

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation aggressively encourages the hiring of tribal health professionals. This scholarship program is set up to encourage members of the 58 tribes served by YKHC and their descendants, as well as YKHC employees with good standing, to pursue training as health professionals. This scholarship program is also open to all Alaska residents.

The priority for funding will be in line with P.L. 93-638, the Indian Education and Self-Determination Act, and the YKHC scholarship applicant evaluation form.

Candidates applying to the program must be enrolled in, or admitted as a fulltime student to, an accredited program leading to licensure or certification as a health professional. Any funds awarded under this program may be used for tuition, books, and fees only. Incomplete applications may not be processed.

Candidates who are being considered for the YKHC Scholarship will be required to pass a criminal background check during the application process, and from time to time thereafter, including, but not limited to, the beginning of the academic year. Candidates who do not pass the initial criminal background check may not receive funding. Candidates who do not pass subsequent criminal background checks may lose funding.

Each year of funding for students accepted into the YKHC Scholarship program is distributed in one payment directly to the college. Acceptance into the YKHC Scholarship program is a single, one-time, acceptance. For a candidate to receive additional funding they must resubmit a complete application by the appropriate deadline to be considered.

Award amounts

Scholarship Award for Undergraduate Health-related Programs (fulltime enrollment of 12 or more credits per semester)

\$2,000 (Scholarship) *Not to exceed \$8,000.00 total

Scholarship Award for Graduate Health-related Programs (fulltime enrollment of 9 or more credits per semester)

\$4,000 (Scholarship) *Not to exceed \$12,000 total

Deliver or Mail Documents to:

YKHC Scholarship Program
Attn: YK AHEC Executive Director
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 528
Bethel, Alaska 99559

Email documents to: ahec@ykhc.org

For more information, phone: 907-543-6060 or 1-800-478-3321 Ext. 6060

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1. **Application.** Submit a completed, signed and dated application.
2. **Proof of eligibility.** The scholarship program is open to the following:
 - A. **Tribal Member.** Show membership in one of the 58 villages served by YKHC providing a copy of the Tribal Enrollment Card or copy of the Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB).
 - B. **Tribal Member Descendant.** Provide a copy of your birth certificate to demonstrate your relationship as a Native lineal descendant of an enrolled member of one of YKHC's 58 villages, as well as a copy of the enrolled member's Enrollment Card or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB).
 - C. **YKHC Employee in Good Standing.** Any employee who is in good standing with YKHC, upon proof of length of service and good standing.
 - D. **Alaska Resident.** Any applicant who can provide evidence of the following (only one required):
 - Received or have been qualified to receive an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend within the last 12 months.
 - Have graduated in the last 12 months from a qualified Alaska high school.
 - Have been physically present in Alaska for the past two years.
3. **Letter of Acceptance.** Submit a copy of acceptance letter from an accredited program for licensure or certification in a healthcare field.
4. **Grade Transcripts and/or Certificate of completion.** Submit official grade transcripts and or certificate(s) of completion.
 - A. **If you have been out of school five (5) or more years, submit a resume outlining your learning experiences and work achievements during that period of time.**
5. **Statement of Purpose.** Provide specific and detailed responses on a separate sheet of paper.
 - A. **New applicants.** What are your education and career goals? Tell us about yourself and how your proposed program prepares you for a job in healthcare. (One page or less)
 - B. **Repeat Applicants.** Update us on your education and career goals. To what extent are you moving toward your goals? What changes in plans might you be encountering and why? (One page or less)
6. **Letters of Recommendation.** Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from a current or former teacher, employer or other person who knows of your past experience and potential to succeed in your chosen career. (No relatives please) Recommendation letters must be dated within 6 months of receipt of the application. Recommendation letters must include the applicant's name, the date, recommender's name, contact information and signature.