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SEALASKA LAUNCHES NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

Sealaska launched another addition to the scholarship program by adding eligibility for part-time students enrolled in colleges or vocational-technical schools.

The scholarships, which will be \$1,424 per award in the initial year, will help to remove a financial barrier for Sealaska shareholders and descendants who are not able to attend school full time. The program was authorized on May 6, 2019, by Sealaska Heritage Institute's (SHI) Board of Trustees and will be administered by SHI.

"With our businesses sustaining financial growth, our top priority is funding educational programs that empower our people," said Anthony Mallott, Sealaska president and CEO. "Whether they can commit to full time or part time due to work, raising a family, or any other reason, we are excited to provide more opportunities for scholarships."

"We hope that this expanded program will encourage more students to enroll and finish their degrees at their own pace," said Joe Nelson, Sealaska board chair.

The application period for the 2019-2020 academic year is open now. Apply [here](#) by July 15, 2019.

Successful applicants must complete an online application, take at least two academic courses per semester or quarter, be a Sealaska shareholder or shareholder descendant, have a minimum grade point average of 2.0, complete a 500-word essay, and submit one reference.

Last year and for the first time in its history, Sealaska increased the scholarship endowment fund by \$10 million to a total of \$15.7 million. In March 2019, Sealaska board of directors approved funding scholarships for part-time students to continue to invest in programs the Sealaska community prioritizes.

About Sealaska Heritage Institute and Sealaska Corporation

Sealaska Heritage Institute is a private nonprofit founded in 1980 to perpetuate and enhance Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian cultures of Southeast Alaska. Its goal is to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding through public services and events. SHI also conducts social scientific and public policy research that promotes Alaska Native arts, cultures, history and education statewide. The institute is governed by a Board of Trustees and guided by a Council of Traditional Scholars, a Native Artist Committee and a Southeast Regional Language Committee.

Sealaska is a for-profit Alaska Native Corporation owned by more than 22,000 Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian shareholders. It draws inspiration from shared heritage to protect our community's greatest and most important resources – the oceans, forests, and people of Southeast Alaska. At the core of Sealaska's businesses is a commitment to a long-term vision to support future generations.

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