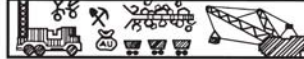




Bering Straits Foundation



## SPANS

### Seward Peninsula Application Network Scholarship

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF), Kawerak, Inc., Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) and Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) have joined together in creating one application for students applying for scholarships from any of the four (4) organizations with the purpose of making the process efficient and easier for students.

#### How is the cooperative application process efficient and easier for students?

These organizations require much of the same information, the application (pages 3-5) are suitable to meet the needs of all organizations. When pages 3-5 are complete please submit them to each of the organization(s) to which you are applying, along with each organization's required documents. Pages 7-11 provide specific information for each organization's scholarship program.

#### How do I complete the S.P.A.N.S?

It's easy as 1, 2, 3!

*SPANS is looking for a new name if you would like to submit a name for consideration please notify a SPANS organization. The name must include a definition & reason why it was chosen. The winning name will be utilized on the application and the winner will receive a prize from each organization. Name ideas (catchy acronyms, Inupiaq/St. Lawrence Island Yupik/Yupik words) relating to education or working together.*

- 1** Read the SPANS completely to determine which scholarship(s) you are eligible for and to learn the requirements for each one;
- 2** After determining eligibility, fill out pages 3-5 and include the required documents for each organization;
- 3** BSF, Kawerak, NSEDC and NSHC each have specific scholarship program contact information that can be found on pages 7-11 of the SPANS. Find the fax or mail address and submit your application.

*Brevig Mission \* Council \* Elim \* Gambell \* Golovin \* Koyuk \* King Island \* Diomedea \* Mary's Igloo \* Savoonga \* Shaktoolik \* Shishmaref \* Sitnasauk \* Solomon \* St. Michael \* Stebbins \* Teller \* Unalakleet \* Wales \* White Mountain*

**SPANS Common Guidelines**

	<b>BSF</b>	<b>Kawerak</b>	<b>NSEDC</b>	<b>NSHC</b>
<b>Required Documents</b>				
Application, pages 3-5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letters of Recommendation	2	2	2	2
High School Diploma or GED	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letter of Acceptance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official Transcripts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class Enrollment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Current Photo of Applicant	No	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>				
Must be a Bering Strait Region resident	No	No	Yes	Yes
Must be a BSNC Shareholder or Lineal Descendant	Yes	No	No	No
Must be enrolled in a Kawerak recognized Tribe (Please review each organizations eligibility criteria.)	No	Yes	No	Yes
Native Preference established	Yes, Shareholder/Descendant	Yes, Tribal Member	No	Yes
Must attend an <u>accredited</u> Vocational or College/ University Institution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Full-time Student (12 semester credits, 10 quarter credits, or 9 graduate credits)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Part-time Student	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Terms Funded &amp; Deadlines</b>				
Fall Term Deadline	June 30	July 15	Graduating Senior April 30; June 30 for others.	Graduating Senior April 30; June 30 for others.
Spring Term Deadline	December 31	December 31	December 31	December 31
Vocational Training Deadline	No Deadline	Contact Kawerak	No Deadline	Same as Fall & Spring
Summer Term Deadline	Contact BSF	April 15	Contact NSEDC	No
<b>GPA Requirements</b>				
GPA Requirements for high school graduating senior	3.0 college 2.5 Voc. Ed.	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPA minimum requirements for college or vocational training	2.0 for first semester; 2.5 for other semesters	2.0	2.0	2.5

# SPANS

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Social Security #
Mailing Address at School			Home/Permanent Mailing Address	
Phone # at School	Phone # at Home	Cell Phone #		Email Address

## 2. NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE ATTENDING & FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS

Name and financial aid address of college you will attend	Phone #	
	# of credits you will take	
	Expected Graduation Date	Date class enrollment sent
Area of Study (i.e. accounting, nursing, CDL, construction)	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	
I am will be enrolling as a: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (0-29 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (30-59 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (60-94 credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (95 plus credits) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training		
Term applying for 20____ Spring ____ Winter ____ Fall ____ Summer ____ Other _____		
The school operates on <input type="checkbox"/> Semester <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Trimester <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Sessions First day of instruction: _____ Last day of instruction: _____		

## 3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Most recent GPA <input type="checkbox"/> High School (complete in section below)    Semester _____    Cumulative _____ <input type="checkbox"/> College    Total # of Credits Earned _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training		
Name and address high school graduated from	Year of Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> GED
	High School GPA _____ or GED Score _____	Last grade completed <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12



**6. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

RESOURCES	Awarded	Pending
Bering Straits Foundation		
Kawerak, Nome Eskimo Commission, Gambell (BIA scholarships)		
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation		
Norton Sound Health Corporation		
Regional/Village Corporation		
College Scholarships (academic, athletic, etc.)		
National Guard/Military Benefits		
State of AK DOL (STEP/WIA)		
Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)/Pell Grant		
Loans (specify)		
Other		
Self		
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
Tuition		
Fees		
Books		
Supplies		
Meals		
Room		
Transportation		
Miscellaneous		
<b>TOTALS</b>		
	Term with <b>only awarded</b> amounts included	
<b>TOTAL BALANCE NEEDED</b> (Resources - Expenses)	\$	

**7. STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

I hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. The scholarship award(s) will be used to further my education for the program I have enrolled in. I understand that the funds must apply toward tuition, registration fees, books and campus related room and/or board expenses. I understand that any unspent funds will be returned. **I further understand that immediately upon completion of the term that I received scholarships for I will submit an official transcript.** I give permission for Bering Straits Foundation, Kawerak, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation and/or Norton Sound Health Corporation to publish my name, photo, school information, or other information I provide in any reports, press releases or publications; and they may share information I provide with each other.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

## 8. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please submit pages 3-5 (COMPLETED) with the following information, PLUS any specific additional information required by the organization(s) in which you are applying for scholarships:

**2 Letters of Recommendation**

Include 2 letters from teachers, employers, or others with knowledge of your experience and potential to succeed. Do not include letters from immediate family members.

**Letter of Acceptance**

Include a copy of your letter of acceptance from the accredited college or vocational training center you will be attending.

**Official Transcripts**

Include copies of your official transcripts from each college or vocational training program you have attended. If this is your first time going to college or vocational training, include an official copy of your high school transcripts. Submit official transcripts to each to for which you are applying.

## 1. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here is a list of common questions students ask. If further assistance is required ask the organization to which you are applying or your school counselor.

**Where do I go for help while at school?** Most schools have a guidance counselor or an advisor.

**What are official transcripts?** Official transcripts are the academic records from a high school, college or vocational training school that you have attended. Official transcripts are to be sent from the school to the appropriate SPANS organization(s). Some schools will give the official transcripts to the student in a sealed envelope and then the student needs to give them to the appropriate SPANS organization(s).

**Where do I get official transcripts?** High school official transcripts can be requested from your school counselor or school office. College and vocational training transcripts are generally requested from the Registrar's or Admission's Office. Most schools charge a small fee for official transcripts.

**What is a letter of acceptance?** A letter from the college or vocational training program indicating the degree/training program and term that you have been accepted to. If a student changes schools, a letter of acceptance into the new school is required.

**What is a class schedule?** A class schedule shows how many credits a student is enrolled in during a specific semester/term.

**Where do I get a class schedule?** A class schedule can be obtained from the Registrar's or Admission's office after class enrollment. Include a copy of the tuition bill or a copy of the on-line enrollment that includes the student name, the semester/term, a list of classes and number of credits is included.

**What if I decide not to go to school or finish the semester/term?** Let the appropriate SPANS organization(s) know as soon as possible in writing and state the reason(s) why. Not doing so may jeopardize future funding opportunities.

**How will the scholarship program contact me?** The appropriate SPANS organization(s) will contact you using the information you provide on the application or when we receive updates. It's very important that we are informed of any changes with your contact information (i.e. phone, address, email address).

**What if I change my area of study, etc.?** If a student changes their area of study, credit load, schools, etc. it is the student's responsibility to inform the appropriate SPANS organization(s) and the organization will inform the student if the funding is jeopardized or if additional documentation will be required.



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e-mail: [ktimbers@beringstraits.com](mailto:ktimbers@beringstraits.com)

**Higher Education and Vocational Training Scholarship Program**

Established in 1991, Bering Straits Foundation's (BSF) purpose is "...to provide opportunities for our Bering Straits shareholders to build strong and stable Native communities by investing in their educational/vocational future while grounding them in the Native cultural values and traditions of our people. The goal of the Foundation is to provide education and training opportunities for every shareholder who knocks on our door, making this happen through partnerships with like-minded entities."

**INCOMPLETE or LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**Deadlines**

Fall term = June 30

Spring = December 31

Summer/Part Time = No funding available

**Eligibility**

- Must be a shareholder of Bering Straits Native Corporation or a lineal descendant, defined as the natural or adopted child of a person that is a shareholder of BSNC.
- High school graduate going to college/university must have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher. High school graduates going to a vocational program must have a 2.5 or higher GPA. If you obtained a GED, include a copy of your official transcript with the total score. If you have been out of high school for more than 10 years at the time you apply, then the GPA requirements do not apply.
- Enrolled as a full-time student (12 semester credits, 10 quarter credits, or 9 graduate credits) at an accredited college, university or vocational training program.
- Show financial need after all other sources of funding have been considered.

**Guidelines**

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 first semester and 2.5 for each succeeding semesters for continuing students enrolled in a full-time college, university or vocational school. Include current official transcript or a copy from each college previously attended (*or high school if first time freshman*).
- College/University Student means that you are working towards an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree.
- Vocational training programs indicate that you are working towards a certificate or obtaining specified training but will not be receiving an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree.
- Probation: a student may be placed on probation when he/she received funding but didn't meet the minimum GPA and/or credit requirements. When a student doesn't meet the minimum requirements he/she can be placed on probation and receive funding. However, if the student doesn't meet the minimum requirements while on probation the student will be dropped from the program and is not able to receive funding until he/she completes a semester as a full-time student and earns a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

**Funding Amounts**

Depending on availability of funds, BSF will provide scholarships to CONTINUING STUDENTS each semester/quarter as long as the requirements stated on the original application are met. CONTINUING STUDENTS are defined as those who received a BSF scholarship for the previous semester/quarter and have maintained a 2.0 GPA for the first semester and a 2.5 GPA for succeeding semesters with at least 12 semester/10 quarter/9 graduate credits. Amounts awarded are \$500-\$1,000 for GPA's of 3.0 or higher and \$400 for GPA's less than 3.0. Vocational education students may be awarded \$500.

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED TO BSF ALONG WITH PAGES 3-5 OF THE SPANS AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN SECTION 8 OF THE APPLICATION**

TO QUALIFY FOR THE BERING STRAITS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IT IS REQUIRED THAT APPLICANTS ARE A SHAREHOLDER, LINEAL DESCENDANT OF A SHAREHOLDER, ENROLLED IN A VILLAGE CORPORATION, OR A BENEFICIAL OWNER OF STOCK.

Applicant Name	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth	Social Security #
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**Check one or more boxes as appropriate.**

<input type="checkbox"/> I am an original enrollee of BSNC. My enrollment # is _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the lineal descendant (natural or adopted of a person enrolled in BSNC) who is or was enrolled in the following village corporation _____  Name of ascendant _____ Relationship to applicant _____  <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> <b>If you are not a shareholder of BSNC you will need to submit a copy of your birth certificate or adoption decree.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am enrolled to the following village corporation _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the record or beneficial owner of BSNC stock. I acquired stock by: <input type="checkbox"/> Gift <input type="checkbox"/> Inheritance <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____

Bering Straits Foundation additionally oversees the  
Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for the fall semester only and one award is given each year.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- One quarter (1/4) or more Alaska Native (Aleut, Eskimo or Indian) and enrolled to the Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC), village corporation, or as an "At Large" member of BSNC.
- Show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.
- Accepted and enrolled in an accredited institution or vocational school.
- Must carry a minimum load of 12 hours per semester or 10 hours per quarter and maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average or better. Exceptions can be made for a freshman with a written approval from the school counselor.

**Application Process**

- Initial the eligibility requirements above that you meet, if you meet all of them you will automatically be considered for the Martin L. Olson Memorial Scholarship.
- Submit complete SPANS pages 3-5 with all necessary attachments to the Bering Straits Foundation **by June 30.** Only one application is necessary for both the Bering Straits Foundation and the Martin L. Olson scholarship.



# KAWERAK, INC.

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## KAWERAK HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Kawerak, Inc. provides semester or quarterly scholarships to tribal enrollees in the amount of \$1,500 per semester or \$1,000 per quarter (based on availability of funds). These scholarships are funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**Application deadlines:** Fall semester / Autumn quarter = July 15      Spring quarter = February 15  
Spring semester / Winter quarter = December 31      Summer semester / quarter = April 15

Kawerak, Inc. must adhere to deadlines for submission of applications. It is the student's responsibility to make sure all required documents are submitted by the due date. Awards for summer term are based on the availability of funds, and consideration will be given to seniors who require these classes in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be enrolled to a tribe located within the Bering Strait Region (Tribal members of Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community must apply to their local IRA Council).
- Applicants must be accepted into a 2 or 4-year degree program.
- Continuing scholarships are allocated based on evidence of school enrollment and a GPA of at least 2.0 for the previous semester/quarter.
- Part-time degree-seeking students must provide verification of their major and register for at least 6 credits per term.

### The following documents must be submitted to Kawerak, Inc.:

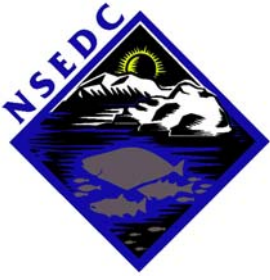
- SPANS (attached)
- Documents which are noted in Section 8 of the application (two letters of recommendation, letter of school acceptance, and transcripts from the school last attended (H.S., GED, university or trade school).
- Verification of tribal membership in a Bering Strait Region tribe (Gambell and Nome Eskimo Community tribal members must apply at their tribal offices).
- Current photograph of applicant

### For each successive term, students must submit the following in order to receive continued scholarships:

- Complete the SPANS Continuing available at [www.kawerak.org](http://www.kawerak.org) along with the required documents (transcripts with verification of pre-registration) and submit to Kawerak, Inc.

Kawerak requires that students maintain academic progress with a GPA of at least 2.0 each term. By the junior year students must declare a major and maintain steady progress towards a degree. When the student fulfills their degree requirements and graduates, we ask that they submit a copy of their diploma to Kawerak, Inc. Education, Employment, and Training Division.

If the student does not meet the minimum grade or credit requirements, they will be placed on academic probation the next term. If the student does not meet the minimum requirements after completion of the probationary term, they will be suspended from the program. Once suspended, the student will not be eligible to apply for another scholarship until they have successfully completed a term without Kawerak funding. Upon successful completion of the suspended term, students may reapply for services. Once services are reinstated, they must continue to maintain academic progress each term or scholarships may be discontinued.



**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation**

*Education, Employment & Training Program*

**Jerry Ivanoff, EET Coordinator**

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*Brevig Mission, Diomed. Elim Gambell. Golovin, Koyuk. Nome. Savoonga. Shaktoolik, Stebbins. St Michael, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, White Mountain*

**Application Guidelines for  
Higher Education and Vocational Scholarships**

The Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation's (NSED) *Employment, Education, and Training (EET) Program* offers scholarships to students enrolled full-time at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. These scholarships provide supplemental funds for higher education or vocational training with the understanding that 100% of a student's educational expenses will not be met with other scholarships. The maximum amount of the scholarship award for both higher education and vocational training is \$2,000.00 per semester or training session.

Upon completion of this application, please mail it in its entirety to:

NSED EET Program  
Jerry Ivanoff, *NSED EET Coordinator*  
P.O. Box 193  
Unalakleet, AK 99684

**DEADLINES:**      Applications will be accepted with the postmark dates below:

Vocational Education: **No Deadline**

Post Secondary Education:

- Spring Semester Deadline: **December 31<sup>st</sup>**
- Fall Semester Deadline: **June 30<sup>th</sup>**
- For graduating seniors of the Bering Straits School District and Nome Public Schools, the deadline is **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Thank you for your attention to filling out this application. Good Luck with your educational endeavors.*

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. High School Diploma or GED Certificate: must be a high school graduate or have successfully attained a GED Certificate.
2. Norton Sound Region Residency: must be a Norton Sound Region resident & provide proof of residency such as permanent physical & mailing address where PFD & voter registration information is sent. (A requirement effective since Fall 1996).
3. Enrollment: must be enrolled in an accredited two-year associate program, four-year College or university, masters program, PhD program, or vocational training institution.
4. Credit Load: must carry a minimum credit load of 12 hours per semester or 10 credit hours per quarter.
5. Grade Point Average (GPA): must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. If the student's GPA falls below 2.0 or his/her credits fall below the minimum required 12 credits per semester or 10 credits per quarter, the student will be placed on probationary status.
6. Financial Need: must be able to show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will not be considered unless the application packet is complete and includes the following:

1. SPANS (attached)
2. Proof of residency in the Norton Sound Region such as permanent physical & mailing address where PFD & voter registration information is sent.
2. Documents which are noted in Section 8 of the application (two letters of recommendation, letter of acceptance into school, and transcripts from the school last attended (H.S., GED, college, university, or trade school).
3. Please thoroughly indicate your educational and career goals on page 5 of the application.
4. Current Photograph: submit a current photograph of self with this application.

## CONTINUING STUDENTS

1. Continuing SPANS and Official Transcripts: students that are continuing at the same accredited college/university/vocational institution must submit, by the appropriate deadline, a continuing student application, and official transcripts, **as soon as available**, to be eligible for the annual scholarship.
2. Grade: unless there is a change of schools, for the second semester or new school year, please submit your grades of your last completed semester. Grades must be received by the *NSEDC EET Program* as **soon as made available**. It is your responsibility to ensure that this is completed. Failure to do so will jeopardize your funding.
3. Transfer Students: students who transfer during the academic year will not receive their scholarship award for that year and will not be considered for funding until the next scholarship deadline, with the requirement that they resubmit an application with an acceptance letter from that accredited institution. If there are extenuating circumstances, the students may be considered for further funding on a case-by-case basis, decided upon by the full Scholarship Committee.

## NSEDC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The NSEDC Scholarship Committee will review the post-secondary education scholarship applications and make selections based on the following criteria:

1. Need
2. Grades
3. Commitment to education
4. Full-time student status
5. Acceptance into an accredited college or university
6. Availability of funds

The NSEDC Scholarship Committee will review the vocational education scholarship applications and make decisions based on the following criteria:

1. Need
2. Availability of employment opportunities
3. Training availability in the State of Alaska
4. Commitment to complete training
5. Acceptance into an accredited vocational program
6. Performance and attendance of training classes

**Note:** send a copy of your training certificate to the *EET Program Coordinator*, Jerry Ivanoff, upon completion.



# NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

## **SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE**

The NSHC scholarship program provides financial assistance to eligible students who are pursuing higher education in a health related field. Depending on the needs of the corporation, students pursuing the medical field (such as physicians, nursing, pharmacy and physician assistants) may have priority. NSHC may fund students pursuing a non-medical related degree if the degree will help further the vision, and mission of the organization. Indian Health Service beneficiaries from the Bering Straits Region, who commit to returning to the region and possible employment with NSHC, will have priority. NSHC applies Alaska Native preference to the Scholarship Program.

### **Continuing Scholarship Guidelines:**

- Must be a high school graduate or successfully attained a GED.
- Must be accepted into an accredited two or four year academic program in a health care or health care related field.
- Must be able to show financial need after other sources of funding have been considered.
- Must inform NSHC of any changes with address, phone number, school, withdrawal from school, change in degree, etc.
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better semester/quarter GPA. Failure to do so will place you on probation or drop you from the program.
- Must maintain a minimum of 12 credits for undergraduates and a minimum of 6 credits for graduates. Failure to do so will place you on probation or drop you from the program.
- Continuing Applications must be submitted each semester to apply for continued funding. It is your responsibility to request a SPANS Continuing.

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