



## CALISTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Areas of study and qualifications:

Scholarships will not be restricted to a particular field of study, unless a donor restricts their contribution to areas of study in a specific area. For example, a mineral exploration company working on Calista lands may make a donation to scholarship fund with the stipulation that the money be awarded to a student of geology, engineering or natural science.

In order to qualify for scholarship application a student:

- (1) Must be accepted to an accredited school and considered to be a full-time student at the post-secondary institution.
- (2) Must be an Alaska Native shareholder or a lineal descendant of an Alaska Native shareholder with ties to the Calista region. (Lineal descendants must send in their birth certificate or other documentation substantiating their relationship to a shareholder.)
- (3) Must be a high school graduate or have earned a G.E.D. and be in good academic standing and have at least a 2.0 grade point average. *Students must submit transcripts from most recent academic work to verify grade point average.*

**The annual deadline for scholarship applications is June 30 of each year.** The Calista Scholarship Fund is made possible through donations & fundraising. As a result, there are always more applicants than funds available. The limited funds do not allow us to have more than one deadline per year and once the recipients are selected, the funds are allocated for the academic year immediately following the June 30 deadline. The application that you submit before June 30 is considered good for the year after the summer. Recipients for the year will be notified before the fall semester begins.

Scholarships are awarded for the academic year, however, the second semester check is not issued until grades from the previous semester's work are received and it is verified that the student is within the required grade point scale. Recipients with a 2.0 to 2.49 GPA are awarded \$500 per semester; recipients with a 2.5 to 2.99 grade point average are awarded \$750 per semester, and recipients with a 3.0 grade point average or higher are awarded \$1000 per semester. Please note that we do not send out more than two scholarship checks to your institution's financial aid office per year.

### Purpose according to the Articles of Incorporation:

*Provide financial assistance to Alaska Natives to enable recipients to participate in continuing educational activities, formal programs of study and programs to improve the status of Alaska Natives.*

Investing in the Calista region and developing the resources of the region includes development of the human resources in order to prepare shareholders and their descendants for independent living and economic self sufficiency. The goal of the Calista Scholarship Fund is to educate the leaders of tomorrow and promote self determination and cultural pride. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their education for the benefit of the region and its people.

The Calista Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 and has 501 (c) (3) recognition under the Internal Revenue Service making donors eligible to receive tax deductible status on donations and gifts made to the Calista Scholarship Fund.