



## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Island GRAD Project (IGP), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit college and career access organization founded in 2021, has established a scholarship fund to support Kodiak Island students in their pursuit of postsecondary education. This fund is created through community donations and scholarship sponsors. Our mission is to increase postsecondary attainment in the Kodiak region through resource connection, process navigation, community partnerships, and student support.

Applications are due April 15th, recipients are notified by May 15th and funds are disbursed no later than June 30th. The amount awarded and number of awards will be dependent on the funds available and according to specific donor agreements. Nancy Castro, IGP Board Member and Financial Aid & Scholarship Coordinator at Kodiak College, chairs our scholarship committee.

IGP is committed to supporting **all pathways to meaningful careers that pay a living wage**, including both college and workforce training, industry certifications, apprenticeships, and more. We encourage students to complete both academic and technical skill-based training. IGP awards scholarships in the following categories each year.

- **IGP Academic Persistence Scholarship (\$1,000):** There will be at least one scholarship awarded to a continuing college student in their second year of college or beyond (i.e. they have completed at least two semesters of college). There are many college scholarships and grants for graduating high school seniors but the majority of these awards are not renewable for additional years. This scholarship will assist students who can demonstrate they have successfully completed college coursework. Applicants need to show a cumulative college-level GPA of 2.5 or higher and provide 1-3 letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a college faculty or staff member.
- **IGP CTE-Workforce Training Scholarship (\$1,000):** There will be at least one scholarship awarded to a student pursuing a non-college CTE or workforce training program. This award gives preference to students who are completing a short-term, industry-based certification program that will qualify them for gainful employment *but that is not eligible for standard academic scholarships or federal financial aid (FAFSA)*. This scholarship is open to any student who has earned (or will soon earn) a high school diploma or G.E.D. Applicants must submit a resume and provide 1-3 letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a current or former supervisor (employer, pre-apprenticeship, internship, etc.).

## **Scholarship Preferences**

For both scholarships, preference will also be given to students who are attending local or in-state college and training programs. We do this because we seek to keep locally-raised scholarship funding in our community or in Alaska. We recognize that some students need to leave the state for college or training for a variety of justifiable reasons. These students are still encouraged to apply, and will be given the opportunity to explain how they intend to return to Kodiak and/or Alaska, or otherwise give back to their home community and state.

Additional requirements or preferences may be specified by our individual scholarship fund donors. For example, the scholarship sponsored by Kodiak Hockey League requires that the recipient be a current or former KHL hockey player. Special requirements or preferences required by our sponsors are documented in a Donor Agreement.

Questions about how to donate to the IGP Scholarship fund or how to apply for IGP scholarships should be directed to Nancy Castro at [ncastro2@alaska.edu](mailto:ncastro2@alaska.edu).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robyn Callahan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robyn Callahan  
President