



ATIA Foundation Frequently Asked Questions

Who qualifies for a scholarship?

Applicants must be **Alaska residents** enrolled or intending to enroll in a program of study in preparation for a career in tourism. A tourism career focus may include, but is not limited to, areas such as recreation, hospitality, marketing, or business.

When are applications due?

Applications are available at www.alaskatia.org/foundation/scholarships and must be received no later than January 31 at 5:00 PM AKST. Late applications will not be considered.

When are the scholarships awarded?

Applicants will be notified no later than early March. If awarded, scholarship checks are mailed directly to educational institutions in July of the application year. Scholarship recipients are notified when checks are distributed.

Does the Foundation support continuing education or professional development programs?

Yes. Alaskans seeking to enhance their education in fields related tourism may apply.

What is the typical award amount?

ATIA Foundation scholarships range from \$250 to \$2,500, with the majority of awards in the \$500-\$1,000 range.

What is the scholarship duration?

ATIA Foundation scholarships are 1-year awards. Funds may be applied to tuition, books, and fees beginning fall semester of the application year.

How are scholarships funded?

The ATIA Foundation is funded through the generosity of Alaska Travel Industry Association members and member businesses.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I have received one in the past?

Yes, previous recipients are encouraged to reapply during their program of study.

Where can I find more information?

Visit www.alaskatia.org/foundation or email questions to Foundation@alaskatia.org.

ATIA Foundation Mission

The ATIA Foundation invests in Alaskans to ensure the quality of people employed in Alaska's visitor industry through scholarships and support for community events.

The ATIA Foundation is charitable 501(c)3 organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.