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Higher Education Application

Students Name: _____ Date: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENT'S CHECKLIST:

1. Scholarship grant application _____

2. Notification of acceptance at college _____

3. Applied for financial aid from college _____

4. Completed financial aid form, sent to the preferred
   institution with required fee _____

5. College grades/high school transcripts sent to
   St. George Traditional Council – HEP _____

6. Verification of Degree of Native Blood
   (attach form or letter from your Bureau of Indian
   Affairs Office, Tribal Council, or Regional Village Corporation) _____

7. Financial aid package/need sheet completed
   (this will be sent to you after the above 6 items
   are on file in our office) _____

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St. George Traditional Council
Higher Education Program
General Information

The St. George Traditional Council Education Office administers the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Higher Education Scholarship grant program for students who are enrolled to the Aleut Regional Corporation and the 13th Regional Corporation. If you do not qualify under the above categories, please contact the BIA Anchorage office for the correct address where you should apply.

The Higher Education scholarship grant program is a *Supplemental Program*.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Students must be enrolled to the Aleut Community of St. George Island.
2. Show <u>financial need</u> after other sources of funding have been considered.
3. Must be enrolled in a <u>four-year academic degree program</u>.
4. Must be accepted by an accredited institution. If not, the credits from the non-accredited school must be transferable to three accredited college or universities.

LENGTH OF FUNDING:
The maximum length of time a student will be funded is: Baccalaureate: 5 years

FULL-TIME:
We require you to complete a minimum of twelve credit hours per semester or ten credit hours per quarter or whatever the college requires for full-time status.

GRADES:
It is your responsibility to send us your grades at the end of each term. Your scholarship grant check will not be forwarded to the school until your grades are received after each quarter or semester.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS:
The St. George Traditional Council requires that each student funded make academic progress. This means that you have declared a major and that you are making steady progress towards the degree.

GOOD STANDING:
The minimum requirements for good standing are that you complete at least twelve credits per semester or ten credits per quarter and maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) or better.

PROBATION:
Should you not meet the minimum requirements, you will be placed on probation for one term. If you do not bring your GPA up to a 2.0, you will be suspended from the program. If this happens, you will not be considered for funding again until you have funded yourself for one term completing ten or twelve credits with a 2.0 grade point average.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Apply for financial aid from your college, and other sources for which you may be eligible: veteran's benefits, Alaska Student Loan Program, private and foundation scholarships and personal and/or family contributions.

2. Sign up for a room on campus and pay your deposit early or arrange housing which is suitable to your needs and ability to pay.

3. Check with your financial aid officer about your scholarship grant when you arrive on campus for registration.

4. Send a copy of your grades or transcript to this office at the end of each term.

5. Maintain good standing.

6. Notify this office of any change in your address or plans regarding school.

7. Keep in touch. Let us know how you are doing.

8. Talk to your career counselor if you are having academic difficulties. There are usually support groups on campus which you may contact for advice and sharing problems.

9. Work with an academic advisor to develop an academic plan to work toward your degree.

10. Reapply for a scholarship grant every year by July 15th for fall semester and December 15th for spring semester.

11. Notify this office when you graduate – we need to know the major and minor you received. A copy of your degree needs to be sent to our office for your student file.

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Household Income & Expenses

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

In order to apply for a scholarship grant, you must follow this procedure:

1.   Inform us as soon as you have been admitted to the college of your choice.

2.   If you applied to several colleges, you must apply for financial aid at each college to which you apply.

3.   Fill out a Financial Aid Form (FASFA) every year and send it to the College Scholarship Service. Please read the instructions and follow them carefully. In the proper space, indicate that you want copies of the FASFA sent to the St. George Traditional Council. You will also need to have copies sent to the school you plan to attend.

After you have completed your St. George Traditional Council scholarship grant application, send it to:

ST. GEORGE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL
PO BOX 940
ST. GEORGE ISLAND, AK 99591-0940
ATTN: HIGHER ED PROGRAM
EMAIL: ADMIN@STGTRIBE.COM

You will be sent a notification when it is received. We will also inform you if additional information is needed.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES:

During the process of preparing for college, it is crucial that you apply for financial aid from other sources. The funds that you receive from St. George Traditional Council are not enough to meet your college expenses.

You can write the following to request an application for funding from the college or university you will attend:

1.   Federal programs administered by your financial aid officer:

      a.   Grants
              Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
              PELL Grant

      b.   Loans
              National Director Student Loan (NDSL)
              Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL)
              Parent Loan (PLUS)
      c.   College work study

2. State programs (administered by the State of Alaska):

      a. Alaska State Loan Program

      b. State Incentive Grant Program (SEIG)

      You may request applications from:

      Alaska Post-Secondary Education Commission
      Pouch EP
      400 Willoughby Avenue
      Juneau, AK 99811

3. Scholarship programs such as ones offered by your regional Native Corporation or village corporations.

You may also contact your financial aid officer to inquire about career-oriented scholarships.

HEALTH SERVICES:

It is a good idea to arrange for health services while you are away at school.
If you are leaving Alaska, write to:

      Contract Health Services
      Alaska Area Health Service
      PO Box 7-741
      Anchorage, AK 99510
      Phone (907) 279-6661

They will inform you of steps you must take to obtain health services in the lower 48 states.
You will need to inform them where you will be attending school.

You may need to inquire about student health insurance at your college or university. Find out if you are eligible for Indian Health Services in the area. It is important to do this right away to be prepared in case of an emergency.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT STAFF:

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call, or write. Our address is:

      St. George Traditional Council
      Higher Education Program
      PO Box 940
      St. George Island, AK 99591-0940
      Phone (907-859-2205 or 2206)
      Email: admin@stgtribe.Com

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BIA Higher Education
Grant Application
(Part A)

APPLICATION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR: _____ or
Fall only_____ Spring only_____ Summer only_____

PLEASE NOTE: All information requested is voluntary, however failure to complete all application parts may result in delays or the impossibility of processing this application.

Name: _____ Maiden: _____

Address: _____ Social Security Number: _____

_____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Marital Status: Single_____ Married_____ Divorced_____ Widowed_____

Number of Children:_____ Sex: M F

St. George Traditional Council Enrollment Number:_____

FOR ELIGIBILITY AND CENSUS PURPOSES ONLY:

Father's Name:_____ Tribal Affiliation:_____

Mother's Name:_____ Tribal Affiliation:_____

Native Corporation Enrollment: At large?   Yes_____No_____

13th Region: Yes_____No_____ Regional Corporation:_____

Village Corporation:_____

Are you a direct descendant of an Aleut Corporation Shareholder Yes_____ No_____

Place of Birth: _____

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Name and Address of High School Attended   Date of Graduation/GED:_____

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_____

Name and Address of College Selected   Date will Register:_____

_____   Semester Based:_____ Quarter Based:_____

_____

_____

_____

Were you awarded a higher education scholarship before? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, when:_____

Number of semesters/Quarters earned:_____ Credit hours earned:_____

Years in college: 1 2 3 4   Graduate:_____   F/T Student_____   P/T Student_____

Year Degree Expected:_____   Major:_____

Minor:_____

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent
to the release of this information to the necessary agencies to complete the financial aid package. I request
that any BIA grant awarded to me be mailed to me in care of the financial aid office of the institution I am
attending. I will provide a copy of my grades or transcripts to the St. George Traditional Council Office
at the above address at the end of each academic term.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICER
(Part B)

Verified financial need information is needed through your office before action can be taken on this application. Please complete and forward this form to the above address. Thank you for your assistance.

Students Name:_____   Date:_____

Social Security Number:_____

Budget Period: From:_____ To:_____   Starts On:_____

ASSESSED STUDENT NEED:

College Budget		Resources		Campus Based & Other Aid	
Tuition	$_____	Parent Contribution	$_____	SEOG	$_____
Fees	$_____	Student Contribution	$_____	PELL	$_____
Books/Supplies	$_____	Veteran's Benefits	$_____	PERKINS	$_____
Room	$_____	AFDC/ Welfare	$_____	CWS	$_____
Board	$_____	Social Security	$_____	SUG	$_____
Transportation	$_____	State Funding	$_____	EOP	$_____
Personal	$_____	Vocational Rehab	$_____	SSL	$_____
Childcare	$_____	Other	$_____	CAL A/B	$_____
Other	$_____				
Total	$_____	Total	$_____	Total	$_____

WE RECOMMEND A STUDENT AWARD OF: $_____

Financial Aid Officer: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Our school is on   Semester_____ Quarter_____ Trimester_____ Other_____

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STATEMENT ON PRIVACY
(PART C)

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires each Federal Agency to maintain a system
of information on individuals as to:

A. The Authority (whether granted by statute, or by executive order of the president) which authorizes the solicitation of the information and whether disclosure of such information is mandatory or voluntary;

B. The principal purposes for which the information is intended to be used;

C. The routine used which may be made of the information as published pursuant to paragraph (4) (D) of this subsection, and;

D. The effects on him/her, if any, of not providing all or part of the requested information.

The bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Assistance Program operators under the general authority of 24 USC Chapter 13, 42 Stat, 208 P.L. 67-85 with specific legislation contained in 23 USC Sub-Chapter E Part 32. Administration of Education Loans, Grants and Other Assistance for Higher Education. In accordance with the accountability required for the administration of the funds appropriated for the program and in order to provide services to the recipients, and to declare eligibility certain information is required of the applicants. This form solicits the required information. Use of personal data will be available to authorized sources upon request.

The applicant should understand the intent of collecting and maintaining this data on individuals is for determining eligibility of the applicant and to provide the requested information will preclude the applicant from eligibility in obtaining higher education assistance under this program.

I have read the statement on privacy listed with the application form. I hereby provide the required information and authorize the use of such information to the extent of the uses specified in the statement.

_____   _____

Signature of Applicant   Date

_____   _____

Signature of Witness   Date