Dear Applicant,

Difficulties are often encountered in completing the proper forms correctly when applying for funding. This is something that you will have to do each year, between now and the time you finish college.

### Applying to College

You need to request an application for admission to the college of your choice. It is best to make this application to the college as soon as possible. Please fill out this application as accurately and completely as possible. After the college receives your application and reviews it, you should receive a letter of acceptance. This letter, or a copy of it, will be needed for the Wrangell Cooperative Association Higher Education College Assistance Program to validate your acceptance to college. Your scholarship grant will not be processed without this letter being on file.

**Application for Wrangell Cooperative Association Higher Education Scholarship Award** Please complete Higher Education College Assistance Application from correctly, accurately, and leave nothing blank. If an item does not apply to you, mark it N/A (Not Applicable). If you belong to more than one corporation, list them all and make copies of certificate or cards. This will help to insure proper funding for you. Return the application to the Wrangell Cooperative Association office. If your application is late, you may not be funded or may receive your funds late.

### THE APPLICATION DUE DATE IS APRIL 15 ANNUALLY.

**Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

The college will ask you to complete this form before awarding you any campus-based financial aid. Complete it correctly and accurately. It should take approximately three weeks from the date you mailed the FAFSA before you receive a response or Student Aid Report (SAR).

FAFSA forms can be found online, [www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa) or at Wrangell High School.

### Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)

This document establishes your eligibility to receive scholarship assistance. Federal Law mandates that you belong to a *"tribal entity"* which is recognized to receive federal assistance from the Secretary of the Interior. Without this document to prove your eligibility you will not receive scholarship assistance, nor will the granting award process continue until it has this document. You may request this document from: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Enrollment Department, 3601 C Street, Suite 1200, Anchorage, AK 99503, (800) 645-8465.

**Budget Forecast**

This is sometimes referred to as a "need sheet" but is the same as the Budget Forecast. This is a very important document and it determines the amount of scholarship grant, if any, that you shall receive.

Process this immediately to your financial aid officer when you receive it. **DO NOT** send it back to Wrangell Cooperative Association. Your financial aid officer will review it, list all other aids that you are eligible for, and will return it back to the Wrangell Cooperative Association with his/her signature.

**How to continue to receive Scholarship Assistance**

If you are awarded a scholarship, you have responsibilities you must complete. You must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 as the minimum. If you do not, your scholarship will be discontinued until such time as your GPA reaches 2.25. You must maintain a good standing at your school and continue to make normal progress, which shall lead to a degree. Before your second semester or quarter hour semester, you must submit Wrangell Cooperative Association the following:

An **official transcript** of your grades from your school.

A school copy of the classes you will be enrolled in the next quarter/semester. A letter written by you explaining how you are currently doing in school and your expectations you hope to achieve the next quarter/semester.

This must be done, or your scholarship will not be paid to your school. All required documents are due to Wrangell Cooperative Association by January 31, 2021 or your scholarship will be defaulted.

To continue receiving a scholarship each school year, you must complete the Student Budget Needs Worksheet and submit it to the Wrangell Cooperative Association Office by September 30 annually. If awarded another scholarship, you will need to follow the above guidelines to receive the funding.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wrangell Cooperative Association at 907-874-4304.

Good luck in your educational endeavors. Sincerely,

Esther Ashton

Tribal Administrator