



Competitive Scholarship Policy

Program Description

The Ahtna Heritage Foundation (TAHF) was created to assist Ahtna shareholders in meeting their educational goals. The Competitive Scholarship, funds Ahtna shareholders who are either full or part-time students. Funding for the Competitive Scholarship is generously provided by Ahtna Incorporated and other donors.

TAHF will fund one person at the following levels:

- \$5,000.00 Annually

Eligibility

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Scholarship program:

- Complete and signed application received *by* July 15 deadline
- Ahtna shareholder (Original or L Stock)
- High school graduate or GED
- Accepted to an accredited college, university or vocational school, or accepted in a program specializing in a recognized area of study
- Official proof of registration as full or part time according to the institution policies
- Official transcripts received by TAHF by September 1. (note application must be turned in by the application deadline even if transcripts are not available)
- 3.00 GPA as a high school or college student. If a continuing student, must have maintained a 3.00 GPA and completed all classes in which enrolled during the semester.
- Personal biography (1 to 2 pages) including a photo of yourself, including information about family, community, business and other interests and a statement of your future and educational goals.
- 2 letters of recommendation specific to the competitive scholarship
- A two (2) page essay on how your education will impact the Ahtna people
- If awarded, acceptance of scholarship infers agreement to speak at an Ahtna event on importance of education

Application Process

Deadline for application scholarship form is July 15.

All applicants must reapply each year.

New applicants will complete the new applicant scholarship form.

Renewal applicants will complete the renewal applicant scholarship form.

Renewal applicants will complete a new essay.

Awards are disbursed to the institutions only, not directly to the student.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA per year funded. Cumulative GPA is only to be used for new applicants. If the 3.0 GPA is not met the applicant is denied.

- Application scholarship form must be timely received by the application deadline (see definitions)
- Applications will only be accepted when sent to the official application address, fax number or email address on the application form.
- Late application scholarship form not received by the deadline will not be approved.

Academic Year- TAHF understands that some universities or colleges break their academic year into units. If the academic year is not clearly explained on the applicant's paperwork, staff will follow up with the institution of higher learning for clarification.

Application Deadline-The date that applications are due are set by the scholarship committee. Currently it is July 15 annually.

Timely Receipt of Applications.

- Applications may be mailed, hand delivered, emailed or faxed to the correct address noted on the application.
- Mailed applications must be postmarked and the stamp cancelled by the application deadline.
- Hand delivered items must be received in the TAHF office by 5 pm on the application deadline and stamped received and initialed by a staff member.
- Fax and e-mail applications will be confirmed by the time stamp on the e-mail or fax and must be received by 11:59 PM of the application deadline.

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Competitive Scholarship Application

Applicant Information				
Name: Last:		First:		MI:
Mailing address:				
City:	State:	ZIP Code:		
Phone:	Email:	Maiden Name:		
Semester/Student Status				
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time # of Credits _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time # of Credits _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Applicant	Year:		
Ahtna Status				
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled Shareholder				
<input type="checkbox"/> Class L Stock				
Your Ahtna or Village Affiliation				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cantwell	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheesh'na	<input type="checkbox"/> Chitina	<input type="checkbox"/> Kluti Kaah	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gakona	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulkana	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentasta	<input type="checkbox"/> Tazlina	
<input type="checkbox"/> At-Large				
School Information				
School Name:				
Student ID # (needed for check process):		Main Phone:	Financial Phone:	
Financial Aid Office Address:				
City:	State:	ZIP Code:		
MAJOR: 1 st		2nd		
MINOR: 1 st		2nd		
Degree/ Certificate Information				
Degree/Certificate to be obtained:			Target Completion Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate
Academic status(circle one) Vocational / Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior				*Credits
What other financial aid have you applied for?				
List any school, community, volunteer, and/or cultural activities, awards, honor societies, and/or leadership, which you were involved.				
List any additional information or special circumstances you want the TAHF Scholarship Committee to consider. Please attach an additional sheet if needed.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE- please check this box if you are male over the age of 18 and have registered for the selective service.				

Scholarship Conditions and Signature

By my signature below, I hereby certify that the information provided in this initial or renewed form is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct, and that I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could jeopardize consideration of my application; and by submitting this application I give Ahtna Heritage Foundation permission to verify any and all information in this application.

I understand that in order for my scholarship to be approved I must have maintained at least a 2.00 GPA during high school (not applicable if GED recipient). Or if a continuing student, I must have maintained at least a 2.00 GPA per funded semester, **and completed all the classes in which I have enrolled during last semester.**

I understand that the Ahtna Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee will consider exceptions to the two above conditions (low GPA or incomplete classes) only in rare cases of extreme personal hardship during the last semester, including but not limited to, death in your close family, personal illness, and other personal hardship; and that a detailed letter of explanation and appropriate documents is required.

I understand my application and signature must be postmarked by the deadline. If my application is received after the Fall or Spring semester deadline, it will not be approved. I also understand that there is no exception to the deadline except in rare cases of extreme personal hardship during the last semester, including but not limited to, death in your close family, personal illness, and other personal hardship; and that a detailed letter of explanation and appropriate documents is required.

I understand that Ahtna Heritage Foundation must receive all other documents by the **Spring, July 15 / Fall, December 15.**

I authorize Ahtna Heritage Foundation and Ahtna Inc. to release my name in connection with any public announcement of scholarship award. I also authorize Ahtna Heritage Foundation to share my information to Ahtna Inc. Subsidiaries for future intern or job placement.

I understand that the scholarship, if awarded, will be paid directly to the institute, college, university, or program at which I am enrolled and registered.

If awarded, acceptance of scholarship infers agreement to speak at an Ahtna event on importance of education

I have read and understood the above statements and will abide by the conditions of the award, if approved.

SIGNATURE _____ PRINTED NAME _____ DATE _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____ PRINTED NAME _____ DATE _____

Parent's signature required only if student is less than 18 years of age.

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