

Frequently asked questions:

Q: When is the Higher Education Scholarship deadline?

A: July 1st is the deadline for the fall and spring semesters

November 15th for spring semester only

All applications must be postmarked by the deadline to be accepted. No late applications will be accepted. If you apply for the July 1st deadline you do not need to reapply for the spring semester.

Q: What do I need to do to re-apply for the higher education scholarship?

A: If you received a scholarship for the previous school year you must submit a new application packet. There are three items you do not need to submit as a returning student:

1. Two letters of recommendation. These are only required as a new applicant.
2. Acceptance Letter. This will only be required if you change schools.
3. CLO recommendation.

All other items are required in your scholarship packet and must be submitted by the deadline.

Q: I've completed my fall semester; what do I need to give APICDA so I can get my spring semester scholarship?

A: Recipients of scholarship grants must arrange to have a copy of their **official** transcripts sent to APICDA within **two weeks** of the date that transcripts are made available before APICDA will disburse scholarship grant funds to the recipient's educational institution for the upcoming term.

Q: I did not get a 2.0 GPA or 12 credits for the semester that APICDA funded will I still get my scholarship for the next semester?

A: If you do not meet APICDA's requirements of a 2.0 GPA, do not receive 12 credits or both you can request probation from the Training and Education Committee for one semester. Contact Human Resources and you will be direct on this procedure.

Q: Do I need to contact the CLO of my community each year that I apply?

A: No, only the first time you apply or if you have had a break in schooling.

Q: I signed the transcript release form with my scholarship application do I need to order a copy of my official transcripts or does APICDA do that?

A: The student is responsible for requesting the official transcript and ensuring it is sent to APICDA within the required time frame.

APICDA does not request transcripts unless a student is in default and does not send the transcript.

Q: What information do I need to send APICDA if I change schools?

A: If you change colleges you must provide your new acceptance letter, a copy of your registration and revised budget statement on page 2 of the application.

Q: Do I need to contact APICDA if I choose to take a semester off?

A: Yes, please contact us so that we know you are taking time off and we will keep your scholarship file active until you are re-enrolled in college.

Q: How do I get a current copy of the Higher Education Scholarship?

A: Our scholarship application is available on our website under the Higher Education Scholarship information. Please be sure to read the directions so that you include all documents with your application packet. Applications are not accepted and processed until they are complete. Late or incomplete applications are not accepted.

Q: What do I need to include in my scholarship packet for it to be considered complete?

- A:**
1. Completed application form
 2. Personal Statement from applicant outlining:
 - a. Your education/professional development goals,
 - b. Why you wish to attend school,
 - c. What you plan to do after receiving your degree,
 - d. What contributions you believe you will be able to make to the communities of the APICDA region or to Alaska in general, after achieving your academic goals.
 3. Official high school and college (continuing students) transcripts of credits, or GED test scores (if applicable).
 4. Two letters of recommendation.
A present or former faculty member or employer must write one of the letters, the other may be written by a faculty member, a present employer, or an individual who knows the applicant well, such as a minister, priest, doctor or elder in the community. No letter or recommendation will be accepted from any relative of an applicant.
 5. Proof of acceptance at an accredited college or university, such as a copy of the letter of acceptance issued by the educational institute.
Applicant must register and complete semester as a full-time student with a 2.0 GPA or greater.
 6. The applicant may wish to include newspaper articles and other materials concerning honors received, or activities he or she has participated in during recent years.
 7. Recommendation and comments by the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) in the applicant's community.

Q. What is the GPA scholarship?

A. The GPA scholarship was started in 2006 to reward students for excelling in their classes. It has been such a success we have continued the program. The scholarship is \$500 and is awarded to students who earn a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Awards will not exceed \$1,000 per school year. If you are attending school on a semester basis or a quarterly basis the most you will receive is \$1,000.

Q. Do I need to apply for the GPA scholarship?

A. You do not need to apply for the scholarship. APICDA verifies the credits you completed and your GPA each time you send in your official transcript. If you meet the GPA requirement your award will be mailed with your Higher Education Scholarship. The 3.5 GPA must be for the previous term funded not a cumulative GPA of the semesters you have attended college. Awards are only given to current students you will not receive a GPA scholarship