



New Scholarship Application

The Caleb Scholars Program supports outstanding Alaska Native students from Alaska's Arctic regions who are pursuing marine conservation-related education and careers. Caleb Lumen Pungowiyi was a revered global leader raised with the traditions of his St. Lawrence Island Yupik heritage. Throughout his life, he led efforts to sustain traditional practices in a modern world by bridging traditional Alaska Native and modern science communities, through leadership positions he held across the Arctic. To carry forward his life's work, and with generous support from the Oak Foundation, Kawerak, Inc. is honored to invite the next generation of Alaska Native students interested in making an impact through research, policy, and advocacy to become a part of the Caleb Scholars Program.

*This application is for students who have not previously received a Caleb Scholars Program scholarship. All prospective applicants must read our **Program Policies** found on our website www.calebscholars.org prior to submitting an application.*

Eligibility

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled as a tribal member in a tribe from the Norton Sound, Northwest Arctic, or Arctic Slope regions
- Enrolled in a preferred degree program (listed in policies) at an accredited university or college
- If an undergraduate student, must have already completed 36 credit hours toward a preferred degree program
- Have cumulative and current grade point averages of 2.5 or higher as an undergraduate student *or* 3.0 or higher as a graduate student
- Registered for at least 12 credit hours for the upcoming semester as an undergraduate student *or* full-time equivalent as a graduate student

Application Checklist

A complete application packet consists of these required documents:

- New Scholarship Application
- Responses to all three essay questions
- Verification of tribal enrollment
- Electronic or paper transcripts
- Class registration for the upcoming semester showing full-time enrollment
- Two letters of recommendation

Incomplete applications will not be processed or considered for award funds.

Application Deadlines

- December 1 (Spring Semester)
- July 15 (Fall Semester)
- Materials will not be accepted past 4:59 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on the appropriate deadline.

Applicant Information

Full Name:		
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth:	Last 4 digits of Social Security #:
Mailing Address While Attending School:	Permanent Mailing Address:	
Cell Phone #:	Alternate Phone #:	
E-mail Address: (for information exchange purposes only)		
Tribal Affiliation:		

School Information

Name of School:		
Registered Degree Program:		
Financial Aid Office Mailing Address:	Total Credits Earned:	# of credits registered for:
	Last Semester GPA:	Cumulative GPA:
Financial Aid Office Phone #:	Expected graduation date:	Student ID #:

Essay Questions

Provide a 100-300 word response for each of the following three essay questions. Please type your responses and attach to your signed application.

1. What does the concept of marine conservation mean to you and how do you think it impacts people's lives? What do you think are the most pressing marine conservation issues in your area?
2. In what ways have you noticed cultural values and traditional knowledge impacting your life as a young leader? Who or what has inspired you to pursue an education related to marine conservation?
3. What kind of work would you like to pursue once you have finished your degree? How do you think that work will impact marine conservation?

Award Selection

The Caleb Scholars Program Steering Committee will meet according to our Program Policies to discuss each application and make final selection decisions. Applicants will be notified of their selection status approximately three to five weeks after the application deadline.

Statement of Understanding

I hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that if I have intentionally misrepresented information on this application or supplemental documentation, I will be required to return all scholarship funds and issue a formal apology to the Selection Committee. **I further understand that if awarded, I must submit a continuing scholarship application with required supporting documents each semester to Program Staff to maintain my eligibility for a continuing scholarship.** I give permission for Kawerak, Inc. and the Oak Foundation to publish my name, photograph, school information, and any other information I provide in any reports, press releases, or publications.

Signature

Date

Please submit this application and additional documents via email to: cpp.spec@kawerak.org

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