

# YOUTH ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Ulakaia Center (UC) provides the Youth Advance Scholarship Program, designed to support extracurricular programs to enrich young students' lives. Funding is available for voting Aleut shareholders and their registered descendants to attend athletic, scholastic, art or music training, camps, or events. Applications are accepted and reviewed year-round. An applicant may receive up to \$500.00 total funding per award year through this program.

### WHO MAY APPLY

1. The Youth Advance Scholarship Program awards scholarships to:
  - A. Aleut Corporation voting Shareholders, defined as: Shareholders who are Native and/or registered descendants of a voting Aleut shareholder.
  - B. Registered Descendants of a voting Aleut shareholder, defined as: any lineal descendant of a voting shareholder who has registered with Aleut. (Contact the Shareholder Department at [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com) or visit [www.aleutcorp.com/our-shareholders/forms](http://www.aleutcorp.com/our-shareholders/forms) if you need to register a Descendant.)
  - C. The categories of eligible applicants set out in A and B above each include an adoptee of a voting Aleut shareholder or a descendant of a voting Aleut shareholder whose adoption occurred prior to the age of majority and is recognized at law or in equity.
2. Applicants must be between three (3) years of age and up to the 12th grade in high school at the time of their application.
3. Applicants must be accepted to, enrolled in, or registered to participate in an enriching athletic, scholastic, art or music activity.

### REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Each shareholder/descendant applying for this program must have an account in the Ulakaia Center's scholarship system. The account and the scholarship applications may be created on a youth's behalf by a parent or guardian, but they must be in the youth's name.
2. The complete application must be submitted online. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Sign up for an account on [https://webportalapp.com/sp/taf\\_eligibility](https://webportalapp.com/sp/taf_eligibility).

### REVIEW PROCESS

UC will administer the program, review applications, and award funding. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application once it is reviewed. The review process may take up to two (2) weeks; UC staff will strive to process applications as efficiently as possible, but please be aware that we cannot expedite payments.

### DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

1. Scholarship funds can be disbursed directly to the educational institution or program.
2. An individual, such as a parent who paid registration fees, may be reimbursed for expenses with proof of payment. Applicants should be cautioned that reimbursement of all expenses is not guaranteed.
3. Scholarship funds may be used for the following expenses: registration, books, fees, uniforms, equipment, supplies, and travel in conjunction with the training, event, or camp. The Youth Advance Scholarship Program may determine which costs are acceptable and adjust awards accordingly.



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4. An applicant may apply as many times as desired if s/he does not receive more than \$500.00 total per award year.
5. For tax purposes, an IRS form W-9 is required for all organizations or individuals that receive scholarship funds on behalf of a student.

#### **AWARD RECIPIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Notify the UC immediately if there is a change to the applicant's mailing address, training/event/camp attending, or enrollment status.
2. Awards are based upon the training/event/camp identified in the application. A change in training/event/camp will require UC to re-evaluate the Youth Advance Scholarship application.
3. If an award recipient fails to attend the training/event/camp for which s/he has been funded, drops out before completion of the training/event/camp, is expelled from the training/event/camp, or receives an incomplete designation from the training/event/camp, UC may require that the scholarship funds be returned, either by the organization who received funds, by the recipient, or a combination thereof. If the recipient fails to return said scholarship funds, future applications may not be considered.
4. Recipients of scholarship funds must submit a report after completion to the Youth Advance Scholarship Program. Reports should include a short write-up of how the event went and may include documentation such as a certificate or letter from the event/program confirming completion.
5. If a recipient misuses or misrepresents how scholarship funds are used, the Ulakaia Center may require that the funds be returned in full, either by the organization who received funds, by the recipient, or a combination thereof. If the recipient fails to return scholarship funds, future applications may not be considered, and any current awards approved for the recipient may be withheld.

Feel free to email us at [ulakaia@aleutcorp.com](mailto:ulakaia@aleutcorp.com) or call at 907-646-1929 if you have any questions about our Youth Advance Scholarship Program!