



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

General Directions:

- Read each scholarship description to determine your eligibility.
- Submit application cover sheet and all required attachments on **single-sided pages** only. Create **one complete packet** for each scholarship in which you are applying. If you are applying for multiple scholarships without complete packets, you may lose **eligibility** for those scholarships.
- Do not staple or place into binder, paper clips preferred.
- Present your information neatly and accurately. Your presented materials represent your qualities as a candidate. This is a fillable pdf and typing is preferred.
- All packets should begin with the universal cover sheet, page 8 of this packet. Then add additional requirements for the desired scholarship. If you are applying for multiple scholarships, you must submit one complete packet for each scholarship. Your packet does not need to include the scholarship descriptions.

Homer Foundation Service Area:

Applicants for these scholarships must reside or have graduated from a high school within the Homer Foundation's service area. This includes all communities on the Southern Kenai Peninsula from Ninilchik south including communities on the southern shore of Kachemak Bay.

Personal Statements:

These should be narratives of 750 words or less, typed and double spaced. Your statement should include, but is not limited to: connection to the purpose of the scholarship, career goals, your future plans after graduation, goal achievement strategies, why the committee should award you the scholarship, intentions with scholarship funds (tuition, books, supplies, registration, room and board, etc.). This should be a narrative that highlights what is unique about yourself, your family, your relationship with the scholarship specifics, if applicable, and your personal and professional goals. If you are applying for multiple scholarships, it is **highly recommended** to write separate statements per each application.

Resume:

- One page, highlighting each of the following areas:
 - Education: highlight any coursework, workshops, seminars, etc, relevant to your educational goals
 - Extracurricular Activities: list clubs and activities you participated in
 - Recognitions: list any accomplishments during or after high school
 - Volunteer/Community Activities: can include volunteer projects
 - Employment: list intern or work experience in last 4 years, highlighting relevant experience

Transcripts: Must be requested at least two days in advance from counseling office or office of the registrar.

Letters of Recommendation:

All letters of recommendation should come from an adult who is not related to you, preferably in the appropriate field of study or industry relating to the scholarship if applicable. Best practice is to ask an adult who knows you well, and to ask at least 2-3 weeks in advance. If you are applying for multiple scholarships, copies of letters are acceptable.

Estimated Needs Assessment: See attached form, and fill out to your best knowledge if required for the scholarship.

The Homer Foundation manages endowed assets for the benefit of the lower Kenai Peninsula, including the funds that support these scholarships. The Foundation administers the application review process for these scholarships. Questions regarding the scholarship application may be directed to the Homer Foundation, 235-0541 or emailed to info@homerfoundation.org.

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Homer, AK 99603
Lower level Kachemak Bay Title Building
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THE HOMER FOUNDATION
Scholarship, Description, Eligibility and Check List
Check each scholarship you are applying for.

☐ **Alain and Daniel Rieser Scholarship**

The Alain and Daniel Rieser Scholarship is supported through the Tin Roof Fund, a donor advised fund at the Homer Foundation. The Fund provides one \$3,000 scholarship award annually, which may be used for expenses related to attending college for the purpose of continuing foreign language study, or for undertaking a language/cultural immersion experience in a foreign country. (The language/cultural immersion experience may be independently designed and does not have to involve enrollment in a formal program, but there should be a well-articulated plan outlined in your personal statement. This type of award is not an academic scholarship and may trigger a taxable event for the recipient.)

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Homer High School current-year graduating senior with a flair for foreign language and a curiosity about other cultures.
- **Suggested Award amount:** up to \$3,000
- Check that you have included:
 - ☐ Cover Sheet
 - ☐ Resume
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

☐ **Homer Community Science Scholarship**

The Homer Community Science Scholarship was established by Homer High School Science teacher Stan Eller in 2000 to encourage Homer High School graduating seniors to pursue the life sciences in their post-secondary education. The community continues to support the fund, and in turn, the fund will be here to provide support to students pursuing the life sciences – forever.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Homer High School current-year graduating senior.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$500-\$1000.
- Check that you have included in a prepared soft cover folder:
 - ☐ Additional Cover Sheet with
 - Applicant Name
 - Photo
 - Homer Community Science Scholarship 2019
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - ☐ Estimated Needs Assessment
 - ☐ High School Transcript

☐ **Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial Scholarship**

The Nikki Geragotelis (Fry) Memorial Scholarship was established by the family and friends of Nikki in honor of the life she lived. The goal of the scholarship is to keep Nikki's memory alive by helping students continue their education. Throughout her life Nikki had a "walk-on" spirit. She worked hard and enjoyed people. Successful applicants will exemplify Nikki's qualities of sportsmanship, athleticism, integrity, hard-working nature, and friendliness. Candidates are positive and reliable teammates, giving their best every time they step on the field whether at practice or for a game. One scholarship will be awarded to cover costs of tuition at any accredited educational, technical or vocational institution.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Applicant must be a current-year graduating senior from Homer High School with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Applicant must have participated in one or more competitive sports within the last 4 years.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$6000
- Check that you have included:
 - ☐ Resume
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation - at least 1 from a coach or trainer
 - ☐ Estimated Needs Assessment

☐ **Beluga Tale/Tail Writing Scholarships**

The Beluga Tail Nonfiction and Beluga Tale Fiction Writing Scholarships are supported through the Tin Roof Fund, a donor advised fund at the Homer Foundation. The Fund provides for up to two \$3,000 scholarship awards annually for students with a demonstrated skill and passion for writing. ***Separate application must be submitted if applying in both categories, and please label your writing samples fiction or non-fiction.*** The awards may be used for expenses related to continuing education at an accredited two or four year institution, or attendance in a nationally recognized writing program.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Current-year graduating senior from a high school in Homer Foundation's service area with a demonstrated competency and passion for writing, and a dedication to continue writing.
- **Suggested Award amount:** up to \$3,000
- **Check that you have included**
 - ☐ **Beluga Tale Fiction Scholarship**
 - ☐ Resume
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - ☐ 1-3 Fiction Writing Samples (not to exceed 15 total pages), edited, and from last 12 months
 - Double spaced, with name and page number
 - ☐ **Beluga Tail Nonfiction Scholarship**
 - ☐ Resume
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - ☐ 1-3 Writing Samples (not to exceed 15 total pages), edited, and from last 12 months
 - Double spaced, with name and page number

7. Fish and Wildlife

This scholarship was created by Steve Albert who is a resident of Homer who dedicated his life to Fish and Wildlife management for the State of Alaska. The intent is to support Homer area students in pursuit of higher education in wildlife and/or fisheries biology or management, because there was no scholarship available to this field when he began his studies. There will be preference for students who are planning on working in Alaska after completion of their program.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a resident of the Homer Foundation's service area, and have graduated from a school located within that service area, or have received a GED equivalent. The applicant must be under the age of 20. Must be planning on pursuing a career in fish and wildlife biology or management. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$2,000
- **Check that you have included:**
 - Personal Statement
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, at least one of which from a science or math teacher.
 - Resume
 - Estimate Needs Assessment

☐ Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime Scholarship



The Drew Scalzi Memorial Maritime Scholarship was established in 2006 by the North Pacific Fisheries Association and the Scalzi Family in memory of Drew Scalzi. The underlying philosophy of the scholarship is to nurture young adults pursuing their careers in the maritime field or who are from fishing/maritime families. The scholarships can be used to cover the costs of tuition at an accredited college, university or approved technical program. First and foremost Drew was a fisherman, and he firmly believed in helping those who endeavored to advance their knowledge and abilities. Drew also had a love of sports and politics, so in the event there is no qualified scholarship applicant, funds will be directed towards high school level political science or athletic programs, at the committee's discretion.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Must be a resident of the Homer-Anchor Point area, 16-25 years of age. Applicant must have either: a) personal experience in the maritime industry within Alaska, or whose family has been involved in the maritime industry within Alaska; or b) plans to pursue technical training to work in the maritime industry in Alaska.
- **Suggested Award amount:** One or more scholarships, \$500-1000.
- Check that you have included
 - ☐ Resume
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - At least 1 from someone in maritime industry

☐ Health Care Providers Scholarship

The Health Care Providers Scholarship has provided an annual award to lower Kenai Peninsula high school graduates since 1985. In 2006, local health care providers established a permanent endowment at the Homer Foundation to ensure that the scholarship would continue in perpetuity. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students from the lower Kenai Peninsula, who are pursuing a career in a health care related field at an accredited professional or technical school. Applicants may apply as a high school graduate or in any given year of their post-graduate studies, but may receive the award only once.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Applicant must be pursuing a career in a health care field. *Preference is given to students already accepted into their healthcare program.* Applicant must be a graduate of a school located within the Homer Foundation service area or have achieved a GED equivalent. Applicants who have already graduated from high school are defined as "Post-High School Students" and have separate requirements.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$500 to \$2500, depending on available funds. Applicants may apply in their high school senior year, however funds will not be distributed until applicant is accepted into a certified program, or has demonstrated adequate course work in preparation for applying to the program. The award may be divided across two or more years at the discretion of the committee.
- **High School applicants, check that you have included:**
 - Personal Statement
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - Estimated Needs Assessment
 - Transcript
 - FAFSA- EFC number
 - FAFSA Student Aid Report SUMMARY only
 - ACT/SAT Report Summary
- **Post High School applicants, check that you have included:**
 - Personal Statement
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - Estimated Needs Assessment
 - FAFSA- EFC number, if applicable
 - Letter of Acceptance
 - Most Recent Transcript*
 - If student has been out of school for a few years, a transcript may not be appropriate. Instead, it should be their letter of acceptance to the program.

*Applicants may omit High School GPA, SAT, ACT scores and class rank on cover sheet

☐ **Kachemak Medical Group Scholarship**

The Kachemak Medical Group scholarship fund was established by Dr. Paul Raymond and the Kachemak Medical Group to provide financial assistance to a public high school graduating senior in the Homer and Anchor Point area who has best exemplified academic excellence, community and/or school service, and a strong work ethic. The award may be used for tuition and related school expenses at any accredited four-year institute of higher learning.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, must have the ability to demonstrate at least 1000 hours of gainful employment while attending high school, either during school year or summer; Ability to demonstrate active involvement in extracurricular activities or community service
- **Suggested Award amount:** up to \$2000, distributed \$500 per year up to 4 years as long as the recipient is enrolled full time in an accredited institute of higher learning.
- Check that you have included:
 - ☐ Resume, including
 - Proof of Employment
 - Proof of Extracurricular activities or community service
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - One from academic or employment
 - One from extracurricular or community
 - Contact for both references

☐ **Ptarmigan Arts Visual Arts Scholarship**



The participating artists of the Ptarmigan Arts Gallery established the Ptarmigan Arts Visual Arts Scholarship to encourage and assist local high school students to further their education in the visual arts. The Ptarmigan Arts Scholarship is now supported by a permanent fund administered by the Homer Foundation. The recipient/s will be

determined at the April 18th, 2018 Ptarmigan Artists meeting where selected applicants will be asked to make presentations. The award will be sent directly to the recipient's designated art program, school, or vendor. Questions can be directed to Gary Lion at 235-8767 or sealion@xyz.net.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** The Scholarship is open to any Homer, Seldovia, Nanwalek, or English Bay area high school student – grades 11 and 12 (includes Flex School, Connections and others). It can be used for summer school, workshops, apprenticeships, college, supplies, etc.). Applicants are limited to the visual arts i.e. painting, film, graphics, fiber, pottery, sculpture, mixed media.
- **Additional Information:** The field of applicants will be narrowed to three. Those three will be asked to present their work and themselves at our meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gallery. The final selection will be made at that time.
- **Final Report Required:** The successful recipient will be required to contact us following the completion of his/her sponsored course of study. Please detail your preferred follow-up in the written portion of your application (written report, oral presentation, or other).
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$2,000
- Check that you have included:
 - ☐ Personal Statement
 - ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - ☐ 5 presentation-ready examples of original artwork, delivered to Ptarmigan Arts Gallery

Heather Pancratz Memorial Scholarship

The communities of the Southern Kenai Peninsula lost a valuable educator in 2017, Heather Pancratz. To keep alive her commitment to her students and home community of Nikolaevsk, family and friends have created the Heather Pancratz Memorial fund. Heather is remembered for her belief in a loving God from which flowed compassion, love and a faithful devotion to family, friends, students and community. She was a remarkable educator with 17 years' experience in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District where she worked to establish an environment free of indoctrinating forces, where her students were free to respectfully ask questions; where they could develop critical thinking skills; where they could grow in their appreciation for learning and thrive. The Fund will continue her legacy through its support to students who exemplify Heather's critical thinking, respectful questioning, and lifelong learning approach to life.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a current-year Nikolaevsk high school graduating senior. The fund provides for an annual award for expenses related to attending college or technical training program, or other educational or career goal.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$500
- Check that you have included:
 - Personal Statement-
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - At least one from a teacher or school principal familiar with student's accomplishments
 - Estimate Needs Assessment

Nursing Studies O

The Nursing Studies Scholarship Fund was established to celebrate the memory of Eileen Albert. Eileen was a nurse throughout her life in Alaska, primarily as a school nurse practitioner, as well as a mentor within her field. This scholarship is intended to honor her love of nursing and to support students who are seeking this profession.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be Homer High school graduated up to age 25. Must be pursuing a career in nursing with the registered nurse (RN) certification. Priority is given to students who want to return to Alaska during their career.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$1,500
- Check that you have included:
 - Personal Statement
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
 - Resume
 - High School or latest educational transcript

Sutton James Miller Memorial

The Sutton James Miller Scholarship was established in the memory of Sutton James Miller, of Homer, Alaska. In his short 6 months on the Earth, he showed a willingness to strive to learn new skills, excelled greatly in all areas of development, had an amazing love for people around him, and a standout attitude, which made an everlasting impression on those who met him. Everyone's life was touched by his standout presence, and remembers his giggle, sparkle in his blue eyes, as well as his heart-melting smile. Sutton James' name will forever live in the Homer community, via this scholarship, becoming an everlasting legacy where he will give a graduating senior a head start in their next step in furthering their education. Candidates show ambition, giving their absolute best while staying positive, have a passion for life, and show strength while pursuing their best life. This scholarship may be used at a 4 year, 2 year or vocational school within Alaska.

- **Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a current year graduating senior of Homer High School. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above and show an exceptional attitude toward an area of their choosing. Must be staying in State.
- **Suggested Award amount:** \$1,000
- Check that you have included:
 - Additional cover sheet with Applicant Name, Photo, Sutton James Miller Memorial Scholarship
 - Personal Statement
 - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, at least one of which from within Homer High School
 - Resume
 - High School Transcript

Scholarship applying for:

THE HOMER FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER SHEET
Include a copy of this cover sheet with each scholarship application

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Student Contact: Phone/Cell: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent/s or Guardian/s: _____

Parent's Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent's Contact: Phone/Cell: _____ Email: _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Current GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ in a class of _____

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____ (If you did not take one, put 0)

School or Program you plan to attend? _____

Have you been accepted? _____

What is your area of study? _____

Number of years to complete your program: _____

All Scholarships are considered competitive scholarships. Scholarships shall be awarded on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender or age.

No one related to the donor/s, members of the review committee, the Homer Foundation Board of Trustees or its employees shall be eligible to apply for scholarships.

Statement of Certification:

I, _____, do hereby attest that the information I have provided here is true, correct and complete. I do understand that this scholarship award is to be used for tuition, books and other direct expenses, and that the award check will be mailed directly to my school, unless otherwise stated. I give permission for the Homer Foundation to use my name and/or picture in written and digital media.

Applicant Signature

Date

The completed application form and all attachments must be submitted together.
Receipt deadline is 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th, 2020.

Mail to:
Homer Foundation
PO Box 2600
Homer, AK 99603

Drop off locations:
Homer Foundation / lower level Kachemak Bay Title Co.
Homer High School Counselor's Office

ESTIMATED NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Complete this form only if required by your scholarship.

Assessment based on attendance at what school?

Have you been accepted?

Provide expenses/resources for one year. Your financial plan should be realistic. Expenses should equal your resources and if they do not, you must have a plan for any deficit.

EXPENSES (one year):

Tuition and Fees: _____

Room and Board: _____

Books and Supplies: _____

Travel: _____

Personal Incidentals: _____

Other: _____

RESOURCES (one year):

From Parents: _____

Student's Savings: _____

Student's Projected Earnings (1 yr): _____

From Loans: _____

From Grants/Scholarships: _____

Other: _____

TOTAL EXPENSES _____

TOTAL RESOURCES _____

Have you filed for Federal Aid? (F.A.F.S.A.) _____

IF applicable: FASFA EFC number _____

Also attach the FAFSA Student Aid Report Summary (ONLY NOT FULL REPORT) if applicable

Have you filed for the Alaska Student Loan?

What other financial aid have you applied for? _____

What financial aid has been committed? _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____