. You can also email: shareholderservices@olgoonik.com.

### **Olgoonik Foundation Programs**

Many Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) provide education programs for their shareholders. Supporting higher education is important to developing a skilled and successful workforce and for building the next generation of successful leaders. At Olgoonik Corporation, we are fortunate our leaders understood how important education is and created Olgoonik Foundation, our private non-profit that supports eligible students with scholarship funding for college/university and training.

### **College & Training Funding**

Olgoonik Foundation (OF) offers two programs that support students. One is geared towards college and university students and the other is geared towards those attending training.

The main difference between the programs is your school of choice. Why? Because oftentimes dedicated training schools function differently than a standard college or university. GPA requirements may not be applicable there or the school may not follow a semester or quarter schedule.

### What's the same across both programs?

Must be an Olgoonik Corporation shareholder or direct lineal descendant of an original shareholder.

Must be at least 17 years of age and a U.S. citizen.

Up to **\$24,000** in funding, per eligible applicant and per lifetime.

### How do I know which program to apply for?

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- Your school generally follows a semester or quarter schedule
- Your school is academic-focused
- Your school uses a standard A F grading system for most classes and tracks student grade point averages (GPA)
- You're a student pursuing an endorsement, certificate, associate, bachelor, graduate degree or higher
- Your school advertises itself as a two or four-year college, including community colleges, universities, and graduate schools

Then the OF Scholarship Program may be right for you!

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- Your school may/may not follow a semester or quarter schedule. Training may be short-term (weeks/months)
- Your grades may be mostly pass/fail, or you may be required to clock hours instead of following an A - F grading system and tracking GPA
- Your program is more hands-on or training focused, rather than academic
- You're a student pursuing an endorsement, certificate, certification, or professional license
- Your school advertises itself as a craft training, vocational/trade school, or is part of a separate workforce development program or organization

Then the **OF Training Program** may be right for you!

### **Olgoonik Foundation Programs**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: How much can I receive in funding?

A: It varies. For the OF Scholarship, undergraduate students are granted either \$188 per credit or \$250 per credit, depending on if their school goes by semesters or quarters. Graduate-level students are eligible for \$445 per credit. For training students, it depends on actual costs and is capped at \$5,000 per year.

#### Q: Are there deadlines to apply?

A: For the OF Scholarship, the deadlines to apply are March 1, May 1, August 1, and December 1. Training scholarships are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, but all students must apply prior to the start of classes.

Q: What are the application requirements? How can I get an application?

A: For a full list of eligibility requirements and documents, please download an application. Applications are available on the Olgoonik Shareholder Portal's Programs and Opportunities page. You can also email ShareholderServices@olgoonik.com for any questions or to receive an application.

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### **Other ANC Scholarships**

#### **Arctic Education Foundation**

As an Olgoonik Corporation shareholder or descendant, you're more than likely a shareholder of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), too. Arctic Education Foundation (AEF) is the ASRC-affiliated scholarship foundation. Because of ASRC's size and reach, chances are you already know or have heard about AEF.

AEF offers a variety of funding to support 2-year programs, 4-year programs, graduate programs, and short-term training programs that last for four months or less. They also have competitive awards and awards that only a teacher, counselor, or principal may submit nominations for. Like the Olgoonik Foundation Scholarship, AEF application deadlines are also August 1, December 1, March 1, and May 1.

Find more information on AEF's programs, updates, eligibility, and application here:

- https://www.arcticed.com/FAQ
- https://www.facebook.com/arcticed



### **Other ANC Scholarships (continued)**

### **Other Village & Regional Corporations**

While this guide was developed for Olgoonik Corporation shareholder and descendants, we would be forgetting a big resource that might apply to a lot of our shareholders and descendants if we didn't mention other Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations.

You can be a shareholder of Olgoonik Corporation and a descendant of another Village or Regional Corporation because a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent was or is a shareholder. You may qualify for certain programs, if available, because of that descendant status.

Not every ANC (on the North Slope or otherwise) has an active scholarship program, but if you might be eligible, it doesn't hurt to ask! Students are encouraged to check with their families and each corporation individually.

### Other Village Corporations on the North Slope:

- Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation (Utqiagvik)
- Tikigaq Corporation (Point Hope)
- Cully Corporation (Point Lay)
- Kuukpik Corporation (Nuiqsut)

- Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation (Kaktovik)
- Nunamiut Corporation (Anaktuvuk Pass)
- Atqasuk Corporation (Atqasuk)



## Other Aid for Indigenous Students

### **American Indian Services**

AIS offers scholarships to eligible ANAI students who are enrolled members of a U.S. Federally Recognized Native American Tribe, or descendant of an enrolled member, with at least one-fourth degree Indian blood.

Applicant must be an undergraduate student with a minimum 2.25 GPA and have applied for the FAFSA.

### Learn more:

https://americanindianservices.org/students/requirements/

### **American Indian Education Fund**

AIEF provides scholarships to eligible undergraduate and graduate ANAI students and also provides various resource tools and tips for success.

Applicant must be attending a 2 or 4-year college/university, technical/vocational school, or graduate school. Student must meet GPA and enrollment requirements and the student or at least one parent must be a tribal member.

### Learn more:

• http://www.nativepartnership.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief\_services\_scholarships

### American Indian College Fund

AICF supports eligible ANAI students seeking technical, undergraduate and graduate degrees at tribal colleges and other nonprofit, accredited schools.

Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a member or descendant of a state or federally recognized tribe, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and be enrolled as a full-time student.

### Learn more:

https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/

### **American Indian Graduate Center**

AIGC supports eligible ANAI high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. Students must meet eligibility requirements, including tribal eligibility requirements.

Applicant must be seeking a full-time degree at a nationally or regionally accredited higher education institution in the United States.

### Learn more:

https://www.aigcs.org/scholarships-fellowships/





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