



Advanced Educational Opportunities

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NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

The scholarship program provides supplementary scholarship assistance to KIC enrolled members who are attending, or plan to attend, an accredited, non-profit college or university in the pursuit of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Students planning to attend full, part-time, or distance learning are eligible for scholarship awards. Undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or better.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who would like undergraduate scholarship assistance must be enrolled members of KIC, have received a high school diploma or GED, have an academic record that indicates a 2.0 GPA or better, and enrolled in, or accepted to, a degree program (associates or bachelors) at a regionally-accredited, non-profit institution.

Full-time, 12 or more credits	Up to \$5,000 per academic year
Part-time, up to 11 credits	Up to \$3,500 per academic year

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who would like graduate scholarship assistance must be enrolled members of KIC, have received a high school diploma or GED, have an undergraduate academic record that indicates a 2.0 GPA or better, and enrolled in, or accepted to, a graduate degree program (masters, professional, or doctorate) at a regionally-accredited, non-profit institution.

Full-time, 9 or more credits	Up to \$6,500 per academic year
Part-time, up to 8 credits	Up to \$5,000 per academic year

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who would wish to be considered for the merit scholarship must be enrolled members of KIC, have received a high school diploma or GED, have an academic record that indicates a 3.5 GPA or better, and enrolled in, or accepted to, a degree program at the undergraduate or graduate level at a regionally-accredited, non-profit institution. Merit scholarship applicants should also demonstrate a commitment to providing leadership in Native communities.

Full-time	Up to \$10,000 per academic year
Part-time	Up to \$5,000 per academic year

IMPORTANT DATES

May 14, 2021

Scholarship Application Deadline

Applications and all supporting documentation must be postmarked or received by this date. No exceptions. Students whose completed applications are not received by this deadline will not be considered for scholarship funding for the summer academic term.

June 15, 2021

Scholarship Award Notification

All applicants will be sent award notifications by this date.

October 15, 2021

Scholarship Application Deadline (Tentative)

If funding is available, students who submitted completed applications after the May deadline can be considered for winter/spring scholarship funding.

AEO CONTACTS: scholarships@kictribe.org will email all AEO staff

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Need helping completing this application, applying for admissions, or filling out the FAFSA?
Contact the AEO staff to schedule a personal college and financial aid planning appointment!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Do you have to be income-eligible to receive AEO scholarship funds?

No. Any tribal member who meets the initial eligibility criteria (completed high school or its equivalent and is enrolled in a degree program at a regionally-accredited, non-profit institution) can apply for scholarship assistance. Awards are not based on income; however, *priority will be given to students with demonstrated financial need*, among other factors.

If I apply, am I guaranteed funding?

KIC's AEO program has a limited scholarship budget. We are unable to provide awards to every student who applies. During the 2020-2021 academic year, KIC awarded a total of 54 students over \$250,000. Generally, the highest priority is given to tribal members who maintain residency in Ketchikan, among other factors.

How does AEO determine who gets awarded?

AEO has developed an 85-point scale that will be used to prioritize which applicants receive scholarship assistance. The point-scale awards points based on: residency (40 points), demonstrated financial need (20 points), GPA (up to 10 points), class standing/degree progress (up to 10 points), and whether or not a student has previously received an award or is a first-time freshman at the collegiate level (5 points). Students who wish to be considered for KIC's merit scholarship must also submit a 500-800 type written essay.

When will I be notified if I've been awarded a scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year?

Notifications will be mailed to students no later than June 15, 2021.

How much money will I be awarded?

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, awards will reflect your status as a full- or part- time student. All students will be considered for our regular scholarship which awards: full-time students (12 credits or more) up to \$5,000 and part-time students (3-11 credits) up to \$3,500 for the entire academic year. Graduate students can be awarded more money, depending on their status. **Award amounts are not guaranteed** and can change if a recipient changes enrollment status. Three merit scholarship recipients will be awarded up to \$10,000 (full-time status) for the academic year.

Once I'm awarded, when will you send me a check?

Scholarship checks are not sent to students. AEO will send a scholarship check directly to your school's financial aid office prior to the start of classes. Upon receipt students sign a Financial Aid Certification form to verify the scholarship funds have been credited to their student accounts.

I am taking a class through the Totem Heritage Center, will the AEO scholarship pay for this?

Unfortunately, taking a course at the Totem Heritage Center for personal enrichment is not covered by our scholarship program. Unless you are taking the course for university credit and your institution will apply those credits towards your undergraduate or graduate degree, we cannot pay for courses at the Totem Heritage Center.

Why do I have to submit the Student Aid Report Summary from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, if the scholarship does not require applicants to be income-eligible?

The Student Aid Report provides AEO with your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) which assists our office in determining whether or not you have a demonstrated financial need, which is one of the point-scale's categories. Even if a student does not have a demonstrated financial need, it does not mean they will not be funded. Many students without a demonstrated financial need receive funding, as the highest priority for the scholarship program is to fund students who are permanent residents of Ketchikan.

I live in Saxman, can I still apply for the AEO scholarship?

Students who live in Saxman and are enrolled members of KIC can apply for the AEO scholarship. Saxman students are considered non-residents and thus, will receive lower priority than residents of Ketchikan. If a Saxman student applies for and receives scholarship assistance from KIC, they must not receive scholarship assistance through Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

I missed the May 14 deadline, can I still apply for scholarship assistance?

KIC prefers to make full academic year awards to students. Therefore, there are limited opportunities to receive scholarship assistance after the May 14 deadline. If a student misses the May 14 deadline and there is funding available, he/she may be awarded after the October 15 deadline for winter/spring academic term funding.



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NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The New Student Application is used by students who have never received an AEO scholarship or did not receive a scholarship for the academic year 2020-2021.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by May 14, 2021 (Academic Year 2021-2022).

STUDENT INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	PREFERRED NAME
DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER	PRONOUNS	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PERMANENT PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS— LIST EMAIL YOU CHECK REGULARLY	

NOTE: Correspondence from the Advanced Educational Opportunity will regularly be sent to the addresses (mailing and electronic) and phone numbers you have provided. It is the student's responsibility to notify AEO staff of any changes to his/her contact information. AEO will not be held responsible for late notification or missed deadlines if a student does not update his/her contact information.

Are you a KIC member? Yes No **KIC Enrollment # KA** _____

Please list all other tribal affiliations: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

I am graduating from Ketchikan High School in May 2021 and would like to be considered for the scholarship assembly

HIGH SCHOOL	CITY	STATE	GRADUATION DATE
IF GED, PROVIDE PROGRAM INFORMATION	CITY	STATE	DATE OBTAINED
1) PREVIOUS COLLEGE	2) PREVIOUS COLLEGE	3) PREVIOUS COLLEGE	4) PREVIOUS COLLEGE

COLLEGE INFORMATION

COLLEGE NAME	PHONE	FAX	STUDENT ID NUMBER
FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
COLLEGE TERM TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester <input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Block		
DATES ATTENDING	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Fall 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Winter 22 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 22 <input type="checkbox"/> Block	Next term begins:	
I AM ATTENDING:	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time (undergrad up to 11 credits; graduate up to 8 credits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time (undergrad 12+ credits; graduate 9+ credits)	
DEGREE PROGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate (please specify): _____		
CLASS STANDING	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
MAJOR(S): _____	MINOR(S): _____	EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____	

APPLICATION TYPE

- Regular** Students are eligible if they: are an enrolled tribal member of KIC, obtained a high school diploma or equivalent, received a minimum 2.0 GPA, are enrolled in a degree program at a regionally accredited non-profit institution, have applied for federal and institutional financial aid, and submit a completed application and all required documents.
- Merit** Students are eligible if they: are an enrolled tribal member of KIC, obtained a high school diploma or equivalent, received a minimum 3.5 GPA, are enrolled in a degree program at a regionally accredited non-profit institution, have applied for federal and institutional financial aid, and submit a completed application (with essay) and all required documents. Students not selected to receive the merit scholarship will be considered in the regular application determination process.

The New Student Application is used by students who have never received an AEO scholarship or did not receive a scholarship for the academic year 2020-2021. Documents or their substitutions listed in the right-hand column must be received by **May 14, 2021** (postmark deadline) to be considered for an AEO scholarship.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:	PLACEHOLDER DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Official high school transcript or GED records	<input type="checkbox"/> Unavailable, school calendar attached showing graduation date or when transcripts will be available <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic official transcripts must be emailed directly to scholarship staff: scholarships@kictribe.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Official college transcript(s) of <u>all</u> previous coursework	<input type="checkbox"/> Unavailable, school calendar attached showing final grade date or date transcripts will be available <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic official transcripts must be emailed directly to scholarship staff: scholarships@kictribe.org
<input type="checkbox"/> Course registration for upcoming academic term	<input type="checkbox"/> Unavailable, school calendar showing enrollment dates or letter from advisor attached
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Admission indicating degree and area of study	<input type="checkbox"/> Unavailable, proof of applying for admission attached
<input type="checkbox"/> Entire Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), usually 4-6 pages long	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied on _____, waiting on SAR <input type="checkbox"/> Have not applied for FAFSA at this time
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact (907) 228-4900 to obtain proof of enrollment
<input type="checkbox"/> Current government-issued photo identification	
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Plan (completed by student <u>AFTER</u> you have applied)	<input type="checkbox"/> A link to complete the Academic Plan will be emailed to applicants after application submission
For <u>Merit Scholarship</u> applicants ONLY:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Essay response (500-800 words, type-written): How do you plan to provide leadership to your Native Community?	

SECOND PARTY AUTHORIZATION TO COMMUNICATION (OPTIONAL):			
If you would like AEO staff to communicate with an individual about your application, award status, and missing documents, please fill out information below.			
I authorize the following individual to communicate with Advanced Educational Opportunities on my behalf and to whom information related to my application may be released to facilitate the completion of my application.			
NAME		RELATIONSHIP	
PHONE		EMAIL	
STUDENT SIGNATURE		DATE	

CERTIFICATIONS (Please read carefully):

- I understand that if my application is postmarked after May 14, 2021 or is incomplete or does not include ALL of the above outlined documentation that I am ineligible for Advanced Educational Opportunities Scholarship and will not be considered by AEO staff.
- I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information on this application is accurate and true. I understand the information is subject to verification. I understand that any misrepresentation or any concealment of information will be sufficient grounds for rejection of this application or loss of scholarship award.
- I further certify that any funds received under the Advanced Educational Opportunities program will be used solely for expenses related to my attendance at the college listed on this application.
- I am confirming that I am not receiving scholarship or grant assistance from any other federally-funded tribal scholarship programs (for example: Metlakatla Indian Community, KIC Education & Training, CCHITA/Tlingit & Haida, Navajo Nation, etc).
- I agree to Advanced Educational Opportunities policies and I understand that failure to comply may result in the loss of any award.
- I authorize Advanced Educational Opportunities program to release my name and address for employment or educational opportunities and to announce my name, community, school, major fields of study or program, educational awards or honors, including my graduation and honor roll status, to the media.
- I hereby authorize release of any and all information for financial aid and educational purposes from State, Federal and private agency records to the Advanced Educational Opportunities program, Ketchikan Indian Community.

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Full Legal Name _____