

Mary Ciuniq Pete Legacy Scholarship Application

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Deadline: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5 pm

Purpose:

The Mary Ciuniq Pete Legacy Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of late KuC director Mary Ciuniq Pete. The scholarship is housed at Bethel Community Services Foundation and was created in partnership with the leadership team from the UAF-Kuskokwim Campus and Mary's partner, Hubert Angaiak. As the director of KuC and a leader in many other arenas, Mary was a fierce advocate for high-quality education, a healthy and thriving environment, and the safety of women and girls in Bethel and across Western Alaska.

The Mary Ciuniq Pete Legacy Scholarship prioritizes KuC students with a preference given to students who are Alaska Native women. Mary deeply valued **perseverance** and **retention**. To encourage retention, the scholarship will only be available to returning students (third semester and beyond; see qualifications section). 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 to UAF-KuC or, in specific circumstances, other educational institutions.*

Consideration will be given to applications from students who are KuC alumnae but pursuing certificates, associate's, bachelor's or advanced degrees through other campuses, **but please note that KuC students will receive a preference for awards due to the intention of the scholarship.*

Award: \$1,350 will be awarded to up to three KuC students for the Fall 2025 semester. Past scholarship recipients are eligible to apply again for the scholarship. See info below about applicant eligibility requirements preferences. If three eligible students are not selected, the committee may choose to increase the scholarship amount for the one or two other awardees.

Eligibility Requirements:

- a) Applicant must submit all required documentation listed on checklist (located at end of application).
- b) Applicant must have completed at least two (2) semesters for a minimum of six (6) credit hours of course work at the UAF-Kuskokwim Campus per letter (c) below. Applicant must carry a minimum of three (3) credit hours per semester to be eligible.
- c) Applicant must be a KuC student or a student enrolled in a course located at the Kuskokwim Campus or an alumnae pursuing a program of study not offered at KuC. This includes YK village-based students enrolled in a distance course. These can be graduate or undergraduate courses.
- d) Applicant must submit all college transcripts.
- e) Applicant must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to qualify.
- f) Applicant must submit a personal statement (see below).

Eligibility Preferences:

Preference will be given to Alaska Native women from or residing in a rural community in Western Alaska who are students enrolled through the Kuskokwim Campus.

Submission: Applications may be received by online submission, fax, mail, email, or drop-off by Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5 pm.

Online: Visit [bcsfoundation.org](https://form.jotform.com/BCSF1/mary-ciuniq-pete-legacy-scholarship) for the web-based submission form, use the QR code below or the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/BCSF1/mary-ciuniq-pete-legacy-scholarship>

Fax: 907-543-1826; please call 543-1812 to ensure the fax is received by May 21 at 5 pm.

Mail: Applications must be POSTMARKED by May 21. Please mail to: BCSF, PO Box 2189, Bethel, AK 99559.

Email: Applications may be emailed to michelle@bcsfoundation.org by May 21 at 5 pm.

Drop-off: Applications may be dropped off by May 21 at 5 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.

Please contact Michelle DeWitt at 907-545-6052 or michelle@bcsfoundation.org with any application eligibility questions.



You can access the online application using the QR code to the left.

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Fall 2025

Applicant Name _____ UA Student ID Number _____

Mailing Address _____ Contact Phone _____

Contact Email _____

Major: _____ Credit Hours Completed: _____

Minor if applicable: _____

Current Degree Goal: ____ Associate ____ Bachelor's _____ Other (Describe)

Degree(s) Obtained if applicable: _____

Are you enrolled with a Federally Recognized Tribe? ____ yes ____ no

When you have achieved your education goals, do you intend to remain in Alaska? ____ yes ____ no

If yes, do you intend to remain in Rural Alaska? ____ yes ____ no

Estimated cost of your education for one semester: _____

Please list any and all sources of funding and amount expected for the 2025-2026 academic year:

1. _____ \$ _____
2. _____ \$ _____
3. _____ \$ _____

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 Mary Ciuniq Pete Legacy Scholarship program.

Signature _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please write a one page, typewritten (or neatly printed) personal statement addressing the following:

- A) Please write one-two sentences describing yourself- who you are, your connection to KuC and if you currently work or have worked in the past, what kinds of positions you have held.
- B) What are your educational goals?
- C) What are your career goals?
- D) Please describe your experience thus far as a college student.
- E) Please describe a way in which you have shown leadership.
- F) How do you plan to use your education in your community?
- G) What obstacles or barriers have you faced in meeting your educational goals? How have you faced those challenges?
- H) How will this scholarship help you succeed in meeting your educational goals?

Checklist for Submission:

☐ Signed Application Form (1 page)

☐ Personal Statement (1 page)

☐ Fall 2025 Class Schedule *(Registration at the time of scholarship submittal is preferred. If you were unable to register for the Fall 2025 semester at the time of your scholarship application submission, please provide an explanation; if a scholarship is awarded, proof of registration is required before the scholarship payment is issued.)*

☐ Unofficial College Transcript(s)