

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The goal of the General Scholarship Program is to support degree-seeking students taking college courses. The Aleut Corporation (Aleut) will provide scholarships to eligible students that apply for this program as administered by the Ulakaia Center (UC). All UC scholarships and programs are subject to available funding.

Eligibility Requirements

1. All scholarship applicants must be an Aleut Shareholder or a registered Descendant of one.
2. All scholarship applicants must have an online account at **www.ulakaia.com**.
3. New accounts must complete a one-time eligibility process by submitting a verification of Shareholder or Descendant status received from Aleut Shareholder Records.
 - Current Shareholders can log into the MyAleut Shareholder Portal to get verification: <https://portal.aleutcorp.com>.
 - Shareholder Descendants or their guardians can email records@aleutcorp.com to register as a Descendant or receive verification.
 - Ulakaia Center staff manually review submitted eligibility forms every business day.
4. Account creation and eligibility verification is available year-round. The UC recommends creating an account and completing the eligibility process well ahead of any scholarship deadlines.

Application Requirements

1. Applications must be submitted through the UC's online scholarship system. A complete application includes the following attachments:
 - A. **Class Schedule:** A complete listing of the classes the student is registered for in the upcoming academic term, including credit load and start/end dates.
 - B. **Academic Transcript:** This document must include the student's final grades and cumulative GPA. We accept unofficial or official transcripts.
 - i. New students with no college credits may provide a High School or GED Transcript instead.
 - C. **Personal Statement:** A brief essay (less than 500 words) detailing the student's goals.
2. The UC will only disburse scholarship awards after all required documents are received.

Application Periods

- The Summer application period is April 1st to April 30th.
- The Fall application period is June 1st to July 31st (two months).
- The Spring application period is November 1st to November 30th.

Deadlines are at 12 PM noon (Alaska Time) on the final day of the scholarship periods. The UC may push back deadlines due to holidays or other circumstances. If the deadline falls on a weekend, applications are due on the preceding business day. The most up-to-date deadlines are listed on the UC's website.

New applications will not be accepted after the deadline.



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Scholarship Award Information

The UC offers scholarships based on full or part-time status and cumulative grade point average (GPA). Full-time is defined as taking 12+ credit hours per semester term or 10+ credits per quarter term. Award amounts listed are for the academic year starting in Fall and ending in Spring.

- **Honors** - \$5,500 - Full-time; Must have at least a 3.5 GPA.
- **Exceptional** - \$4,500 - Full-time; Must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- **Achievement** - \$3,500 - Full-time; Must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- **Merit** - \$3,000 - Full-time; Must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- **Working Full-Time**: An undergraduate student can be considered full-time if they are registered for at least 9 credit hours and provide a letter from their employer or supervisor confirming that the student is working 30 or more hours per week. The award will be determined by the student's GPA as above.
- **Graduate** - \$7,500 – Graduate students are considered full-time while taking 6 graduate-level credit hours; Must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- **Part-Time** - \$2,500 – Must take a minimum 3 credit hours and have a 2.0 GPA or better.

Special Honors Scholarships

The Ulakaia Center offers competitive \$12,500 scholarship awards to selected high-achieving students, named in honor of the following Aleuts who excelled in their professions:

Lillie Hope-McGarvey Health Scholarship

For students majoring in healthcare.

Andrew Gronholdt Arts Scholarship

For students majoring in an art field.

Gabe Stepetin Business Scholarship

For students majoring in a business field.

Alice Petrivelli Leadership Scholarship

For students with leadership experience that are involved in improving their communities.

Dave Nevzoroff Accounting Scholarship

For students majoring in accounting.

Elary Gromoff, Jr. Military Veteran Scholarship

For students who have served in the military.

A student can opt in to be considered for a special honors award when they apply during the Fall period. A student may only receive a special honors scholarship once. In addition to the regular scholarship requirements, the following apply:

1. Special Honors applicants must provide two letters of recommendation.
2. All Special Honors scholarships require full-time status and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
3. Special Honors applicants must be in their second year of college or later.

Award Payments

The UC will only issue scholarship payments to accredited universities. Payments are made directly to the university. Scholarship funds may only apply to tuition, school fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for classes. Should the scholarship not be used for any reason, the full unused amount must be refunded to The Aleut Corporation.

FALL PAYMENTS

- **Semester** students receive half of their total award in Fall and the other half in Spring, after the UC has received a copy of the student's Fall semester grades and their Spring semester class schedule. Those documents must be submitted to the Ulakaia Center by January 31st. If they are not submitted by that date, the student forfeits the Spring portion of their award.
- **Quarter** students receive one-third of their award in the Fall quarter and one-third in the Winter quarter after the UC receives a copy of the student's Fall quarter grades and their Winter quarter class schedule. Those documents must be submitted to the Ulakaia Center by January 31st. If they are not submitted by that date, the student forfeits the Winter portion of their award.

The remaining Spring quarter disbursement will be sent after receiving a copy of the student's Winter quarter grades and a copy of the student's Spring quarter class schedule. Those documents must be submitted to the UC by March 31st. If they are not submitted by that date, the student forfeits the Spring portion of their award.

SPRING PAYMENTS

- **Semester** students starting in the Spring semester receive their award in one disbursement.
- **Quarter** students starting in the Winter quarter receive half of their award in the Winter term and the remaining half in the Spring term after the UC receives a copy of their Winter grades and their Spring class schedule. Those documents must be received by the UC by March 31. If they are not submitted by that date, the student forfeits the Spring portion of their award.

SUMMER PAYMENTS

- Both **Semester** and **Quarter** students receive their Summer award in one disbursement.

Class Schedule Changes

Students are allowed to change from Full-time to Part-time (or vice versa) if they inform the UC before the academic term starts. For example, a student can attend Fall term as a full-time student and switch to part-time during the following term, so long as they inform the UC before the next term begins and there is time to adjust the award accordingly. Students should contact the UC if they have any scheduling concerns.

Academic Probation

Students that are funded full-time but do not complete the required 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 verify that they will be attending the next term.

Students who are placed in academic probation a second time will not receive the remainder of their current award and may not be eligible to apply for scholarship funding from the UC until the next application period. We advise students to reach out to the UC if they have special circumstances or concerns about their academic standing.