

AEWC Johnny L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship Structure

Background | Johnny L. Aiken was Executive Director for the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission from 2010 - 2013. He dedicated most of his life to public service and the betterment of his community through his work on the North Slope. He started as a carpenter in his early career, traveling to Anaktuvuk Pass for several projects, and later building a home for this family. He was a special assistant to multiple mayors at the North Slope Borough; he was the Director of Planning, and served as the Executive Director of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission. His passion was to be able to hunt and provide for the community and ensure that we could all continue subsistence whaling. Johnny spent his entire life with a successful Aiken Crew, service as Co-Captain along with his father, Jonathan Aiken, Sr.

Johnny was a natural teacher. He taught others about the Inupiaq culture. Camping and whaling were not just an opportunity for him to provide for his family. He embraced the proverb: "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he eats for a lifetime." His nieces and nephews didn't have to ask him about subsistence, he showed them. He always had room for one more in the tent, or two more in the boat. More importantly, he always took the time, and he made it a priority to pass down his traditional knowledge. He also encouraged his staff to participate in subsistence activities so they would better understand the importance of our subsistence way of life.

Johnny lived his life with integrity and was completely devoted to his family and community. With an easy smile and generous heart, he welcomed all he met with warmth and made them a part of his family.

Through the Johnny L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship, his name and legacy of giving back to the community and passing along traditional knowledge to youth will live on for generations to come.

Funding | Funding for the Johnny L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship is provided through donations in memory of Johnny Aiken. Donations are accepted throughout the year and are managed by the AEWB Board of Commissioners through a separate bank account. The AEWB will research investing the fund in an interest bearing account.

Scholarship Committee | A three-person committee appointed by the AEWB Board of Commissioners will review scholarship applications. At least one member of the committee will be a present AEWB Commissioner. The scholarship committee members will serve at the pleasure of the AEWB Board of Commissioners and can be replaced by a majority vote of the Board at any time.

Scholarship Award Procedures | AEWG's Board of Commissioners will approve the initial standards for awarding scholarships and the Scholarship Committee's procedures, as well as any changes to those standards or procedures. Initial proposed criteria and procedures are attached.

Timing of Awards | Applications are due on or before May 1 of the year and will be reviewed in June for the fall semester. Awards will be made within 30 days of the deadline for submittal of applications for the fall semester.

Reports to the Commission | The Scholarship Committee will submit a written report to the AEWG Board of Commissioners during the 2nd Quarterly Meeting, following the annual award. The report will list the names of student(s) receiving scholarship(s), the amounts of each award, the nature of the study program being supported and the particular expenses being paid (i.e., tuition, fees, room and board, one round trip air fare per semester from the students' home to the college or vocational/technical school, or books).

Administrative Support | The scholarship has only a limited need for administrative support such as supplies, phone charges, typing, etc. To keep costs down, it could be run out of the AEWG office using existing staff for support services, phones and supplies.

AEWC Johnny L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship Guidelines & Procedures

Qualifications | The AEW C Johnny L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship is available to any student living in the eleven whaling villages represented by the AEW C (Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Barrow, Point Hope, Point Lay, Wainwright, Kivalina, Savoonga, Wales, Gambell, and Little Diomede) who is in need of financial assistance to pursue an Associate, Bachelor, Masters, or Doctoral degree from any nationally accredited college or university as well as attendance to a vocational or technical school.

Additional Requirements | The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to any student living in the eleven whaling villages represented by the AEW C (Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Barrow, Point Hope, Point Lay, Wainwright, Kivalina, Savoonga, Wales, Gambell, and Little Diomede) who may not be able to complete their continued education without such assistance.

The most qualified applicants will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the strength of their educational performance to date, as measured by their transcripts, letters of recommendations and demonstrated high ability to achieve. In the event that no available funds for a given year are expended, the Scholarship Committee may increase the level of funding for the following year, subject to approval by the AEW C Board of Commissioners. All applicants are also expected to apply to all other available scholarship or financial aid programs, such as Arctic Education Foundation, Pell Grants, BIA and any others.

Application Procedures | Applicants must submit the following items to the Scholarship Committee by the deadline specified in order to be considered:

- Completed scholarship application
- Completed financial data form (tax returns, W-2's, written statement from employer, statement from the educational institution listing expected or typical expenses, any additional expenses, etc.)
- Transcripts from last school attended
- Letter of acceptance
- Brief biographical statement defining goals, intentions, and need

The Scholarship Committee may request a personal interview or meeting at any time as part of the application process or subsequent administration or awards or verification of expenditures.

Applications may be sent to:

AEWC
Attn: Johnny L. Aiken Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 570
Barrow, AK 99723

Deadline | All application material must be submitted in completed form by the May 1 of the given year in order to be eligible for scholarship consideration. The amount available will depend on the donation level of the given year and the earnings of the fund.

Allowable Programs | Scholarships may be awarded to any student living in the eleven whaling villages represented by the AEW (Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Barrow, Point Hope, Point Lay, Wainwright, Kivalina, Savoonga, Wales, Gambell, and Little Diomed) who is in need of financial assistance to pursue an Associate, Bachelor, Masters, or Doctoral degree from any nationally accredited college or university as well as attendance to a vocational or technical school.

Qualifications | Applicants must be a full-time student according to the minimum requirements as established by the university, college, vocational or technical school the student is attending. Students receiving a scholarship must maintain a 2.0 GPA or equivalent in their course of study. Students must also remain on full-time student status, earning no less than 12 credits per semester.

Withdrawals and Dropouts | If a student formally withdraws from the school that he/she is attending during the period in which their scholarship was awarded, then the remaining scholarship amount shall be returned to the Scholarship Committee along with any fees that are refundable according to school policies, for re-deposit into the available scholarship funds.

Limited Awards | Awards will vary annually depending on the donation level of the given year and the earnings of the fund. Awards will not exceed \$5,000 per year. Funds are awarded to assist the student with tuition, fees, books, a single round-trip airfare between the applicant's home and the location of the college, university or vocational/technical school per semester, or reasonable actual room and board only. Every applicant is encouraged to apply for other financial aid for which they may be eligible.

Financial Documentation | The Scholarship Committee must verify the legitimate expenditure of all scholarship funds. It is the scholarship recipient's responsibility to supply the Scholarship Committee with timely verification of expenditures of scholarships awarded. Such verification must be supplied in writing within 30 days of the end of the semester for which the funding was received. Such verification can consist of receipts, paid invoices, or other written documentation from third parties with whom such funds have been expended. The student shall also provide the information necessary for communication between AEW and the college, university, vocational or technical school he/she is attending.

Final Approval of Awards | The Scholarship Committee shall authorize awards at their 2nd Quarterly Meeting where they will be subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of AEW. After board approval, checks will be made payable jointly to the recipient and/or the college, university, vocational, or technical school he/she is attending.

Conflict of Interest | In a case where a conflict of interest may occur, a committee member may request to be excused or may be asked to be excused by the committee chairperson or the Board of Commissioners from the discussion of and determination of awards to any applicant in whom they may have a personal interest including but not limited to:

Members of the immediate family

Family of vendors, contractors, or partners working with AEW

Verification of Income | Applicants must provide verification of any income they have earned in the 12 months prior to the application period, or if the applicant is a dependent, verification of their parent's income. Applicants may submit one of the following: tax returns, a copy of his/hers most recent W-2 Form(s) or 1099 Forms and a letter from the employer stating the length of employment; copies of paycheck stubs; or a signed statement from their employer stating wages paid in the prior 12 month period; and a supplemental financial data form or financial aid form.

Personal Property | The AEW Johnny L. Aiken Memorial Scholarship funds are not available for the purchase of tools or equipment that will become personal property of the student upon completion of schooling or for the purchase of vehicles on their own.

Grievance | Any applicant aggrieved by the Scholarship Committee's decision has the right to appeal. The Scholarship Committee must receive a written request for appeal to the Board of Commissioners of AEW within 30 days of the date of notification.

**AEWC Johnny L. Aiken Memorial
Scholarship Application**

Initial Application	Date:
Applicant's Name:	
Semester or Term of this Application:	
Year of Graduate School:	Continuing Application: FR / SO / JR / SR

Name of Applicant:	Social Security Number:	Date of birth:
Permanent Address:		
Phone Number:	Message Phone:	Email:

School Attending This Period:	
School Address:	School Phone Number:
Dates Attending: From: _____ / _____ To: _____ / _____	

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:		APPROVED BY COMMITTEE:	
Tuition:	\$	Tuition:	\$
Fees:	\$	Fees:	\$
Books:	\$	Books:	\$
Room/Board:	\$	Room/Board:	\$
Travel: (one round trip per semester)	\$	Travel: (one round trip per semester)	\$
TOTAL:	\$	TOTAL:	\$

ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAIABLE:		ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	
Summer or other work (including expected work income between application date an start of school)	\$	Summer or other work (including expected work income between application date an start of school)	\$
Part-time work (if, any, i.e., during school)	\$	Part-time work (if, any, i.e., during school)	\$
Family Help:	\$	Family Help:	\$
BIA Grant:	\$	BIA Grant:	\$
AEF Grant:	\$	AEF Grant:	\$
Pell Grants:	\$	Pell Grants:	\$
State of Alaska Student Loans:	\$	State of Alaska Student Loans:	\$
Other Grants, Loans, Scholarships, etc.:	\$	Other Grants, Loans, Scholarships, etc.:	\$
TOTAL:	\$	TOTAL:	\$

<i>For Scholarship Committee Use Only</i>	
Scholarship Amount Requested:	\$
Scholarship Amount Approved:	\$

Student Signature

Committee Chairperson Signature

Date

Date

AEWC Chairman Signature

Date