



COLLEGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE

The *College Student Assistance (CSA)* program provides financial aid to Central Council Tlingit or Haida enrolled members within the *Compact Service Agreement* area who are attending, or plan to attend, an accredited college or university in the pursuit of education degree programs, specifically post-secondary education.

Only students planning to attend full-time are eligible for CSA awards. That is, undergraduates must enroll in and complete a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours with a 2.0 GPA or better each term and graduates must enroll in and complete a minimum of nine (9) credit hours with a 3.0 GPA or better each term. **Note:** Provisions are available for students with a documented disability. Contact this office for further information.

Recognizing that the CSA program is **supplemental** in nature, tribal members are encouraged to take advantage of all other financial aid programs to assist with college costs. Contact your Financial Aid Office or go online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*, *Financial Aid Form (FAF)*, or look into <http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/> to learn about available resources.

ELIGIBILITY

IMPORTANT: Funding is based on the *Compact Service Agreement* between the tribes are only those individuals who reside in and/or are enrolled with one of the following communities:

Juneau Craig Haines Kasaan Pelican Saxman Skagway Tenakee Wrangell

Individuals who originate from these communities but live outside of Southeast Alaska are also eligible to apply but are funded on a "funds available" basis.

Applicants, who receive/have received funding, enrolled with, or reside in any of the following communities, may not be eligible for services as these communities have opted to administer their own higher education funds:

Angoon Community Association, Douglas Indian Association, Hoonah Indian Association, Hydaburg Cooperative Association, Organized Village of Kake, Ketchikan Indian Community, Klawock Cooperative Association, Chilkat Indian Village (Klukwan), Metlakatla Indian Community, Petersburg Indian Association, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

Additionally, applicants are not eligible if they are receiving assistance from any other federally funded Native entity, i.e., Central Council's Employment & Training Department, the Blackfoot Nation, etc. Please contact this office for clarification or questions.

APPLICATION

Applications are considered for award only after the following is received:

1. Completed *College Student Assistance* application.
2. Completed *Family of Origin Information* form.
3. Completed *Finance Office Vendor Setup* form.
4. *Letter of Admission/Acceptance (LOA)* from the school you are planning to attend. This LOA must indicate full-time enrollment, degree and major you have been accepted into.
5. Official high school, college transcripts or GED scores, whichever is most recent, indicating an overall 2.0 GPA or better.
6. Any other documentation/verification as requested by this higher education office.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: received and/or post-marked on or before May 15.

AWARD PROCESS: [NOTE: currently funded students of this CSA program are automatically awarded for the next academic year.] New applicants are processed based on points (noted below), date applicant's file is deemed complete, and unmet financial need. Applicants compiling the most points will receive the highest consideration for funding. An accumulation of 0-40 points is applied based on the following criteria:

- a) 20 points for students currently residing in a Central Council's *Compact Service Agreement* area (see page 1.)
- b) 15 points for graduation from a high school within a Central Council's *Compact Service Agreement* area.
- c) 5 points for self, parent or guardian belonging to a Southeast Alaska IRA Council, village or regional corporation within the Central Council's *Compact Service Agreement* area.

NOTE: Additional verification may be requested based on data supplied in this application. Your file will be considered "incomplete" until the requested information/verification is received.

WAIT LISTED APPLICANTS: Applications are considered incomplete until all documentation is on file with this higher education office. Complete applicants are put on a wait list pending award processing (late June through July 15.) Award consideration is based on the following:

- a) subject to the availability of funds at the conclusion of the scholarship awarding process;
- b) according to waiting list numerical priority, based upon the dates of receipt, completion of application and accumulated application criteria points; or
- c) by replacement of a student who has withdrawn from the CSA program or dropped out from the institution he/she was enrolled to.

RESTRICTION OF AWARD: The CSA program does not fund part-time attendance, vocational training, student conferences, seminars, developmental courses (i.e., professional skill improvement) or any professional licensing examinations. Funds are also not awarded for those individuals already holding a degree unless it's for the continuance of their degree program (rather, we do not fund 2nd degrees.)

DISTANCE EDUCATION: Tele-communication courses, whether on-line, correspondence, audio/video conferencing, internet, or other outreach programs meant to benefit the attainment of higher education degrees for those individuals in rural areas or those with no access to a higher education institution, may be accepted as eligible courses of the CSA program.

Submission of the following documents is required:

- a) *College Student Assistance* application;
- b) official high school, GED or college transcripts whichever is most current;
- c) letter of intent to enroll in distance education/independent learning courses indicating degree & major these classes will be applied to;
- d) copy of distance ed/independent learning registration; and
- e) financial outline of actual costs for tuition and materials.

If you are found eligible, the following rules apply:

- a) only actual costs for tuition, fees, books and supplies will be covered but will not exceed the annual CSA scholarship award;
- b) enrollment is a minimum of six (6) credits per term;
- c) course credits must be applicable to an area of degree; and
- d) all distance education and independent learning courses must be completed at the end of the term or the tuition check for the next term will not be released.

AWARD NOTIFICATION: July 15

CHANGE IN ADDRESS/UPDATED INFORMATION: If applicant has **ANY CHANGES** after the submission of this application, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify this higher education office as soon as possible. No contact could result in loss of award consideration and/or closure.

CONTACTS: Leslie Isturis, Education Specialist—email listuris@ccthita.org
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CCTHITA COLLEGE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Name		SSN	
Email Address - School		Email Address - Personal	
Place of Residence		Residence Phone Number	
Mailing Address—Permanent:		Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Message <input type="checkbox"/> Number	
Mailing Address—While Attending School:		Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	# of Dependents, if any
High School, City and State graduated from (if GED, which City/State obtained from)		Month/Year Graduated/GED Obtained	
College Financial Aid Office address		Student College ID#	
College Term Type <input type="checkbox"/> Quarters <input type="checkbox"/> Tri/Semesters <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Distance Ed/Correspondence (Block)			
Expected Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Baccalaureate <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate		Class Standing: <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	
Expected Major		Expected Graduation Date	
Resources for College (indicate "applied" if award amount is unknown)		College Expenses For the Academic Year (9 months)	
College Scholarship / Loan	\$	Tuition	\$
College Loan	\$	Fees	\$
Federal Aid (VA/TANF/Soc Sec)	\$	Books	\$
Federal Loan	\$	Supplies	\$
State Grant / Loan	\$	Room	\$
Native/Corporate Scholarship	\$	Board	\$
Native/Council-Federally Funded	\$	Transportation	\$
Parent Contribution	\$	Child Care	\$
Student Contribution	\$	Personal Expenses	\$
Tuition Exemption	\$	Other (What):	\$
Other (What):	\$	Other (What):	\$
Total Resources	\$	Total Expenses	\$
		TOTAL Resources	\$
		(minus) - TOTAL Expenses	\$
		(equals) = UNMET NEED	\$

PERMANENT CONTACT

Provide the following information on an individual who does not live with you, but who knows how to contact you if you move.

Name

Address

Phone

Relation to Applicant

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize release of any and all information for financial aid and education purposes from State, Federal, and private agency records to the *College Student Assistance* program, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska. Yes No

I hereby authorize the *College Student Assistance* program to release my name and address for employment or educational opportunities and to announce my graduation from college and my honor roll status in the newspapers. Yes No

CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information on this application is accurate and true. I understand that the information is subject to verification. I further certify that any funds received under the *College Student Assistance* program will be used solely for expenses related to my attendance at the college listed on this application.

Legal Signature of Applicant

/Date

FAMILY OF ORIGIN

APPLICANT'S NAME

Social Security Number:

Date of Birth

Tribe/Degree

Place of Birth

Central Council Enrollment #

Place of Residence

Native Corporation

MOTHER'S NAME

MAIDEN NAME

Date of Birth

Tribe/Degree

Place of Birth

Central Council Enrollment #

Place of Residence

Native Corporation

FATHER'S NAME

Date of Birth

Tribe/Degree

Place of Birth

Central Council Enrollment #

Place of Residence

Native Corporation

Write in 'mother', 'father' or 'self' next to each community **enrolled** in *:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Angoon	Juneau	Metlakatla	Tenakee
_____	_____	_____	_____
Craig	Kake	Pelican	Thorne Bay
_____	_____	_____	_____
Douglas	Kasaan	Petersburg	Wrangell
_____	_____	_____	_____
Haines	Ketchikan	Saxman	Yakutat
_____	_____	_____	_____
Hoonah	Klawock	Sitka	Other
_____	_____	_____	_____
Hydaburg	Klukwan	Skagway	

* Where does your family **originate** [grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.] from within the Southeast Alaska area?

By signing this form, I verify that I am not applying for or plan to apply for higher education scholarship assistance from any other federally-funded or BIA higher education office. If I do, I understand that my application and/or file may be closed for ineligibility based on receipt of funds from another federally recognized and federally funded tribal entity (not including Native corporation grants such as Sealaska, etc.)

Legal Signature of Applicant

/Date

CERTIFICATION (for office use only)

____ Eligible: Enrollment # _____ Note(s): _____

____ Not Enrolled but Eligible _____

____ Ineligible _____

Enrollment Office Signature /Date

