



2017-2018 Scholarship Application

Background

GCI, Alaska's largest telecom, awarded \$300,000 in scholarships to Yukon Delta students during the 2016-2017 school year. GCI makes these scholarships available through its subsidiary, United Utilities Inc. (UUI). UUI awards one hundred and fifty (150) \$2,000 scholarships each year to rural high school seniors and residents of the (60) communities that UUI/KUC serves, including the villages of Tanana, Whittier, and Ruby. The goal of this program is to provide partial monetary support to Alaska Natives for education and training as Alaska's future leaders and in preparation for career opportunities with GCI/UUI.

As a major employer in Alaska and this region, a trained and skilled workforce that can come back to their community allows us to continue developing Alaska's most complex communications network.

For more information, contact Tam Cleary at (907) 273-5214 or at scholarship@uui-alaska.com.

General Scholarship Application

UUI is accepting 2017-2018 Scholarship applications from highly motivated 2017 graduating high school seniors and current college students attending an accredited post-secondary vocational/trade training program; or an accredited college or university, participating in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in a variety of disciplines including:

- Engineering
- Accounting/Business Admin/Economics/Finance
- Computer Science/Information Technology/Cloud Computing
- Construction & Project Management
- Healthcare
- Telecom related technical programs

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Live in a location where UUI and KUC provide communications services, including the villages of Tanana, Whittier, and Ruby.
- Be a high school senior who will graduate in Spring 2017, or already have a high school diploma, or already attending an accredited college or post-secondary program
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Have plans to be a full time or part-time student at an accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school in the Fall of 2017
- Have an interest and intent to return to a rural community after graduation
- Not be a dependent of any person involved with the Federal Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program (E-Rate) or the Rural Health Care Universal Support Program (RHCP) on behalf of an entity that receives support for telecommunications services through either program (see page 2).

Application Instructions

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information
- Complete the entire scholarship application. If any information is incomplete, the application may be rejected.
- Prepare a 350-word essay on your educational and career goals to include your plans upon graduation; why you are interested in this scholarship program and your intended field of study.
- Include your most recent transcript. This does not have to be an official transcript.

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarships are paid directly to your school. A scholarship winner **MUST** submit a copy of the award letter to the Business Office at your school and the school will bill us directly.
- If you are unable to use the scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic years, please contact Tam Cleary within 30 days of award notification.

Federal Support for Telecommunications Services

Many UUI customers receive financial support from the Universal Services Administration Corporation (USAC) for their telecommunications services through the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program (also known as "E-Rate") or the Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Program (also known as "RHCD" or "RHCP").

USAC and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) severely restrict telecommunications carriers, like UUI, from providing anything that could be construed as a "gift" to such entities (including a libraries, schools, school boards,, health corporations, hospitals, health clinics, or related consortia) or anyone involved with the with E-rate or RHCP on behalf of any such entity.

This prohibition is broad and includes anyone on the governing board of any such entity and all employees, officers, representatives, agents, consultants, or independent contractors of such an entity who prepares, approves, signs, or submits E-rate or RHCP applications, technology plans, or other forms related to E-rate or RHCP; anyone who prepares bids, communicates, or otherwise works with E-rate or RHCP service providers, E-rate or RHCP consultants, or USAC; or any personnel responsible for monitoring compliance with the E-rate or RHC programs.

UUI does not wish to jeopardize the financial support upon which many of our schools and health corporations rely and, therefore, cannot provide scholarships to people (or their dependents) that are involved with the E-Rate or RHCP programs on behalf of these entities.

Applications must be postmarked to UUI by

April 07, 2017.

Mail or fax completed applications to:

Scholarship Committee

United Utilities, Inc.

5450 A. St

Anchorage, AK 99518

FAX: 907-273-5325 or E-mail: scholarship@uui-alaska.com

2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Student Information (please type or print)			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Middle Name:			
Permanent Mailing Address:		City:	State: Zip Code:
Mailing Address While Attending School		City:	State: Zip Code:
Where is your hometown?		Home Phone Number:	Have you applied for a UUI/GCI Scholarship before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what year: <input type="text"/>
		Cell Phone Number:	
High School/College/University Currently Attending			
High School/University Name and Address:		Beginning Year:	<input type="text"/>
		Field of study:	<input type="text"/>
Expected Graduation date (month & year):		Current GPA:	<input type="text"/>
Name and Address of College/University/Technical School Applicant Plans to Attend in 2017-2018 School Year:			
Have you applied for admission?		Field of study:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="text"/>	
Been accepted?		Estimated cost of education (per year):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="text"/>	

Educational and Career Goals

Please describe your educational and career goals (use a separate page if needed):

Declaration

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and that I have completed all sections myself.

I am not a dependent of any person involved with the federal Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program or the Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Program on behalf of an entity that receives support for telecommunications services through either program.

Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

To be eligible for consideration, Scholarship application must be received or postmarked by:

April 07, 2017

ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Names of scholarship recipients will be posted on www.uui-alaska.com and
Delta Discovery Newspaper.**

Only scholarship recipients will receive an official notification.