



Sitnasuak
Foundation



Bering Straits Foundation



SPANS

Seward Peninsula Application Network Scholarship

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF), Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC), Kawerak, Inc., Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) and Sitnasuak Foundation have joined together in creating one application for students applying for scholarships from any of the five (5) organizations with the purpose of making the process efficient and easier for students.

How is the cooperative application process efficient and easier for students?

These organizations require much of the same information, the application (pages 3-5) are suitable to meet the needs of all organizations. When pages 3-5 are complete please submit them to each of the organization(s) to which you are applying, along with each organization's required documents. Pages 7-14 provide specific information for each organization's scholarship program.

How do I complete the SPANS?

It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

SPANS is looking for a new name if you would like to submit a name for consideration please notify a SPANS organization. The name must include a definition & reason why it was chosen. The winning name will be utilized on the application and the winner will receive a prize from each organization. Name ideas (catchy acronyms, Inupiaq/St. Lawrence Island Yupik/Yupik words) relating to education or working together.

1

Read the SPANS completely to determine which scholarship(s) you are eligible for and to learn the requirements for each one;

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After determining eligibility, fill out pages 3-5, include the required documents for each organization and fill out page 8 for BSF, page 9 for NSEDC and page 14 for Sitnasuak Foundation.

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BSF, NSEDC, Kawerak, NSHC and Sitnasuak Foundation each have separate scholarship programs. Contact information for each can be found on pages 7-14 of the SPANS. Find the fax number or mailing address of each agency that you are eligible to apply for and submit your application to them.

SPANS Common Guidelines

	BSF	Sitnasuak	Kawerak	NSEDC	NSHC
Required Documents					
Application, pages 3-5 (add page 8 for BSF, page 9 for NSEDC and add page 14 for Sitnasuak)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letters of Recommendation	2	2	2	2	2
High School Diploma or GED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letter of Acceptance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official Transcripts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class Enrollment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Current Photo of Applicant	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Eligibility Requirements					
Must be a Bering Strait Region resident	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Must be a BSNC Shareholder or Lineal Descendant	Yes	No	No	No	No
Native Preference established	Yes, Shareholder/ Descendant	Yes, Shareholder/ Descendant or Nome resident	Yes, Tribal Member, see page 10 for more information	No	No
Must attend an <u>accredited</u> Vocational or College/ University Institution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full-time Student (12 semester credits, 10 quarter credits, or 9 graduate credits)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part-time Student	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Terms Funded & Deadlines					
Fall Term Deadline	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30	July 15	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30	Graduating Seniors April 30; All Others June 30
Spring Term Deadline	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Vocational Training Deadline	2 weeks prior to start of class	Same as Fall & Spring	No Deadline	No Deadline	Same as Fall & Spring
Summer Term Deadline	April 30	No	Contact Kawerak	Contact NSEDC	No
GPA Requirements					
GPA Requirements for high school graduating senior	3.0 college 2.5 Voc. Ed.	N/A	2.0	N/A	N/A
GPA minimum requirements for college or vocational training	2.0 for first semester; 2.5 for other semesters	N/A	2.0	2.0	2.5

SPANS

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please provide the following, not all information is used by each agency.)

Applicant Name		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Social Security #
Your Mailing Address While Attending School (if not known at this time please provide address ASAP)		Home/Permanent Mailing Address		
Your Phone # at School	Your Phone # at Home	Your Cell Phone #	Email Address	
Alternative E-mail	Facebook Login Name	MySpace URL	Other	

2. NAME OF THE SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING, FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS & PHONE #.

Name and financial aid address of school you will attend	Phone #	
	# of credits you will take	
	Expected Graduation Date	List the date enrollment will be sent
Area of Study (i.e. accounting, nursing, CDL, construction)	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate's <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	
I am will be enrolling as a: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (0-29 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (30-59 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (60-94 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (95 plus credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Student		
Term applying for 20____ Spring _____ Winter _____ Fall _____ Summer _____ Other _____		
The school operates on <input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Sessions First day of instruction: _____ Last day of instruction: _____		

3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Most recent GPA <input type="checkbox"/> High School (complete in section below) Semester _____ Cumulative _____ <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Total # of Credits Earned _____		
Name and address high school graduated from	Year of Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> GED
	High School GPA _____ or GED Score _____	Last grade completed <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12

6. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

RESOURCES	Received/Expected	Applied/Pending
Bering Straits Foundation		
Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Community, Gambell (BIA scholarships)		
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation		
Norton Sound Health Corporation		
Regional/Village Corporation		
College Scholarships (academic, athletic, etc.)		
National Guard/Military Benefits		
State of AK DOL (STEP/WIA)		
Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)/Pell Grant		
Loans (specify)		
Employment (part or full time)		
Other (specify)		
Self Contribution		
TOTALS	\$ _____	\$ _____
EXPENSES		
Tuition		
Fees		
Books		
Supplies		
Meals		
Room		
Transportation		
Miscellaneous		
TOTALS	\$ _____	
	Term with only received/expected amounts included	
TOTAL BALANCE NEEDED (Resources - Expenses)	\$ _____	

7. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. The scholarship award(s) will be used to further my education for the program I have enrolled in. I understand that the funds must apply toward tuition, registration fees, books and campus related room and/or board expenses. I understand that any unspent funds will be returned. **I further understand that immediately upon completion of the term that I received scholarships for I will submit an official transcript.** I give permission for Bering Straits Foundation, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Kawerak, Norton Sound Health Corporation and/or Sitnasuak Foundation, to publish my name, photo, school information, or other information I provide in any reports, press releases or publications; and they may share information I provide with each other.

Signature

Date

8. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please submit pages 3-5 (COMPLETED) with the following information, PLUS any specific additional information required by the organization(s) in which you are applying for scholarships:

2 Letters of Recommendation

Include 2 letters from teachers, employers, or others with knowledge of your experience and potential to succeed. Do not include letters from immediate family members.

Letter of Acceptance

Include a copy of your letter of acceptance from the accredited college or vocational training center you will be attending.

Official Transcripts

Include copies of your official transcripts from each college or vocational training program you have attended. If this is your first time going to college or vocational training, include an official copy of your high school transcripts. Submit official transcripts to each to for which you are applying.

Additional Pages

Include page 8 for BSF, page 9 for NSEDC and page 14 for Sitnasuak Foundation.

1. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here is a list of common questions students ask. If further assistance is required ask the organization to which you are applying or your school counselor.

Where do I go for help while at school? Most schools have a guidance counselor or an advisor.

What are official transcripts? Official transcripts are the academic records from a high school, college or vocational training school that you have attended. Official transcripts are to be sent from the school to the appropriate SPANS organization(s). Some schools will give the official transcripts to the student in a sealed envelope and then the student needs to give them to the appropriate SPANS organization(s).

Where do I get official transcripts? High school official transcripts can be requested from your school counselor or school office. College and vocational training transcripts are generally requested from the Registrar's or Admission's Office. Most schools charge a small fee for official transcripts.

What is a letter of acceptance? A letter from the college or vocational training program indicating the degree/training program and term that you have been accepted to. If a student changes schools, a letter of acceptance into the new school is required.

What is a class schedule? A class schedule shows how many credits a student is enrolled in during a specific semester/term.

Where do I get a class schedule? A class schedule can be obtained from the Registrar's or Admission's office after class enrollment. Include a copy of the tuition bill or a copy of the on-line enrollment that includes the student name, the semester/term, a list of classes and number of credits is included.

What if I decide not to go to school or finish the semester/term? Let the appropriate SPANS organization(s) know as soon as possible in writing and state the reason(s) why. Not doing so may jeopardize future funding opportunities.

How will the scholarship program contact me? The appropriate SPANS organization(s) will contact you using the information you provide on the application or when we receive updates. It's very important that we are informed of any changes with your contact information (i.e. phone, address, email address).

What if I change my area of study, etc.? If a student changes their area of study, credit load, schools, etc. it is the students responsibility to inform the appropriate SPANS organization(s) and the organization will inform the student if the funding is jeopardized or if additional documentation will be required.



Bering Straits Foundation

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Our mission is to enrich the lives of our people and strengthen self-sufficiency by supporting educational goals, cultural heritage and traditional values.

INCOMPLETE or LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Deadlines

Fall = High School Seniors April 30
All Others June 30

Spring = December 31

Summer = April 15

Eligibility

- Must be a shareholder of Bering Straits Native Corporation or a lineal descendant, defined as the natural or adopted child of a person that is a shareholder of BSNC.
- High school graduate or GED recipient going to college/university must have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher. High school graduates going to a vocational program must have a 2.5 or higher GPA. If you obtained a GED, include a copy of your official transcript with the total score. If you have been out of high school for more than 10 years at the time you apply, then the GPA requirements do not apply.
- Show financial need after all other sources of funding have been considered.

Guidelines

1. Must submit pages 3-5 and 8 of SPANS.
2. Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 first semester and 2.5 for each succeeding semesters for continuing students enrolled in a full-time college, university or vocational school. Include current official transcript or a copy from each college previously attended (*or high school if first time freshman*).
3. College/University Student means that you are working towards an associate, bachelor, graduate or doctorate degree.
4. Vocational training programs indicate that you are working towards a certificate or obtaining specified training but will not be receiving an associate, bachelor, graduate, or doctorate degree.
5. Probation: a student may be placed on probation when he/she received funding but didn't meet the minimum GPA and/or credit requirements. When a student doesn't meet the minimum requirements he/she can be placed on probation and receive funding. However, if the student doesn't meet the minimum requirements while on probation the student will be dropped from the program and is not able to receive funding until he/she completes a semester as a full-time student and earns a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

Funding Amounts

Depending on availability of funds, BSF will provide scholarships to CONTINUING STUDENTS each semester/quarter as long as the requirements stated on the original application are met. CONTINUING STUDENTS are defined as those who received a BSF scholarship for the previous semester/quarter and have maintained a 2.0 GPA for the first semester and a 2.5 GPA for succeeding semesters. Amounts awarded are \$1,000 for GPA's of 3.0 or higher and \$400 for GPA's 2.5-2.99. Vocational education students may be awarded \$500.

IMPORTANT -THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO BSF WITH PAGES 3-5 OF THE SPANS AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN SECTION 8 OF THE APPLICATION

TO QUALIFY FOR THE BERING STRAITS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IT IS REQUIRED THAT APPLICANTS ARE A SHAREHOLDER, LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A SHAREHOLDER, ENROLLED IN A VILLAGE CORPORATION, OR A BENEFICIAL OWNER OF STOCK.

Applicant Name	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Social Security #
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Check one or more boxes as appropriate.

<input type="checkbox"/> I am an original enrollee of BSNC. My enrollment # is _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the lineal descendant (natural or adopted of a person enrolled in BSNC) who is or was enrolled in the following village corporation _____ Name of ascendant (parent/grandparent) _____ DOB: _____ Relationship to applicant _____ PLEASE NOTE: If you are not a shareholder of BSNC you will need to submit a copy of your birth certificate or adoption decree.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am enrolled to the following village corporation _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the record or beneficial owner of BSNC stock. I acquired stock by: <input type="checkbox"/> Gift <input type="checkbox"/> Inheritance <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____

BSF MENTOR PROGRAM

<input type="checkbox"/> Please select this box if you would like to participate in the Bering Straits Mentor Program. Please review website for more information. www.beringstraits.com see Foundation tab for mentor link or contact BSF.
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Bering Straits Foundation additionally oversees the
Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for the fall semester only and one award is given each year.

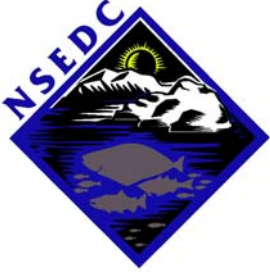
Eligibility Requirements

- One quarter (1/4) or more Alaska Native (Aleut, Eskimo or Indian) and enrolled to the Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC), village corporation, or as an "At Large" member of BSNC.
- Show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.
- Accepted and enrolled in an accredited institution or vocational school.
- Must carry a minimum load of 12 hours per semester or 10 hours per quarter and maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average or better. Exceptions can be made for a freshman with a written approval from the school counselor.

Application Process

- Initial the eligibility requirements above that you meet, if you meet all of them you will automatically be considered for the Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship.
- Submit complete SPANS pages 3-5 with all necessary attachments to the Bering Straits Foundation **by June 30.** Only one application is necessary for both the Bering Straits Foundation and the Martin L. Olson scholarship.

IMPORTANT -THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO NSEDC WITH PAGES 3-5 OF THE SPANS AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN SECTION 8 OF THE APPLICATION



Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation

Education, Employment & Training Program

Jerry Ivanoff, EET Coordinator

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Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

Brevig Mission, Diomedes, Elim Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Nome, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Stebbins, St Michael, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, White Mountain

Application Guidelines for Higher Education and Vocational Scholarships

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's (NSEDC) *Employment, Education, and Training (EET) Program* offers scholarships to students enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. These scholarships provide supplemental funds for higher education or vocational training with the understanding that 100% of a student's educational expenses will not be met with other scholarships. The maximum amount of the scholarship award for both higher education and vocational training is \$2,000.00 per semester or training session.

Residency Verification Form

For purposes of determining your eligibility for those NSEDC programs or other benefits that require Norton Sound Residency, you must be able to answer yes to the following basic statements (as well as furnish any documentation required to substantiate such statements):

- At the time these benefits shall be realized, I will have been a resident of and physically present in the Norton Sound Region for 1 year, unless absent for an Allowable Absence;
 1. Receiving post-secondary, vocational or other special education on a full-time basis;
 2. Serving on active duty as a member of the United States military
 3. Serving as an employee of NSEDC in a location outside of the region (including working for NSEDC fishing partners);
 4. Accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for one of the above reasons as the spouse, minor dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;
 5. For any reason consistent with the individual's intent to remain a Norton Sound resident (e.g. vacations), provided the absence or cumulative absences do not exceed:
 - a. 60 days if the individual is not claiming an absence under 1-4;
 - b. 45 days in addition to an absence claimed under 1-4.
- I intend to remain a Norton Sound Region resident.
- I have not claimed residence in another regional community, state or country or obtained a benefit as a result of a claim of residency in another regional community, state or country at any time in the previous year.
- If absent from the Norton Sound for more than 60 days in a previous year, I was absent for an Allowable Absence (see list below).

I, _____, certify that I meet the criteria set forth by the NSEDC Board of Directors to qualify as a Norton Sound Resident eligible for benefits for NSEDC projects or programs including, but not limited to, scholarships, NSEDC-sponsored fishing programs (CDQ crab and halibut, Norton Sound Seafood Products, etc.), and loan programs.

Norton Sound Residency

Residency Options

Please select the option you qualify for.

- During the last 12 months, I have not been absent from the Norton Sound Region for more than 60 days.
- During the last 12 months, I have been present in the Norton Sound Region for at least 45 days, and my absence during the remainder of the year was an Allowable Absence under the Norton Sound Residency Guidelines. Attached is documentation submitted to establish that my absence was an Allowable Absence.

Certification of Residency

1. Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

2. Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Website: www.nsedc.com

Contact Ph #: 800-385-3190 or 907-624-3190

Fax #: 907-624-3183

NSEDC Continued...

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. High School Diploma or GED Certificate: must be a high school graduate or have successfully attained a GED Certificate.
2. Norton Sound Region Residency: must be a Norton Sound Region resident & provide proof of residency such as permanent physical & mailing address where PFD & voter registration information is sent. (A requirement effective since Fall 1996).
3. Enrollment: must be enrolled in an accredited two-year associate program, four-year College or university, masters program, PhD program, or vocational training institution.
4. Credit Load: must carry a minimum credit load of 12 hours per semester or 10 credit hours per quarter.
5. Grade Point Average (GPA): must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. If the student's GPA falls below 2.0 or his/her credits fall below the minimum required 12 credits per semester or 10 credits per quarter, the student will be placed on probationary status.
6. Financial Need: must be able to show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will not be considered unless the application packet is complete and includes the following:

1. SPANS (attached) & Page 9 of SPANS
2. Proof of residency in the Norton Sound Region such as permanent physical & mailing address where PFD & voter registration information is sent.
2. Documents which are noted in Section 8 of the application (two letters of recommendation, letter of acceptance into school, and transcripts from the school last attended (H.S., GED, college, university, or trade school).
3. Please thoroughly indicate your educational and career goals on page 5 of the application.
4. Current Photograph: submit a current photograph of self with this application.

CONTINUING STUDENTS

1. Continuing SPANS and Official Transcripts: students that are continuing at the same accredited college/university/vocational institution must submit, by the appropriate deadline, a continuing student application, and official transcripts, **as soon as available**, to be eligible for the annual scholarship.
2. Grade: unless there is a change of schools, for the second semester or new school year, please submit your grades of your last completed semester. Grades must be received by the *NSEDC EET Program* as **soon as made available**. It is your responsibility to ensure that this is completed. Failure to do so will jeopardize your funding.

3. Transfer Students: students who transfer during the academic year will not receive their scholarship award for that year and will not be considered for funding until the next scholarship deadline, with the requirement that they resubmit an application with an acceptance letter from that accredited institution. If there are extenuating circumstances, the students may be considered for further funding on a case-by-case basis, decided upon by the full Scholarship Committee.

NSEDC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The NSEDC Scholarship Committee will review the post-secondary education scholarship applications and make selections based on the following criteria:

1. Need
2. Grades
3. Commitment to education
4. Full-time student status
5. Acceptance into an accredited college or university
6. Availability of funds

The NSEDC Scholarship Committee will review the vocational education scholarship applications and make decisions based on the following criteria:

1. Need
2. Availability of employment opportunities
3. Training availability in the State of Alaska
4. Commitment to complete training
5. Acceptance into an accredited vocational program
6. Performance and attendance of training classes

Note: send a copy of your training certificate to the *EET Program Coordinator*, Jerry Ivanoff, upon completion.

Thank you for your attention to filling out this application. Good Luck with your educational endeavors.



KAWERAK, INC.

Education, Employment and Training Division
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KAWERAK HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Kawerak, Inc. provides semester or quarterly scholarships to tribal enrollees in the amount of \$1,500 per semester or \$1,000 per quarter (based on availability of funds). These scholarships are funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Application deadlines: Fall semester / Autumn quarter = July 15

Spring quarter = February 15

Spring semester / Winter quarter = December 31 Summer semester / quarter = April 15

Kawerak, Inc. must adhere to deadlines for submission of applications. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all required documents are submitted by the due date. Awards are for summer term are based on the availability of funds, and consideration will be given to seniors who require these classes in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be enrolled to a tribe located within the Bering Strait Region (Tribal members of Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community must apply to their local IRA Council).
- Applicants must be accepted into a 2 or 4-year degree program.
- Continuing scholarships are allocated based on evidence of school enrollment and a GPA of at least 2.0 for the previous semester/quarter.
- Part-time degree-seeking students must provide verification of their major and register for at least 6 credits per term.

The following documents must be submitted to Kawerak, Inc.:

- SPANS (attached)
- Documents which are noted in Section 8 of the application (two letters of recommendation, letter of school acceptance, and transcripts from the school last attended (H.S., GED, university or trade school).
- Verification of tribal membership in a Bering Strait Region tribe (Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community tribal members must apply at their tribal offices).
- Current photograph of applicant

For each successive term, students must submit the following in order to receive continued scholarships:

- Complete the SPANS Continuing available at www.kawerak.org along with the required documents (transcripts with verification of pre-registration) and submit to Kawerak, Inc.

Kawerak requires that students maintain academic progress with a GPA of at least 2.0 each term. By the junior year students must declare a major and maintain steady progress towards a degree. When the student fulfills their degree requirements and graduates, we ask that they submit a copy of their diploma to Kawerak, Inc. Education, Employment, and Training Division. If the student does not meet the minimum grade or credit requirements, they will be placed on academic probation the next term. If the student does not meet the minimum requirements after completion of the probationary term, they will be suspended from the program. Once suspended, the student will not be eligible to apply for another scholarship until they have successfully completed a term without Kawerak funding. Upon successful completion of the suspended term, students may reapply for services. Once services are reinstated, they must continue to maintain academic progress each term or scholarships may be discontinued.



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Vocational Training Grants

Kawerak, Inc. provides financial assistance and vocational guidance to tribal members who reside within the Bering Straits/Norton Sound region who require job skills in order to obtain and/or retain employment. Limited grants are also available to members of Kawerak's tribal consortium who reside out of the Bering Strait Region.

Applicants must be enrolled and accepted into an accredited training program in certified, vocational or trade school. Kawerak, Inc. funds are SUPPLEMENTAL, therefore applicants must apply for financial aid for all available local, state and private sources, as well as utilizing personal and family resources.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Show proof of membership in a federally-recognized tribe.
2. For the full array of Vocational Training assistance, applicants must RESIDE IN THE BERING STRAIT/NORTON SOUND REGION. Residents of NEC and Gambell need to apply to their local IRA Council office. Limited scholarships are available for non-resident, tribal members of the Kawerak consortium (excepting tribal members of NEC and Gambell).
3. Applicants must show that they are unemployed and/or under-employed (under-employed meaning their current job is only part-time or they are in need of additional training for job advancement).
4. Applicants must show financial need after applying for other funding sources, such as those available through the State of Alaska Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development.

5. As per policies established by the Kawerak Board of Directors, applicants must be able to pass pre-training drug screening.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Complete the SPANS Application, attach the required documents listed in section 8 of the SPANS **and attach the following additional documents:**

- Verification of Tribal Enrollment

Attach these additional documents if family members are included in your request:

- Copy of your marriage certificate
- Copy of dependent children's birth certificate(s)
- Verification of Tribal Enrollment – spouse and dependent children

All Vocational Training Applicants will be requested to complete an employability plan prior to receiving services, outlining their employment goals and path toward self-sufficiency through training and other activities.

DEADLINE:

Apply at least two (2) weeks prior to training start date.



NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

The NSHC scholarship program provides financial assistance to eligible students who are pursuing higher education in a health related field. Depending on the needs of the corporation, students pursuing the medical field (such as physicians, nursing, pharmacy and physician assistants) may have priority. NSHC may fund students pursuing a non-medical related degree if the degree will help further the vision, and mission of the organization. Indian Health Service beneficiaries from the Bering Straits Region, who commit to returning to the region and possible employment with NSHC, will have priority. NSHC applies Alaska Native preference to the Scholarship Program.

Continuing Scholarship Guidelines:

- Must be a high school graduate or successfully attained a GED.
- Must be accepted into an accredited two or four year academic program in a health care or health care related field.
- Must be able to show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.
- Must inform NSHC of any changes with address, phone number, school, withdrawal from school, change in degree, etc.
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better semester/quarter GPA. Failure to do so will place you on probation or drop you from the program.
- Must maintain a minimum of 12 credits for undergraduates and a minimum of 6 credits for graduates. Failure to do so will place you on probation or drop you from the program.
- Continuing Applications must be submitted each semester to apply for continued funding. It is your responsibility to request a SPANS Continuing.

Human Resource Department

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FAX: 443-2085

The Sitnasuak Foundation is administered by the Bering Straits Foundation

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DEADLINES

FALL = High School Seniors April 30
All Others June 30

SPRING = December 31

Scholarship Policy

Sitnasuak Foundation awards higher education scholarships to new and continuing students. Vocational scholarships are also awarded for specialized short-term training programs. Scholarships awarded twice annually on a term/semester schedule. The size of the scholarship depends on the funding available and the applicant's financial need. Applications are reviewed and selected by a committee before the beginning of each term/semester. Checks are mailed directly to the recipient's Financial Aid Office. Each recipient is informed in writing of the selection results every term/semester. Due to a limited budget, not all applicants are awarded scholarships. The typical award amount is \$400 per semester or training program.

Requirements and Qualifications

1. Must submit pages 3-5 and 9 of SPANS.
2. Must be accepted to an accredited college or vocational program.
3. Must demonstrate financial need after other funding sources have been considered.
4. Must have earned a GED or high school diploma with a 2.0 grade point average.
5. Must complete the scholarship application and submit it by the deadline.
6. For first time high school graduate applicants, an official high school transcript and letter of reference must accompany the application. The letter should describe the student's involvement in the community as well as accomplishments.
7. For continuing college students, an official college transcript or copy of the previous semester grades must accompany the application. If grades have not yet been posted please see the registrar office about having an about having an official transcript mail directly to us as soon as they are available.
8. It is the applicant's responsibility to send Verification of Enrollment to the Sitnasuak Foundation. Once the Verification has been received; a scholarship check will be mailed to your college's financial aid office.
9. Full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and complete 12 credits. Full time graduate students must complete 9 credits.
10. If an application is incomplete, it will be sent back for completion. Any applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

Applicant Name	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Social Security #
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Select Boxes that apply to you.

I am an original enrollee of Sitnasuak. My enrollment # is _____

I am the lineal descendant (natural or adopted of a person enrolled in Sitnasuak)
Ascendants Name _____ DOB _____

I am a Nome Resident. If yes how many years _____ months _____