

Maniilaq Association

Paaraq Scholarship Program Policy



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Section 1) Paaraq Scholarship Program Summary

The Paaraq Scholarship is available to selected students who are pursuing degrees at accredited universities/colleges, who reside and are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe of the Maniilaq service area. The Paaraq scholarship program provides recipients up to \$7,500 in financial assistance per year. All funds are paid directly to the university/college for tuition, fees, and related expenses. Once tuition, fees, and related expenses are met, all remaining program funds may be released to the student. The Paaraq scholarship program is administered by Maniilaq WFD staff.

Section 2) Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Paaraq Scholarship, the applicant must meet the below criteria:

- 2.1 Be an enrolled member of the Native Villages of Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Point Hope, Selawik, Shungnak, and Noorvik Native Community, and Kiana Traditional Council.
- 2.2 Reside in the Maniilaq service area.
- 2.3 Be enrolled into a 2 or 4 year undergraduate degree program or a post graduate (i.e. masters or doctorate) degree program at an accredited university/college.
- 2.4 First time applicants must have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0 or higher from high school or previous higher education transcript, and returning applicants must have a 2.0 or higher GPA for the previous term funded.
- 2.5 For continued eligibility, recipients of the Paaraq Scholarship must maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average (GPA) each term. A returning student whose GPA is below 2.0 will be placed on probation for the following term. The student must raise their GPA during this probationary term or they will be considered ineligible for the following term. GPA probation is allowed once per calendar year.
- 2.6 Students who withdraw, whether officially or unofficially, may be deemed ineligible unless they can demonstrate just cause for withdrawal.

Section 3) Probationary Status

Returning students who do not meet the eligibility requirements may be placed on probation, which means they may receive half of the normal award as outlined in sections 4.1 or 4.2, as applicable. If student does not improve his/her grades by the end of the probationary status term, the student will not be eligible to receive financial assistance the following term, until the student has a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Section 4) Paaraq Scholarship Award Totals

4.1 Undergraduate Scholarship Award Totals

Credits Enrolled	Semester Term	Quarter Term
12+ credits	\$2,500	\$1,875
9 - 11 credits	\$2,000	\$1500
6 - 8 credits	\$1,250	\$950
3 - 5 credits	\$625	\$450

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4.2 Post Graduate Scholarship Award Totals

Semester Term	Quarter Term
\$2,500	\$1,875

Section 5) Application, Deadlines, and Submission Information

5.1 The Paaraq Scholarship application can be found on the Maniilaq website at www.maniilaq.org under the Tribal Government Services tab or can be emailed upon request.

5.2 University/College Annual Semester Schedule Deadlines: Before Midnight AST

Fall Semester	August 15th
Spring Semester	March 15th
Summer Semester	June 15th

5.3 University/College Annual Quarter Schedule Deadlines: Before Midnight AST

Fall Quarter	August 15th
Winter Quarter	January 15th
Spring Semester	March 15th
Summer Semester	June 15th

5.4 Submit Complete Applications to:

Maniilaq Association Workforce Development
P.O Box 256
Kotzebue, Alaska -99752-
Fax: 1-866-832-9350
Email: scholarships@maniilaq.org

5.5 Applicants will have fifteen (15) days from the date of notice of incomplete application to submit all identified missing documents. If applicant fails to submit documents by the fifteen (15) day deadline, they will be deemed ineligible for that term.

Section 6) Annual Funding Availability

The Maniilaq Board of Directors appropriates an annual funding amount for this scholarship during its approval of the organizations Fiscal Year Operating budget. Based upon this appropriation, Workforce Development administers this scholarship in accordance with this policy, and the administrative procedures developed by WFD staff. Any unused funds from the annual approved appropriation may be transferred to the James Qigñak Wells Endowment to maximize awards, if necessary. In the event that Paaraq funds are insufficient to offer a full award, partial awards may be approved.