

# SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

## Eligibility

1. All scholarship applicants must have an online account at **www.ulakaia.com**.
2. New accounts must complete the Eligibility process. Ensure you have verification of Shareholder or Descendant status from the Aleut Corporation (Aleut).
  - Current Shareholders can log into the MyAleut Shareholder Portal to get verification: <https://portal.aleutcorp.com>.
  - Descendants can email [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com) to receive verification.
3. Ulakaia Center (UC) staff manually review submitted Eligibility forms every business day. You will receive an email notification when your submission has been reviewed.

## New Students

1. **Required Documents**
  - a. Letter of Acceptance
  - b. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
  - c. Personal Statement
  - d. Class Schedule
  - e. Official Transcript

## Renewal (Returning) Students

1. **Required Documents**
  - a. Personal Statement
  - b. Class Schedule
  - c. Official Transcript

## Application Deadlines

- The Fall annual application deadline is June 30th at noon, Alaska time.
- The Spring application deadline is November 30th at noon, Alaska time.
- The Summer application deadline is April 30th at noon, Alaska time.

We may occasionally push back deadlines due to holidays or other extraordinary circumstances. The most up-to-date deadlines are listed on our website.

Scholarship applications must be complete with all supporting documents and be submitted by the deadline. If there are circumstances that prevent a student from submitting their official transcripts or class schedule, they can attach written statements explaining the delay and submit it with the scholarship application before the deadline. We will only disburse scholarship awards once all required documents are complete and received.

**Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.**



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## DEFINITIONS

- **Letter of Acceptance:** An official letter or email from the school verifying that the student has been accepted into their program. Only required for new students.
- **Letter of Recommendation:** A letter from a mentor, teacher, or other person that knows the student well, excluding family members. This should provide UC with insight into the student's study/work ethic, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, etc. Two of these are required for new students.
- **Personal Statement:** A brief letter (500 words or less) detailing the student's goals and objectives and expected graduation date.
- **Class Schedule:** A listing of the classes the student is registered for in the upcoming academic term. If a student is unable to finalize their class schedule before our scholarship deadline, we can accept a written statement from the student as a temporary replacement for this document. The statement should explain why the class schedule is unavailable and when it will be available. We will only disburse the scholarship award once the actual class schedule is received, along with all other required documents.
- **Official Transcript:** This document provided by the school must include the student's most up-to-date grades, as well as their cumulative GPA. Students that have earned less than 20 total college credits will need to also include their high school transcripts. UC will combine official transcripts to meet the 20-credit minimum when necessary. If the student cannot provide official transcripts before the scholarship deadline, we can accept a written statement from the student as a temporary replacement for this document. The statement should explain why the official transcript is unavailable and when it will be available. We will only disburse the scholarship award after the official transcript and all other required documents are received.
  - NOTE: New students who provide a G.E.D. as an equivalent for their official High School transcript will be considered a 2.0-2.49 grade point average.

## Miscellaneous Scholarship Information

Scholarship payments are made directly to the school.

UC will only fund accredited and/or state-certified programs. If a student chooses to attend multiple schools at the same time, the completion of their total credits must be from accredited institutions.

Students are only funded while they are in school. Funds not utilized will need to be returned to UC.

### FALL AWARDS (JUNE APPLICATION PERIOD)

**Semester students** receive half of their total award in the Fall and the other half will be awarded in the Spring after the UC has received a copy of the student's Fall semester grades and a copy of their Spring class schedule. Fall grades and Spring class schedules must be received by the Ulakaia Center by March 31. If they are not, UC will assume the student is not utilizing that portion of his/her award.

**Quarter students** receive one-third of their award in the Fall term and one-third in the Winter term after the UC receives a copy of the Fall quarter grades and a copy of their Winter class schedule. The remaining one-third will be sent after receiving a copy of the student's Winter grades and a copy of the student's Spring class schedule. Winter grades and Spring class schedules must be received by UC by March 31. If they are not, UC will assume the student is not utilizing that portion of his/her award.

### SPRING AWARDS (NOVEMBER APPLICATION PERIOD)

**Semester students** receive their total award in one disbursement.

**Quarter students** receive half of their award in the Winter term and the remaining half in the Spring term after the UC receives a copy of the Winter grades and the Spring class schedule. Winter grades and Spring class schedules must be received by the UC by March 31. If they are not, the UC will assume the student is not utilizing that portion of his/her award.

All students will be asked to submit a copy of their grades after the completion of the semester or quarters.

### **SUMMER AWARDS (APRIL APPLICATION PERIOD)**

Awards granted to students in the Summer terms will be given the full amount of their award whether they are on a quarter system or semester system. All students will be asked to submit a copy of their grades after the completion of the semester or quarters.

### **FULL AND PART-TIME CRITERIA**

Students are defined as full-time if they are registered for 12 credit hours or more on a semester system, or 10 credit hours or more on a quarter system. Part-time is anything below those amounts. Full/part-time status will be reviewed closely by the UC Program Manager and may be researched through the school if a dispute arises.

### **ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Students that are funded full-time but do not complete the full number of credits during the term due to failing grades, incomplete classes, or withdrawal from classes will be placed on academic probation. Students will only be able to receive the next portion of their award if they prove that they will be attending the next term full-time.

Students that are funded full-time in the Spring or Summer terms but fail to complete the full number of credits during those terms are also subject to academic probation.

Students will be notified of their probationary status by email. Students who repeat this action a second time will not receive their next term's funding and will not be eligible to apply for funding from the UC the next school year.

Students are allowed to change from Full-time to Part-time (or vice versa) if they inform us before the academic term starts. For example, you can attend Fall term as a full-time student and switch to part-time during the Spring term, so long as you inform us before Spring term begins and we have time to adjust your award accordingly. Please remain in contact with UC if you have any scheduling concerns.

### **SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES**

UC will issue scholarships in the following categories:

- Honors: Full-time; Students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA).
- Exceptional: Full-time; Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Achievement: Full-time; Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Merit: Full-time; Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Part-Time: Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least 3 credit hours minimum.
- Graduate: Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours, maintain a 3.0 grade point average, and be admitted into a graduate program.
- Working Full-Time: A student can be considered full-time if they are enrolled in at least 9 credit hours, maintain a 2.0+ GPA, and provide a letter from their employer or supervisor confirming that the student is working 30 or more hours per week.

- **Advanced College Credits:** Students must be enrolled in high school taking college courses and maintain a 2.0 GPA. Students must apply during the regular application periods in June, November, or April.

## **SPECIAL HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Ulakaia Center provides special honors scholarship awards to selected high-achieving students, named in honor of Aleuts who excelled in their professions. A student can opt in to be considered for a special honors award when they apply for the Fall period. All special honors scholarships require a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students must be in their second year of college or later. Students that have been placed in academic probation within the last year are not eligible for special honors.

### **Lillie Hope-McGarvey Health Scholarship Award**

For students majoring in a healthcare field.

### **Gabe Stepetin Business Scholarship Award**

For students majoring in a business field.

### **Andrew Gronholdt Arts Scholarship Award**

For students majoring in an arts field.

### **Alice Petrivelli Business Leadership Scholarship Award**

For students majoring in business who display leadership qualities and involvement in improving their communities.

### **Elary Gromoff, Jr. Military Veteran Scholarship Award**

For students who have served in the military.