Other Education Resources

• The EI Scholarship and Grant Program Guidelines has information for other scholarship and grant opportunities.

• TCF and CITC also have numerous resources.

• Also, consult your high school guidance counselor or the nearest university or college that may have an “Education Opportunity Center.” The Center provides counseling and information on colleges, universities, vocational training institutes and other postsecondary education programs that are offered in person and online/distance delivery.

• Career counseling and resources are available for prospective students to explore fields of study and aptitude assessment in order to consider what interests and potential the student may have in choosing a postsecondary education goal.

About the EI Scholarship and Grant Program

The EI Program was established in 2007 by the Board of Directors of Eklutna, Inc. for Eklutna’s beneficiaries who enrolled to Eklutna, Inc. and their lineal descendants.

• Eklutna, Inc. contracts with The CIRI Foundation to administer the EI Merit Scholarship and Vocational Training Grant.

• Eklutna, Inc. contracts CITC to administer the Urgent Access, Child-Adult, General & Cultural Grants.

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Purpose
The purpose of the Eklutna, Inc. Scholarship and Grant Program is to provide educational opportunities for the success of Eklutna Beneficiaries through achievement of lifelong learning and personal development while respecting self-determination and culture.

Eligibility
Eligible applicants for EI scholarships and grants, as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 [43 US.C. 1602(b)], include Alaska Native people who are original enrollees to Eklutna, Inc., natural or legally adopted such as a child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc., whether or not the lineal descendant owns EI shares of stock.
Scholarship and Grant Awards
El education funds are for tuition, registration fees, course-required books/supplies and equipment / uniforms required for a successful job hire. All scholarships and grants are subject to available funding from the El Scholarship and Grant Program Designated Fund.
An applicant may not receive more than one award at the same time during the calendar year.
All applications are reviewed, based upon eligibility, qualification, and standard selection criteria contained in the EI Guidelines to ensure objectivity and impartiality in awarding scholarships and grants.

Application Forms and Guidelines
To apply for any of the El Scholarship and Grant Program opportunities, please obtain the EI Program Guidelines and appropriate application form from the Administrators’ websites.
Read the EI Program Guidelines for scholarship and grant program details about each scholarship and grant area. Complete the application for the scholarship or grant category that best fits your needs:
• Merit Scholarship
• Vocational Training
• Education/Employment Urgent Access Grant
• General, Cultural Fellowships & Child to Adult Grants

El Scholarship and Grant Descriptions
Abbreviations next to descriptions identify who administers each scholarship or grant:
• The CIRI Foundation (TCF)
• Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC)

Annual Merit Scholarships (TCF)
Merit scholarships for applicants with academic promise who are enrolled in the field of their choice at an accredited academic or vocational university, college or institute. $1,500/Full-Time; $1,000/ Part-Time; for one academic year. Must re-apply each year.
Per Term Awards are also available: $750/ Full Time; $500/ Part Time. Must re-apply each Term. Deadlines: June 1 & December 1.

Vocational Training Grants (TCF)
Practical technical knowledge and skills proficiency and advancement for present and future occupations leading to degrees or certification or continuing education units. Examples include but are not limited to automotive technology, office occupations oil field services technology, construction / plumbing / electrician technology, work health and safety, computer technology etc. Up to $1,000 received during a calendar year. May reapply quarterly up to the grant cap. Deadlines: March 31; June 30; September 30; & December 1.

General Fellowship Grants (CITC)
For credit, continuing education units, or non-credit workshops, seminars or conferences that broaden an applicant’s understanding and appreciation of education, culture, and society and directly relates to the improvement of the applicant’s employment knowledge and skills. Up to $500 total during a calendar year. No application submission deadline, applications accepted based on funding availability.

Cultural Fellowship Grants (CITC)
For credit, continuing education units, or non-credit workshops, seminars or conferences, or a project produced by the applicant to perpetuate and transmit the visual, literary and performing arts of Alaska Native heritage. Up to $500 total during a calendar year. No application submission deadline, applications accepted based on funding availability.

Child - Adult Developmental Grants (CITC)
Provides learning opportunities to meet or exceed standard learning and grade point average levels and learning enrichment that improves access and quality of life not otherwise provided through the school district. Examples include GED classes, summer school, learning disability programs, tutoring , rehabilitation education sessions through accredited or authorized education colleges, schools, or institutes; after school program fees; and education-related materials. Up to $500/Child; $1,000/Adult total during a calendar year. No application deadline, applications accepted based on funding availability.

Education / Employment Urgent Access Grants (CITC)
Furthers training and / or employment of the applicant based on an urgent requirement for tools, training, work clothing / uniform, license, books, and other related needs. Must include statement of actual costs of the items with the application. Up to $500 total during a calendar year. No application submission deadline, applications accepted based on funding availability.