Gulkana Village

**HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

# hIGHER EDUCATION CHECKLIST

* Complete Gulkana Village Council Higher Education Scholarship application
* Verification of Gulkana Village Council tribal membership
* Proof of enrollment and registration at an accredited college or university
* Two (2) letters of recommendations
* Last Semester/Term Transcripts
* Letter of intent from applicant

Applications are accepted by mail, fax or in person.

**Application Deadline for Higher Education-**

**Fall: September 5th**

**Spring: January 5th**

**Summer: June 5th**

*Applications and ALL supporting documentation MUST be returned by the deadline or the application will be denied. Students are strongly encouraged to turn in applications in advance.*

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

Dear Applicant:

The higher education program’s objective is to provide scholarship grants to Alaskan Natives who are enrolled in the Gulkana Village Council.

In order to qualify for a scholarship, students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program at a college or university and obtain a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Applicants must be FULL-TIME students to receive a FULL scholarship of $2000 per semester. PART-TIME students may receive a partial scholarship. See chart below.

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| Number of Credits (Undergraduate Degree) | Number of Credits  (Graduate Degree) | Total Scholarship Award  Per Semester |
| 3-5 | 1-2 | $500 |
| 6-8 | 3-4 | $1000 |
| 9-11 | 5-8 | $1500 |
| 12 and up | 9+ | $2000 |

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

* Applicants will be encouraged to apply for ALL available financial aid.
* There is no Alaska residency requirement. However, GVC gives priority to applicants who reside in the Ahtna Region
* Continuing applicants who meet the academic requirements will receive funding first. Other students will receive scholarship grants depending on availability of funds.

# eligibility requirements

* Enrolled in the Gulkana Village Council
* Completed higher education application and all supporting documentation
* Maintain a minimum 2.0 Grade Point Average

# Student’s responsibilty

1. Write to an accredited college/university of your choice and request the following: enrollment application, a school catalog, other relevant information including tuition costs, housing, transportation, daycare, additional fees, etc.
2. Apply for other sources of financial aid
3. **Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA for continued funding**
4. **Return term transcripts to GVC Scholarship Committee within 14 days of semester completion.**
5. **Notify GVC in writing within 14 days** if you are planning to withdraw or have been suspended from the school. Include in your letter the reason for withdrawal or suspension.
6. **Notify GVC in writing within 14 days** if you will be changing your status from full-time student to part-time student

# NEW APPLICANTS

New applicants must complete the entire Scholarship Application Packet. It is the student’s responsibility to submit supporting documentation along with the application. Each applicant should include:

* Scholarship application: completed, signed and dated
* An official copy of your grade transcripts (or a copy of your high school transcripts or GED certificate if you are an entering freshman)
* Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers, employers and others who know of your experience and potential to succeed in your chosen field of study.
* Proof of enrollment and registration, detailing semester classes and number of credits
* Verification of Gulkana Village Council tribal enrollment
* A photograph of yourself (optional)
* A personal letter stating your educational and career goals. Your letter should include:
  + Your reasons for attending college
  + When you plan to finish and your major or field of interest
  + Why you believe you are a good scholarship candidate

# CONTINUING APPLICANTS

Once a student has submitted the GVC Higher Education packet and received a scholarship, it is not necessary to complete the entire application packet again the following semester. To qualify for additional funding, continuing students must submit the following documents:

1. Scholarship application: completed, signed and dated
2. A copy of the previous semester’s transcripts
3. Proof of enrollment and registration, detailing semester classes and number of credits
4. A letter of intent/statement of purpose from the student briefly updating their career goals and declaring their intent to return to college the following semester.

If a student has not received a scholarship award in two years or more, (s)he must reapply for a scholarship as a new applicant.

# Guidelines

**Uses of Scholarship**: Unless stated otherwise, scholarship funding may be used toward tuition, university fees, books, or campus related/approved room and board only. ALL scholarships are subject to available funding.

**Scholarship Decisions**: Award selections are made by the Gulkana Village Council Scholarship Committee. The GVC Scholarship Committee will be officially inform applicants of the selection results by mail. Allow 30 days from the time a complete application has been received.

**Criteria for Selections**: Scholastic achievement or merit is a major consideration in the award selection process but is by no means the only factor. Other factors considered in the selection process include previous work performance; education and community involvement; financial need; recommendations by teachers, employers and others who know of the applicant’s experience and potential to succeed in a chosen career; years in school; seriousness of purpose; field of study; practicality of educational and professional goals and completeness of the application.

**Disbursement of Funds**:

Scholarship checks are disbursed by GVC directly to the scholarship recipient’s college or university. The university is requested to administer the funds on behalf of GVC’s scholarship recipient. A copy of the disbursement letter and a copy of the check sent to the university will also be sent to the scholarship recipient. Annual scholarship checks will be disbursed in equal installments on a per semester basis.

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| Applicant Information Date of Birth: |
| Last: First MI |
| Mailing Address: City, State: ZIP Code: |
| Phone: Cell: Work: |
| Eligibility- are you eligible for a scholarship through another tribe? If yes, where? |
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| Name of College, University or Vocational school: |
| Address: City, State: Zip Code: |
| Phone: Class level: Undergraduate Degree: |
| Number of credits you plan to take for the semesters/term for which this application applies: |
| Fall Spring Summer |
| Current Credits that count toward your degree? |
| How many more credits needed, in order to graduate? Expected date to graduate: |
| What was/is your cumulative GPA? High School: College: |
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Please list honors, awards, accomplishments, community activities, additional education, trainings, or related experiences:

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**LETTER OF INTENT/STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**First time applicants** are to describe their personal history, a summary of accomplishments and a description of their career goals. Please explain how your degree/certificate program fits with your educational and career plans. Responses should be approximately one page in length.

**Continuing applicants** are to briefly update educational and career goals and related activity. Responses should be one to two paragraphs in length.

This statement is important and will be carefully evaluated by GVC. Please be specific and detailed. The quality of your response will significantly impact the decisions of the GVC Scholarship Committee.

The statement of purpose should be written on a separate paper and be included with your application.

**CONDITION OF AWARD**

Within 14 days of completion of the semester (s) or term (s) for which an award was made, the scholarship recipient must submit a copy of his or her grade transcripts for the award period to Gulkana Village Council.

**STATEMENT OF CORRECTNESS, UNDERSTANDING, AND AUTHORIZATION**

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP, IF APPROVED, WILL BE USED TO FURTHER MY EDUCATION IN THE DEGREE/CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WHERE I AM ENROLLED.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE EVENT A SCHOLARSHIP IS GRANTED, IT MUST APPLY TOWARD TUITION, FEES, BOOKS, SUPPLIES AND/OR ROOM AND BOARD.

SHOULD FOR ANY REASON THE SCHOLARSHIP NOT BE USED, I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF WILL BE REFUNDED TO GULKANA VILLAGE COUNCIL.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT WITHIN 14 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THE SEMESTER OR TERM, I SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF MY GRADE TRANSCRIPTS FOR THE SEMESTER (S) DURING WHICH THE AWARD WAS USED TO GVC TO VERIFY COMPLETION OF THE COURSES OF STUDY DURING THE SEMESTER(S) OR TERM(S) FOR WHICH THE AWARD WAS MADE.

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*Signature of applicant Date*

**Infraction Provision:**Except in cases of special circumstances, should the eligibility criteria not be maintained by the scholarship recipient, the recipient will be ineligible to apply for the GVC Higher Education Scholarship for the next two (2) award periods from the date of the determination made by GVC. No additional funds will be advanced for the current semester. To the extent possible, all unused funds will be recovered from the institution and returned to GVC. In addition, in the event a scholarship recipient is delinquent in submitting reports required by the scholarship program, absent special circumstances, future awards to the applicant/recipient may be withheld until the delinquency is resolved. Further, should a scholarship recipient who applies for and receives funding as a full-time student change to part-time status during the course of the semester, future award(s) will be reduced by the amount of the overpayment.