



Scholarship Application

Choose a career in one of Alaska's largest industries... TOURISM!

The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) is the leading statewide professional trade association for businesses and individuals involved in the visitor industry in Alaska. ATIA represents over 700 businesses large and small from all sectors of the travel industry and all regions of the state.

The ATIA Foundation Scholarship Program was established to assist Alaskan students pursuing the education necessary to succeed in the travel and tourism industry within the state. The Foundation offers thousands of

dollars each year through multiple scholarships to Alaskan students pursuing education related to the travel industry. Individual scholarships generally range from \$500 to \$2,500.

GENERAL APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Students interested in the tourism industry who meet the following general criteria may apply for an ATIA Foundation scholarship.

- Enrolled or intending to enroll on a full-time basis (or part-time basis for the ATIA Graduate or Continuing Education Scholarships) in a program of study in preparation for a career in tourism. Tourism career focus may include, but is not limited to: recreation, hospitality, marketing, business, etc.
- An Alaskan resident.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ATIA SCHOLARSHIP

Students applying for scholarships must use the following ATIA scholarship application. Completed applications must also include:

- One copy of your most current high school or college transcript
- A one-page statement of your tourism career plans
- A current resume
- Two letters of recommendation, dated within one year

Applicants are encouraged to focus on quality of content over quantity when building their application packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? (Yes (No Are you a full-time or part-time student? (Full-time (Part-time

Are you an Alaskan resident? (Yes (No Do you have a relative in the Alaska travel industry? (Yes (No

Have you received a scholarship from the ATIA Foundation before? (Yes (No

CURRENT EDUCATION (ATTACH A COPY OF SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT)

School you are currently attending: _____

Dates attended: _____ Hours completed: _____ GPA: _____

Academic honors and/or offices held: _____

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

School you are planning to attend: _____

Location (city/state): _____

Degree goal: _____

Expected degree completion date (month/year): _____

WORK EXPERIENCE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

If work experience in the tourism industry is applicable, please attach a resume.

Also please describe your plans for summer work, if applicable: _____

Extra-curricular activities: _____

CAREER STATEMENT (ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH)

Write a one-page statement about your tourism career plans. Be sure to include the following in your essay:

- What are your career goals and objectives and how will you achieve them?
- Why do you want to be involved in the travel and visitor industry?
- What are the major challenges facing the visitor industry today?

OATH (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW)

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided complete information. I am an Alaskan resident and intend to remain so. I agree to report any factors which could affect consideration of my application. I understand that failure to provide accurate and complete information may mean withdrawal of all financial assistance and billing for all awards previously received.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR ATIA OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received:

Status of Eligibility:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

Return via mail or email to:

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