

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The goal of The Ulakaia Center Travel Scholarship Program is to provide travel funding to eligible applicants for various cultural or educational enhancement activities.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The Ulakaia Center (UC) selects the recipients of the Travel Scholarship as follows:
 - 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 or visit 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.
 - D. A group consisting of 50% or more individuals that meet the above criteria.
2. 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.
3. The complete application must be submitted online. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

TRAVEL PROGRAM CRITERIA

1. All trips will be short-term (less than 20 days).
2. Approved funding levels and types of travel:
 - A. FAI Annual Elders & Youth Conference: Provide Travel and Conference Fee (up to \$2,500/person)
 - B. Aleut's Annual Shareholder Meeting: provide Travel (up to \$2,500/person).
 - C. All other travel requests will be paid up to \$1,000/person until funds are exhausted.
 - a. The purpose of the travel must be related to education, career development, or relevant to Aleut culture.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

1. Scholarship funds will only be paid as a reimbursement. The Ulakaia Center cannot arrange travel up-front on the applicant's behalf.
2. UC will directly reimburse the individual(s) or organization that paid the travel costs. We must receive receipts or similar confirmation that the travel arrangements were paid for. Applicants should be cautioned that reimbursement of all expenses is not guaranteed.
3. Travel Scholarship funds may only be used to reimburse travel expenses. UC may determine which costs are appropriate and adjust awards accordingly.
4. Excluded expenses that will not be reimbursed include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Relocation or long-term trips (20 days or longer),
 - B. Other Native Corporation annual meetings,



- C. Personal business,
 - D. Travel that has already occurred before the application was filled out,
 - E. Hotels or lodging,
 - F. Extra baggage fees,
 - G. Fees incurred due to flight changes,
 - H. Food and incidentals (we do not pay Per Diem),
 - I. First Class tickets or upgrades.
5. An applicant may apply for multiple travel scholarships for different events throughout the year. UC will review travel scholarship applications and award them according to the funding that is available.
 6. For tax purposes, an IRS form W-9 is required for all organizations or individuals that receive scholarship funds on behalf of the applicant.

AWARD RECIPIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Those that have been selected for a Travel Scholarship should notify UC immediately if there is a change to the travel plans. A change in plans may require UC to re-evaluate the Travel Scholarship application.
2. Recipients of travel scholarship funds must submit a report after returning from their trip. Reports should include a short write-up of how the event went.
3. If an award recipient misuses or misrepresents how scholarship funds are used, the Ulakaia Center may require that the funds be returned in full. 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.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

1. Aleut Annual Shareholder Meeting travel applications need to be received by August 31st.
2. All other Travel Scholarship applications should be submitted well in advance of the travel; We encourage applying at least 6 weeks prior to the trip.

Feel free to email us at ulakaia@aleutcorp.com or call at 907-646-1929 if you have any questions about our Travel Scholarship Program!