

## John Active Memorial Scholarship Application

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**Deadline: May 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm**

### **Purpose:**

The John Active Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Aqumgaciq John Active, a pioneer in native media and a passionate advocate of Yup'ik language and culture. The scholarship is housed at Bethel Community Services Foundation (BCSF) and was created in partnership with local public broadcasting station, KYUK.

The John Active Memorial Scholarship supports college students with ties to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta with preference given to those studying journalism, indigenous language, multimedia or communications. Part-time and full-time students are eligible to apply. The award may be used for tuition OR other education-related expenses. The award will be paid directly to the student's college or university.

### **Award:**

\$1,000 will be awarded to one college or university student for the 2024-2025 school year. If the student would like the amount to be divided between semesters or quarters, it is the responsibility of the student to request a distribution from BCSF at least one month prior to each distribution deadline. Past scholarship recipients are eligible to apply again for the scholarship.

### **Submission:**

Applications may be received by online submission, fax, mail, email, or drop off by May 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

**Online:** Visit [bcsfoundation.org](http://bcsfoundation.org) for the web-based application form.

**Fax:** 907-543-1826; please call 543-1812 to ensure the fax is received by May 20 at 5:00 pm.

**Mail:** Applications must be POSTMARKED by May 20. Please mail to: BCSF, PO Box 2189, Bethel, AK 99559.

**Email:** Applications may be emailed to [lisa@bcsfoundation.org](mailto:lisa@bcsfoundation.org) by May 20 at 5:00 pm.

**Drop Off:** Applications may be dropped off by May 20 at 5:00 pm at the BCSF office, located at 1795 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway in Bethel. There is a drop box on the porch if the office is closed or unoccupied.

**Qualification Requirements:**

- a) Applicant must submit all required documentation listed on checklist (located at end of application).
- b) Applicant may be applying to any accredited college or university for the first time or may be a returning college/university student at any accredited college or university. Applicant must carry a minimum of three (3) credit hours per semester to be eligible. These can be undergraduate or graduate credits.
- c) Applicant must submit all high school and college transcripts, if applicable.
- d) Applicant must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to qualify.
- e) Applicant must submit a personal statement (see below).

**Scholarship Priority Areas:**

Preference will be given to incoming or returning college or university students

- 1) With ties to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region.
- 2) Pursuing a degree in journalism, indigenous language, multimedia or communications.

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2024-2025 School Year

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of high school and graduation date  
\_\_\_\_\_

If GED obtained, please check here and provide date \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Is Applicant:

\_\_\_\_ Attending college/university for the first time

\_\_\_\_ A returning college/university student

If a returning student, list college/university name how many college/university credits the applicant currently has \_\_\_\_\_

Current Degree Goal \_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_ Bachelor's \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Describe)

Major or Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

Minor or Intended Minor, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Previous degree(s) Obtained, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you enrolled with a Federally Recognized Tribe? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

After achieving your education goals, do you intend to remain in Alaska?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unsure

If yes, do you intend to remain in Rural Alaska? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unsure

Estimated cost of your education for one semester \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any and all sources of funding and amount expected for the 2024-2025 school year:

- |    |       |          |
|----|-------|----------|
| 1. | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 5. | _____ | \$ _____ |

I certify that the facts and information in this application, and in any attachments or supporting documents, are true and completed to the best of my knowledge, I understand that any falsification, misrepresentation, or omission, as well as any misleading statements will void this application and I will be declared ineligible for financial assistance from the John Active Memorial Scholarship program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Statement:**

Please write a typewritten (or neatly printed) personal statement addressing the following that is no more than two pages long:

- A) Please write two-three sentences describing yourself – who you are, where you are from and your primary interests. Include your ties to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region in this part of the statement.
- B) What are your educational and career goals and how do they align with the priority areas for this scholarship?
- C) How will this scholarship help you succeed in meeting your educational goals?
- D) How do you plan to use your education to benefit your community?
- E) Please describe one way in which you believe that a deeper understanding of journalism, indigenous language, multimedia or communications could help enhance rural communities.

**Checklist for Submission:**

Signed Application Form (2 pages) \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Statement (1-2 pages) \_\_\_\_\_

High School Transcript(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*For Returning College/University students only:*

Fall 2024 Class Schedule \_\_\_\_\_

Unofficial College/University Transcripts \_\_\_\_\_