

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation actively encourages and pursues 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 open to all eligible Alaska residents.

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

Priority will be given to candidates who are enrolled in, or admitted as a full-time or part-time 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 or applications received after the deadline will be moved to the next application cycle.

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 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. Candidates who wish to receive additional funding must submit an updated application to include transcripts from the previously funded semester to be considered.

Award amounts

Scholarship award for undergraduate health-related programs (full-time enrollment for 12 or more credits or part-time with a minimum of 6 credits per semester).

1st year - \$2,000; 2nd year - \$2500; 3rd year - \$3,000; 4th year - \$3,500

*Award not to exceed \$11,000 total

Scholarship award for graduate health-related programs (full-time enrollment of 9 or more credits or part-time with a minimum range of 3-6 credits per semester)

1st year - \$4,000; 2nd year - \$4,500; 3rd year - \$5,000; 4th year - \$5,500

* Award not to exceed \$19,000 total

Part-time students will be eligible for half the award amounts

Scholarship application deadline: June 1 & Nov. 1, 2023

Mail or have post marked documents by 5pm to:

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

Hand Delivered by 4:30 p.m.:

CHSB 2nd Floor Human Resources

Email documents by 5 p.m. to:

ahec@ykhc.org

For more information, phone: 907-543-6943 or 1-800-478-3321 Ext. 6060

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Required Documents

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 tribes, 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.
 - Graduated in the last 12 months from a qualified Alaska high school.
 - 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 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 and include transcripts from the previously funded semester. What progress have you made towards your goals? What changes in plans might you be encountering and why? (One page or less)
6. **Letters of Recommendation.** Provide two 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 6–12 months of receipt of the application. Recommendation letters must include the applicant's name, the date, recommender's name, contact information, and signature.