

**Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA)
Haginaa Kidul (*Helping to Grow*) Scholarship Program
Vocational Training Scholarship Application Instructions**



Thank you for your interest in APICDA's scholarship program. APICDA, a Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) organization, is committed to leveraging our natural and human resources for positive community and regional impact through the management of CDQ quota and prudent investments. Working closely with its board and staff, APICDA reinvests proceeds in its member communities through public infrastructure development, community wellness, cultural awareness initiatives and a portfolio of regional education and training opportunities.

APICDA recognizes the interconnectedness of students, families and communities within the Aleutian and Pribilof region. We believe that expanding access to education and training offerings beyond CDQ member communities will help increase opportunities for networking, collaboration and information sharing, and in turn will help grow and strengthen our regional economy.

This program provides vocational training scholarships to students from the APICDA CDQ communities of Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George and includes communities from the Aleutian Region, Adak, Cold Bay, King Cove, Sand Point and Unalaska. Students who are pursuing vocational training/school are eligible to apply for this program.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be 18 years of age or older
2. Be a full-time permanent resident of an APICDA CDQ community; Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, St. George or from an Aleutian Region community of Adak, Cold Bay, King Cove, Sand Point or Unalaska for a minimum of 12 consecutive months and demonstrate intent to remain a resident indefinitely
3. Registered or planning to attend a vocational institution or vocational training program
4. Minimum 2.0 GPA
5. Demonstrate financial need
6. Applicant must intend to return to their home community or Aleutian/Pribilof region for employment after training

Notification of Award

Students will be notified via email if they are selected for an award.

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Complete Application Packet Checklist

Each applicant must submit a complete application packet with the following documentation no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the training program. Applications that are incomplete or submitted late will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

Completed application form

Personal statement (minimum 500 words) that includes the following information:

- 1. Your training and employment goals and describe how the training will support your employment goals**
- 2. Why you wish to attend the vocational training program you've selected**
- 3. Potential employment opportunities in your community after completing your training**
- 4. Contributions you will make to communities in the Aleutian/Pribilof Region after completing your training**

Proof of acceptance to a vocational training institution (e.g. copy of letter of acceptance issued by the educational institution, proof of enrollment in training program)

Two letters of recommendation – One from a present or former educational faculty member or employer, and one from a faculty member, present or former employer, or an individual who knows you well and is not a relative (e.g. priest, doctor, or elder in the community).

Proof of residency - Acceptable documents may be one of the following:

1. Most recent high school transcript
2. Current Alaska PFD records
3. Current electric/fuel bill receipt or other proof of maintaining your permanent residence in the A/P Region
4. Most recent employer or unemployment records (i.e. W-2, check stub, statement)

Other supporting documentation (e.g. certificates, licenses, articles, awards or other materials concerning honors and community engagement activities or volunteering)

Submit your completed application via email to education@apicda.com, via fax to 907-646-7741, or mail to: APICDA, Attn: T&E Dept., 717 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99501

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1. Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____

Social Security No.: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

How may we contact you during training? _____

Select the community you are a current resident of: Adak Akutan Atka Cold Bay False Pass

King Cove Nelson Lagoon Nikolski Sand Point St. George Unalaska

Have you received an APICDA Scholarship in the past? Yes No

If yes, which scholarship and when? _____

Did you complete the program for which the scholarship was granted? Yes No

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

2. Previous Education Information

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Graduated (Date)</u>	<u>Program of Study</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Vocational Training Institution Information

Name of the institution you plan to enter: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Program: _____

Program Start Date: _____ Program End Date: _____

4. Please list any previous training and/or certificates

5. Employment History (begin with most recent)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Dates of Employment</u>	<u>Brief Job Description</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

6. Is this training necessary for your current employment? Yes No

Please explain: _____

7. Have you requested financial assistance from your employer? Yes No

Please explain: _____

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8. Financial Information

	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>
Employer	_____	_____	_____
Financial Aid	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

9. Student Budget Statement

	<u>Program Costs</u>	<u>Amount Requesting</u>	
Tuition:	_____	_____	
Fees:	_____	_____	
Books:	_____	_____	TOTAL SCHOOL COST: _____
Supplies:	_____	_____	TOTAL FINANCIAL AID: _____
License Fees:	_____	_____	TOTAL BALANCE NEEDED: _____
Room/Meals:	_____	_____	
Transportation:	_____	_____	
TOTAL:	_____	_____	

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I hereby certify that the above information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and consent to the release of this information to complete my scholarship application. I request that any scholarship awarded to me be mailed to the financial aid office of my current educational institution. I will provide an official grade/status report and official proof of program completion (e.g. certificate, license, etc.) to the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) at the end of training.

STATEMENT OF EDUCATION PURPOSE: I declare that I will use any funding I receive under the APICDA Haginaa Kidul (*Helping to Grow*) Vocational Training Scholarship solely for expense connected with attendance at my vocational training program/institution.

TRANSCRIPT/PROGRESS REPORT RELEASE AUTHORIZATION: I hereby authorize the release of my transcript from _____ to the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community
Name of Vocational Training Institution

Development Association (APICDA) for the purpose of determining scholarship awards. I hereby attest that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete.

 Print Name

 Student ID #

 Signature

 Date

MEDIA RELEASE AGREEMENT: I hereby give APICDA the right to use my name, picture, portrait, or photograph for any publication, social media post, and/or website.

 Signature

 Date