

Paaraq Policy and Scholarship Application



Overview and Description of Scholarship Program

The Maniilaq Association Paaraq Scholarship Program is a scholarship awarded to selected students who are pursuing degrees at accredited universities and who are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe, residing in the Maniilaq Service Area. The Program provides full-time recipients up to \$1,250 per semester and part-time recipients up to \$625 per semester. All funds are paid directly to the University for Tuition and Fees. The Paaraq scholarship Program is administered by staff at the Maniilaq Employment and Training Program.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, the applicant must meet the below criteria:

- 1) Be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe from the Maniilaq Service Area (Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Point Hope, Selawik, or Shungnak);
- 2) Reside in the Maniilaq service area;
- 3) Be enrolled as full-time or part-time status in accordance with the university's regulations and rules. Students who are funded on a full-time status must complete the semester as such. Failing to do so could cause a denial of your next application;
- 4) First time applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.0 and returning students must have a 2.0 or greater GPA for the previous semester funded;
- 5) Be enrolled in a Maniilaq related field.

Application Process

To apply, students must fully complete and submit the following (students who received a scholarship the prior session should refer to "Returning Applicants" below):

- 1) The Maniilaq Association Paaraq Scholarship Application with release of information
- 2) For first time applicants, official transcripts from high school and each school previously attended; to show overall GPA of 2.0 or greater
- 3) Proof of Acceptance from the University that shows major field as a Maniilaq related field.
- 4) For first time applicants, copy of State ID or driver's license
- 5) Proof of registration status from the school, including all registered classes and hours and fees
- 6) Tribal enrollment card or official certificate from your village IRA
- 7) A letter of intent (minimum 500 words) explaining your career goals and their applicability to help to meet the needs of the Inupiat people.
- 8) Two letters of recommendation from academic professors, employers and or tribal officials.

Applicants Responsibility

It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Maniilaq Employment & Training office to ensure the application has been received, is complete and submitted. If your application is incomplete, we will contact you to inform you of what's needed, and the deadline to submit by. If you have not contacted us after 30 days, your application will be denied.

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Scholarship Information

The Scholarship Program will award recipients as follows:

Semester Schedule: \$1,250 is awarded for fall and spring semesters for full-time students or \$625 for part-time students.

Continued Eligibility

It is the policy of Maniilaq Association that recipients of the Scholarship maintain a 2.0 or greater grade point average (GPA) each session and must meet their full-time or part-time student based on the number of credit hours considered by the student's school as full-time or part-time respectively. A returning student whose GPA is below 2.0 or the student has not passed the previous semester as full time or part-time, they will be placed on Paaraq funding probation for the next term. The student must bring their GPA up in that term or their funding will be denied the next term.

Special Note: It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Maniilaq Employment & Training office to ensure the application has been received, is complete and submitted. If your application is incomplete, we will contact you to inform you of what's needed, and the deadline to submit by. If you have not contacted us after 30 days, your application will be denied.

Returning Applicants

A student who received a scholarship in the previous session who wishes to apply for the scholarship for the next session, must complete and submit the following on or before the application deadline:

- 1) The Maniilaq Association Paaraq Scholarship Application with release of information;
- 2) University transcript (unofficial); must have passed all the courses that you registered for in the previous semester; must have passed as full-time or part-time based on credits you were enrolled, failure to do so may cause recipient to be placed on probationary status, or denial of funding. Paaraq funding will not pay for class retakes, if the class was funded for in previous semesters,
- 3) Proof of full-time or part-time registration from the school, including all classes and hours;
- 4) A letter of intent (minimum 500 words) explaining your progress over the past session, new insight into your career goals and their applicability to help to meet the needs of the Inupiat people
- 5) Report to Maniilaq Employment & Training every quarter to communicate and inform staff about your studies, challenges, and needed support. Students who withdraw, whether officially or unofficially, may be suspended from the scholarship program unless they can show just cause why withdrawal is necessary. The student must notify Maniilaq Employment & Training within ten working days of dropping or withdrawing from classes.
- 6) Maintain a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). If the student fails to maintain a 2.0 GPA they will be placed on Paaraq funding probation for the next term. The

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student must bring their GPA up in that term or their funding will be denied the next term. If a student is denied funding for academic reasons they may apply again when their GPA is brought up to a 2.0 or better. A student will be allowed 1 Paaraq funding probation per degree.

Student Paaraq Checklist

First Time Applicants Document Checklist

- The Maniilaq Association Paaraq Application and Release Form.
- High School Transcripts/ Diploma
- Official Transcripts from previous higher education with an overall GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Copy of State ID or Driver's License
- Proof of Acceptance from the University that shows major field as a Maniilaq related field.
- Registration from the school, including all classes, hours and fees to verify full or part time.
- Tribal membership enrollment card or certificate from one of the Maniilaq service area villages including Point Hope.
- A letter of intent (minimum 500 words) explaining your reasons for requesting a scholarship, stating your career goals, and how your goal will help meet the needs of the Inupiat people.
- Two letters of recommendation from academic professors, employers and or tribal official

Deadlines

Applicants must apply and submit all required documents by the following deadlines. Your application must be received by these dates):

[Semester Schedule](#)

Fall Semester -August 15th

Spring Semester -January 15th


Continuing Students Eligibility and Documents checklist

It the policy of Maniilaq Association that continuing recipients of the Paaraq Scholarship must

- Submit the Paaraq Continuation Application and Release Form
- Unofficial transcripts showing a 2.0 or greater grade point average (GPA) for the previous semester. Student must have passed all the courses that you registered for the previous semester and must have passed as full-time or part time for the previous semester.
- Proof of registration and fees from the school for upcoming semester.
- A letter of intent (minimum 500 words) explaining your progress over the past session, new insight into your career goals and their applicability to help to meet the needs of the Inupiat people.

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<input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Applicant	Up to \$1250 Scholarship awarded to:		 MANIILAQ <small>ASSOCIATION</small>
Sessions/Deadlines: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester - Aug 15th <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester - Jan 15th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Tribal members within the Maniilaq service area</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Accepted into an accredited college or university</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>With the major relating to Maniilaq services</i>		
Requirements for New Applicants:			Returning applicant requirements:
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Completed Application</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Two Letters of Recommendation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Acceptance Letter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Letter of Intent (500 words min)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Class Registration and Fees</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Verification of Tribal Enrollment</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Copy of State ID</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Unofficial Transcripts</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>High School Transcript/ Diploma/GED</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Letter of Intent (500 words min)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Official Transcripts</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Class Registration and Fees</i>
			<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Complete Application</i>

Applicant Information

Name: First Middle Last			Social Security Number:	
Maiden Name or Other Names Used:			Date of Birth:	Male: Female:
Mailing Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:
Physical Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:		
E-mail Address:				

Tribal village you are enrolled in: _____

When the school year begins, what will your grade level be?

- Never Attended College/1st Year Attended College Before/1st Year
 2nd Yr/Sophomore 3rd Yr/Junior 4th Yr/Senior 5th Yr/Other Undergraduate
 Continuing Graduate/Professional or Beyond

Academic Records

College/University:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Major:	Credits Earned to Date:	Cumulative GPA:	

Applicant Signature

Date

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Maniilaq Association Employment & Training Program Authorization for Release of Information

I, _____, hereby authorize the release of information requested by the Tribal Government Services, Employment & Training Program. The requested information shall be used solely in the administration of Employment & Training and will not be release to any other person or agency outside the Employment & Training Program or its agents. I hereby authorize the Employment & Program Services to obtain and exchange information related to my applications to participate in their programs. And, to arrange for such participations based on my employability assessment and plan to employment related services and activities. This release of information shall be in effect while I am an applicant or recipient of Employment & Training benefits.

Persons or organizations that may be contacted include, but are not limited to: the Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Fish & Game, the Department of Labor, the Department of Military Affairs, Alaska State Housing Authority, Social Security Administration, local and tribal governments, public assistance program contractors, stock and grantees, Health Care Providers, Tax Assessors, Financial Institutions, Native Corporations, Stock Brokerage Firms, Landlords, Employers, School Authorities, private individuals and all departments and programs within and administered by the Tribal Government Services.

College/University:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Major:	Credits Earned to Date:	Cumulative GPA:	
This Release Authorization Form is valid 1 year from the date signed.			

Printed Name of Applicant

Applicant Signature

Social Security Number

Date of Applicant Signature